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Chapter 1

Growth of Functions

Definition:

Θ -notation asymptotically tight bound

$$\Theta(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \exists c_1, c_2, n_0 \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n) \ \forall n \geq n_0\}$$

O -notation asymptotic upper bound

$$O(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \exists c, n_0 \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq f(n) \leq c g(n) \ \forall n \geq n_0\}$$

Ω -notation asymptotic lower bound

$$\Omega(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \exists c, n_0 \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq c g(n) \leq f(n) \ \forall n \geq n_0\}$$

o -notation asymptotically smaller

$$o(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \forall c > 0, \exists n_0 \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq f(n) < c g(n) \ \forall n \geq n_0\}$$

ω -notation asymptotically larger

$$\omega(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \forall c > 0, \exists n_0 \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq c g(n) < f(n) \ \forall n \geq n_0\}$$

Proposition 1.1.

1. For any two function $f(n)$ and $g(n)$, we have $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ if and only if $f(n) = O(g(n))$ and $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$.
2. $f(n) = \omega(g(n))$ if and only if $g(n) = o(f(n))$ and $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ if and only if $g(n) = O(f(n))$

A function $f(n)$ is **polylogarithmically bounded** if $f(n) = O(\lg^k n)$. Any exponential function with a base strictly greater than 1 grows faster than any polynomial function and any polynomial function grows faster than any polylogarithmic function.

Remark 1 (Stirling's approximation).

$$n! = \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \left(1 + \Theta\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right) \quad (1.1)$$

Theorem 1.2 (Master's theorem). *Let $a \geq 1$ and $b > 1$ be constants. The recurrence*

$$T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n)$$

has the bounds

1. *If $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$ for some $\epsilon > 0$ then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$.*
2. *If $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n)$.*
3. *If $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$ for some $\epsilon > 0$ and if $af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$ for some constant $c < 1$ and all sufficiently large n then $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$.*

Example 1.1. Multiplication of two number $x = \overline{x_{n-1} \dots x_0}$ and $y = \overline{y_{n-1} \dots y_0}$ can be done in $\Theta(n^2)$ by noting that $x = A \times 10^{n/2} + B$ and $y = C \times 10^{n/2} + D$ then

$$xy = AC \times 10^n + (AC + BD) \times 10^{n/2} + DB$$

therefore,

$$T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

and by master theorem $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$. However, we can do better by first multiplying $(A + B)(C + D)$ and then computing AC and BD . Then, $AC + BD = (A + B)(C + D) - AC - BD$ which means that the new recurrence is

$$T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

and improves the bound to $\Theta(n^{\lg 3})$ ¹. It is also possible to devise an algorithm with complexity of $\Theta(n \lg n \lg(\lg n))$ ² and even $\Theta(n \lg n)$ ³. It is proven that for any $\epsilon > 0$ there exists an algorithm with $\Theta(n^{1+\epsilon})$

Example 1.2. Given a tournament graph (directed complete graph), find a Hamiltonian path.

Problems

1. Given the recurrence

$$T(n) = T(\alpha n) + T(\beta n) + n$$

solve for $\alpha + \beta < 1$ and $\alpha + \beta = 1$.

¹Karatsuba algorithm

²Schönhage–Strassen algorithm

³Harvey's algorithm

Chapter 2

Data Structures

2.1 Elementary structures

2.1.1 Stack

Stack is FIFO, *First in first out*. We can do m pushes (with doubling if needed) and n pops in the order of $O(m + n)$.

Example 2.1. Some examples of stacks include

1. Bracket matching

Example 2.2. Numbers a_1, \dots, a_n are given. For each index i find the smallest index j such that $\forall j < k \leq i, a_k \leq a_i$

2.1.2 Queue

Queue is LIFO, *Last in first out*. Pushing (amortized) and popping is done in constant time, $O(1)$.

Example 2.3. Some examples of stacks include

1. simulating queues -__-

2.1.3 Linked lists

In **singly linked list** every element points to the next element. In **doubly linked list** every element points to the next and previous element. In **circular linked list** the last element's next is the head and the head's previous is the last. Insertion and deletion is done in constant time.

Example 2.4. Write a program that reverses an SLL.

Example 2.5. Write a program that removes duplicates from an SLL.

Exercises

1. Implement a stack using two queues. Implement a queue using two stacks.