

Due Friday 7 April, *before* 1:00pm

**Note:** solutions may be incomplete, and meant to be used as guidelines only. We encourage you to ask follow-up questions on the course forum or during office hours.

### 1. [7 marks] Nested loops.

Consider the following algorithm. (It doesn't **return** anything useful, but it sure spends a bunch of time before returning!)

```

1 def loop_de_loop_de_loop(n: int) -> None:
2     """ Precondition: n > 0 """
3     i = 0
4     s = 1
5     while i < n:                # Loop 1
6         i = i + s
7         s = s + 2
8         j = 0
9         while j < i:            # Loop 2
10            k = n
11            while k > 1:          # Loop 3
12                k = k // 2
13            j = j + 3

```

- (a) [3 marks] Let  $s_t$  be the value of variable  $s$  and  $i_t$  be the value of variable  $i$  immediately *after*  $t$  iterations of Loop 1 have occurred. Determine a general formula for each of  $s_t$  and  $i_t$  and then find the exact number of iterations of Loop 1 for a given value of  $n$ .

#### Solution

Let's start by constructing a trace table that shows the values of  $t$ ,  $i_t$  and  $s_t$  after  $t$  iterations of Loop 1.

We have:

$t$	$i_t$	$s_t$
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0	0	1
1	1	3
2	4	5
3	9	7
4	16	9
5	25	11

and so on.

In the code, we see that  $s$  starts at 1 and is incremented by 2 on each iteration of Loop 1. We can write  $s_t = 2t + 1$ . That is, after  $t$  iterations,  $s_t$  is the  $(t+1)^{\text{st}}$  odd natural number. This is consistent with the table given above.

In the code, we also see that  $i$  starts at 0 and is incremented by  $s_{t-1}$  on iteration  $t$  of Loop 1. We can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 i_t &= \sum_{a=0}^{t-1} s_a \\
 &= \sum_{a=0}^{t-1} (2a + 1).
 \end{aligned}$$

That is, after  $t$  iterations,  $i_t$  is the sum of the first  $t$  odd natural numbers. We know from Example 3.11 of the course notes (pgs. 74 - 75), that this sum is equal to  $t^2$ , and so can write  $i_t = t^2$ . This is consistent with the table given above.

Loop 1 repeats until  $i_t \geq n$ . This first happens when  $t^2 \geq n$  or when  $t \geq \sqrt{n}$ . We can conclude that there will be  $\lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil$  iterations of Loop 1.

- (b) [4 marks] Give a Theta bound on the running time function  $RT(n)$  for this algorithm. Show your work. (That is, explain how you obtained your answer and show your calculations).

### Solution

**Note: there may be some off-by-one errors in the counting due to crossing-up of  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  and  $\lceil \cdot \rceil$ , but that won't affect the final conclusion.**

Starting with the inner-most loop, Loop 3, let  $k_b$  be the value of variable  $k$  after  $b$  iterations of the loop. Since  $k$  starts at  $n$ , we have  $k_0 = n$ . Since  $k$  is divided by 2 using integer division each iteration, we have  $k_{b+1} = \lfloor k_b/2 \rfloor$ . You can show that repeated flooring of floors can be combined and that  $k_b = \lfloor \frac{n}{2^b} \rfloor$ . Loop 3 repeats until  $k_b \leq 1$ . This first happens when  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2^b} \rfloor \leq 1$  or when  $b \geq \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$ . We can conclude that there will be  $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$  iterations of Loop 3. Since the loop body takes 1 step, the running time of Loop 3 is  $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$  steps.

Moving on to Loop 2, we can see that on a fixed iteration of Loop 2, the body will take  $1 + \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$  steps. If we let  $j_c$  be the value of variable  $j$  after  $c$  iterations of the loop, we have  $j_c = 3c$ , since  $j$  starts at 0 and is incremented by 3 each iteration. Loop 2 repeats until  $j_c \geq i$ . This first happens when  $3c \geq i$  and so there are  $\left\lceil \frac{i}{3} \right\rceil$  iterations of Loop 2.

The total running time of Loops 2 and 3 together is then  $\left\lceil \frac{i}{3} \right\rceil (1 + \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor)$  steps.

Moving on to Loop 1, we can see that on iteration  $t$  of Loop 1, the body will take  $1 + \left\lceil \frac{i_t}{3} \right\rceil (1 + \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor)$  steps. (We can use  $i_t$  since  $i$  is incremented before the Loops 2 and 3 are performed.) This happens for  $i_t$  running from  $t = 1$  to  $\lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil$ .

The total number of steps is then

$$\begin{aligned}
& 1 + \sum_{t=1}^{\lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil} \left( 1 + \left\lceil \frac{i_t}{3} \right\rceil (1 + \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor) \right) \\
&= 1 + \lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil + (1 + \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor) \sum_{t=1}^{\lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil} \left( \left\lceil \frac{i_t}{3} \right\rceil \right) \\
&= 1 + \lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil + (1 + \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor) \sum_{t=1}^{\lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil} \left( \left\lceil \frac{t^2}{3} \right\rceil \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Recalling the summation formula  $\sum_{i=1}^m i^2 = \frac{m(m+1)(2m+1)}{6}$  and applying it with  $m = \lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil$ , we can argue the running time is  $\Theta((n)^{\frac{3}{2}} \log_2 n)$ .

(An argument that uses  $\mathcal{O}$  (ignore the division by 3) and  $\Omega$  (pull the division by 3 out of the ceiling term) would be more precise and end with the same conclusion.)

**2. [8 marks] Worst-case analysis.**

Consider the following algorithm.

```

1 def algo(lst: list[int]) -> None:
2     """ Precondition: len(lst) > 0 """
3     n = len(lst)
4     i = 0
5     j = 0
6     while i < n:
7         if lst[i] % 3 == 0:
8             j = j + i
9             while j > 0:
10                 j = j // 2
11             i = i + 2
12         else:
13             j = j + n
14             i = i + 1

```

- (a) [4 marks] Find, with proof, an **upper bound** on the **worst-case** running time of this algorithm. Show your work. For full marks, your upper bound must match the lower bound determined in the next part.

**Solution**

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and consider running `algo` on an (arbitrary) input `lst` of length  $n$ .

In this algorithm, we first perform a constant-time operation (the 3 assignment statements) and then enter the outer-loop.

We claim that on each iteration of the outer loop  $i$  increases by at least 1.

This is true because whenever `lst[i]` is divisible by 3,  $i$  increases by exactly 2. When `lst[i]` is not divisible by 3,  $i$  increases by exactly 1. Since  $2 > 1$ , we can conclude that  $i$  increases by at least 1 each iteration.

Also, since  $i$  starts at 0 and ends when  $i \geq n$ , we know that at the start of each iteration of the outer-loop,  $i$  is at most  $n$ . The outer-loop will iterate at most  $n$  times.

In each iteration of the outer-loop body, we either take the else-branch and perform a constant-time operation or take the if-branch and perform a constant-time operation and the inner-loop.

In each iteration of the outer-loop body,  $j$  either increases by  $i$  or by  $n$ . We also know that when  $j$  is incremented,  $i$  is at most  $n$ . Since  $j$  starts at 0, and the outer-loop runs at most  $n$  times, we know that  $j$  is at most  $n \times n$  or  $n^2$ .

In the inner-most loop, a constant-time operation is repeated. Loop variable  $j$  is divided by 2 on each iteration until  $j$  reaches zero. The number of iterations of the inner loop is at most  $\lceil \log_2 j - 1 \rceil$ . Since  $j$  is at most  $n^2$ , the running time of the inner-most loop (for a fixed iteration of the outer loop) is at most  $\lceil \log_2 n^2 - 1 \rceil$  or  $\lceil 2 \log_2 n \rceil$  steps.

Altogether then, the running-time is at most  $1 + n \left( (1 + \lceil 2 \log_2 n \rceil) + 1 \right) = n \lceil 2 \log_2 n \rceil + 2n + 1$  steps. We can conclude that  $WC_{\text{algo}}(n) \in \mathcal{O}(n \log_2 n)$ .

- (b) [4 marks] Find, with proof, a **lower bound** on the **worst-case** running time of this algorithm. Show your work. For full marks, your lower bound must match the upper bound determined in the

previous part.

### Solution

We wish to prove that  $WC_{\text{algo}}(n) \in \Omega(n \log_2 n)$ .

To prove that  $WC_{\text{algo}}(n) \in \Omega(n \log_2 n)$ , we need to find an input family whose running time is  $\Omega(n \log_2 n)$ .

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The running time will be in  $\Omega(n \log_2 n)$  if we can get the inner loop over  $j$  to be performed a number of times that depends on  $n$ , and have it start each time with a value of  $j$  that depends on  $n$ .

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and start with  $k = 0$ .

Assuming that item `lst[k]` (for a valid non-negative index  $k$ ) is not divisible by 3,  $j$  would be incremented by  $n$  and  $i$  would be incremented by 1. If `lst[k+1]` were divisible by 3, the inner loop would then be run starting with a value of  $j$  that is at least  $n$  (and so will perform at least  $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$  steps). Variable  $j$  would be reset to 0.

After running the inner loop, variable  $i$  is incremented by 2. If `lst[k+1+2]` is not divisible by 3,  $j$  would once again be incremented by  $n$  and  $i$  would be incremented by 1. If `lst[k+1+2+1]` were divisible by 3, the inner loop would once again perform at least  $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$  steps, and  $j$  would be reset to 0.

Repeating in this manner, the inner loop would perform at least  $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$  steps. The number of such repetitions would be at least  $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor$ , since  $i$  is incremented by 1 and then 2 each time.

An input family of the form

$$[1, 3, 2, 1, 3, 2, 1, 3, 2, \dots]$$

would produce the behaviour described above.

That is, the  $n^{\text{th}}$  member of the family ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ), is a list `lst` where, `len(lst) == n` and for  $i$  in `range(n)`,

$$\begin{cases} \text{lst}[i] = 1, & \text{when } i \% 3 = 0, \\ \text{lst}[i] = 3, & \text{when } i \% 3 = 1, \\ \text{lst}[i] = 2, & \text{when } i \% 3 = 2. \end{cases}$$

(The entry 2 is arbitrary as the value does not affect the steps performed by the algorithm.)

Altogether then, for this input, the number steps performed is at least  $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$  steps. We can conclude that  $WC_{\text{algo}}(n) \in \Omega(n \log_2 n)$ .

**3. [10 marks] Average-case analysis.**

Consider the following algorithm.

```

1 def has_even(numbers: list[int]) -> bool:
2     """Return whether numbers contains an even number.
3     Precondition: len(lst) > 0
4     """
5     for number in numbers:
6         if number % 2 == 0:
7             return True
8     return False

```

- (a) [1 mark] Write a set of allowable inputs  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n}$  for which  $\text{Avg}_{\text{has\_even}}(n)$  is  $\Theta(1)$ . State briefly the reasoning used to arrive at your answer.

**Solution**

We note that the number of iterations of the `for`-loop depends on the location of the first even number in `numbers`. The running time of `has_even` will be constant independent of  $n$  when the first even number in `numbers` occurs at a fixed index  $i$  that is independent of  $n$ . When this is the case, the `for`-loop will always run exactly  $i + 1$  times.

To simplify, let's suppose that `numbers[0]` is even, and consider the set  $F_n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ) of input lists `numbers` to `has_even` where `len(numbers) == n` and

$$(\forall i \in \text{range}(n), 1 \leq \text{numbers}[i] \leq n) \wedge \text{numbers}[0] \% 2 == 0.$$

For the reasons given above,  $\text{Avg}_{\text{has\_even}}(n)$  is  $\Theta(1)$  when  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n} = F_n$ .

Note that we need to limit the items in `numbers` and not allow all `ints` so that  $F_n$  is a finite set.

- (b) [1 mark] Write a set of allowable inputs  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n}$  for which  $\text{Avg}_{\text{has\_even}}(n)$  is  $\Theta(n)$ . State briefly the reasoning used to arrive at your answer.

**Solution**

The running time of `has_even` will be depend on  $n$  when the first even number in `numbers` occurs at an index  $i$  that is depends on  $n$ . When this is the case, the `for`-loop will always run exactly  $i + 1$  times.

Let's suppose that `numbers[n-1]` is even, and consider the set  $L_n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ) of input lists `numbers` to `has_even` where `len(numbers) == n` and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\forall i \in \text{range}(n), 1 \leq \text{numbers}[i] \leq n) \\
 \wedge & \quad (\forall i \in \text{range}(n-1), \text{numbers}[i] \% 2 == 1) \\
 \wedge & \quad \text{numbers}[n-1] \% 2 == 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

For the reasons given above,  $\text{Avg}_{\text{has\_even}}(n)$  is  $\Theta(n)$  when  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n} = L_n$ .

- (c) [2 marks] Define

$$S_n = \{\text{input lists } \text{numbers} \text{ to } \text{has\_even} \mid \forall i \in \text{range}(n), 1 \leq \text{numbers}[i] \leq n\}.$$

Note that an `int` value is allowed to be repeated in an element of  $S_n$ . For example,

$$S_2 = \{[1, 1], [1, 2], [2, 1], [2, 2]\}.$$

Consider the set of allowable inputs  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n} = S_n$ . Give an expression for  $|\mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n}|$ . State briefly the reasoning used to arrive at your answer.

### Solution

Each element of  $S_n$  is a distinct length  $n$  list of `ints` where each item is an `int` between 1 and  $n$  inclusive.

Since we have  $n$  choices for each item (an `int` between 1 and  $n$  inclusive) and  $n$  items in each list, the total number of distinct length  $n$  lists of `ints` is

$$\begin{aligned} n \times n \times n \times \cdots \times n & \quad (n \text{ terms in the product}) \\ = n^n. \end{aligned}$$

For this reason,  $|\mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n}| = n^n$ .

- (d) [6 marks] Calculate an *exact* expression for  $\text{Avg}_{\text{has\_even}}(n)$  for the set of allowable inputs  $\mathcal{I}_n = S_n$ , where  $S_n$  is as defined in the previous part. Show your work.

**Hint:** You may use without proof any helpful correct formula that simplifies an expression containing a summation.

### Solution

We can start with the observation that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Avg}_{\text{has\_even}}(n) &= \frac{1}{|\mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n}|} \sum_{\text{numbers} \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n}} \text{running time of } \text{has\_even}(\text{numbers}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^n} \sum_{\text{numbers} \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n}} \text{running time of } \text{has\_even}(\text{numbers}) \end{aligned}$$

The running time of `has_even` on `numbers` is determined by the smallest index `i` for which `numbers[i]` is even.

When the first even number in `numbers[i]` has index 0, the running time is 1 step. When it has index 1, the running time is 2 steps. (Here we are simply counting the number of iterations of the loop and taking the running time of the loop body as 1 step.) When `numbers` does not contain an even number, the running time is  $n + 1$  steps. (There are  $n$  iterations of the loop followed by 1 step for the return statement.)

In general, when `numbers` contains an even number and the first even is at index  $i$ , the running time is  $i + 1$  steps. When `numbers` does not contain an even number, the running time is  $n + 1$  steps.

We can use this observation to simplify the single summation given above. We have:

$$\begin{aligned}
Avg_{\text{has\_even}}(n) &= \frac{1}{n^n} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{\text{numbers} \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n} \\ \text{numbers}[i] \% 2 == 0}} \text{running time of has\_even}(\text{numbers}) \right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{\substack{\text{numbers} \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n} \\ \text{all items in numbers}[i] \text{ are odd}}} \text{running time of has\_even}(\text{numbers}) \\
&= \frac{1}{n^n} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{\text{numbers} \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n} \\ \text{numbers}[i] \% 2 == 0}} (i+1) \right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{\substack{\text{numbers} \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n} \\ \text{all items in numbers}[i] \text{ are odd}}} (n+1) \\
&= \frac{1}{n^n} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (i+1) \sum_{\substack{\text{numbers} \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n} \\ \text{numbers}[i] \% 2 == 0}} (1) \right) \\
&\quad + (n+1) \sum_{\substack{\text{numbers} \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n} \\ \text{all items in numbers}[i] \text{ are odd}}} (1)
\end{aligned}$$

The expression

$$\sum_{\substack{\text{numbers} \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n} \\ \text{numbers}[i] \% 2 == 0}} (1)$$

is equal to the number of lists in  $S_n$  with first even item at index  $i$ , while the expression

$$\sum_{\substack{\text{numbers} \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{has\_even},n} \\ \text{all items in numbers}[i] \text{ are odd}}} (1)$$

is equal to the number of lists in  $S_n$  that only contain odd numbers.

The value of each of those expressions depends on whether  $n$  is even or odd.

Let's first consider the case that  $n$  is even.

Then there are  $\frac{n}{2}$  even numbers between 1 and  $n$  (inclusive), and  $\frac{n}{2}$  odd numbers between 1 and  $n$ .



The number of lists in  $S_n$  with first even item at index  $i$  is then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^i \times \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^1 \times (n)^{n-i-1} \\ &= \frac{n^n}{2^{i+1}} \end{aligned}$$

since each of the first  $i$  items can be any one of the possible odd numbers, the item at index  $[i]$  can be any one of the possible even numbers and the remaining  $n - i - 1$  items can be any one of the numbers between 1 and  $n$  (inclusive).

The number of lists in  $S_n$  that only contain odd numbers is

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^n \\ &= \frac{n^n}{2^n}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these new expressions into our average-case running time expression gives:

$$\begin{aligned} Avg_{\text{has\_even}}(n) &= \frac{1}{n^n} \left( \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (i+1) \frac{n^n}{2^{i+1}} \right) + (n+1) \frac{n^n}{2^n} \right) \\ &= \frac{n^n}{n^n} \left( \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (i+1) \frac{1}{2^{i+1}} \right) + \frac{n+1}{2^n} \right) \\ &= \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (i) \frac{1}{2^i} \right) + \frac{n+1}{2^n} \right) \\ &= \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (i) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^i \right) + \frac{n+1}{2^n} \right) \end{aligned}$$

At this point, we will find it helpful to use the following formula from the course notes (pg. 115):

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} ir^i = \frac{nr^n}{r-1} + \frac{r-r^{n+1}}{(r-1)^2}$$

or the equivalent:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n ir^i = \frac{(n+1)r^{n+1}}{r-1} + \frac{r-r^{n+2}}{(r-1)^2}$$

We then have, using  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ , that

$$\begin{aligned}
Avg_{\text{has\_even}}(n) &= \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (i) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^i \right) + \frac{n+1}{2^n} \right) \\
&= \left( \frac{(n+1) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{n+1}}{\frac{1}{2} - 1} + \frac{\frac{1}{2} - \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{n+2}}{\left( \frac{1}{2} - 1 \right)^2} + \frac{n+1}{2^n} \right) \\
&= \left( -2(n+1) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{n+1} + 2^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} - \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{n+2} \right) + (n+1) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n \right) \\
&= \left( -(n+1) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n + \left( 2 - \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n \right) + (n+1) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n \right) \\
&= 2 - \frac{1}{2^n}
\end{aligned}$$

Now we need to repeat the same exercise for  $n$  odd!

Suppose that  $n$  is odd.

Then there are  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  even numbers between 1 and  $n$  (inclusive), and  $\frac{n+1}{2}$  odd numbers between 1 and  $n$ .

The number of lists in  $S_n$  with first even item at index  $i$  is then

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right)^i \times \left( \frac{n-1}{2} \right)^1 \times (n)^{n-i-1} \\
&\left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{i+1} \times (n+1)^i \times (n-1)^1 \times (n)^{n-i-1} \\
&\left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{i+1} \times (n+1)^{i+1} \times \left( \frac{n-1}{n+1} \right) \times (n)^{n-i-1}
\end{aligned}$$

since each of the first  $i$  items can be any one of the possible odd numbers, the item at index  $[i]$  can be any one of the possible even numbers and the remaining  $n-i-1$  items can be any one of the numbers between 1 and  $n$  (inclusive).

The number of lists in  $S_n$  that only contain odd numbers is

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right)^n \\
&= \frac{(n+1)^n}{2^n}.
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting these new expressions into our average-case running time expression gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
Avg_{\text{has\_even}}(n) &= \frac{1}{n^n} \left( \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (i+1) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{i+1} (n+1)^{i+1} \left(\frac{n-1}{n+1}\right) (n)^{n-i-1} \right) + (n+1) \frac{(n+1)^n}{2^n} \right) \\
&= \left( \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (i+1) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{i+1} \frac{1}{n^{i+1}} (n+1)^{i+1} \left(\frac{n-1}{n+1}\right) \frac{1}{n^{n-i-1}} (n)^{n-i-1} \right) + (n+1) \frac{1}{n^n} \frac{(n+1)^n}{2^n} \right) \\
&= \left( \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (i+1) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{i+1} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{i+1} \left(\frac{n-1}{n+1}\right) \right) + (n+1) \frac{(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n}{2^n} \right) \\
&= \left( \left(\frac{n-1}{n+1}\right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (i) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^i \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^i \right) + (n+1) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Now let's apply the previously mentioned summation formula with

$$r = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) = \frac{n+1}{2n}.$$

Note that  $r - 1 = \frac{1-n}{2n}$ .

Also note that the last term in the sum above can be written as

$$(n+1) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = (n+1)r^n.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Avg_{\text{has\_even}}(n) &= \left( \left(\frac{n-1}{n+1}\right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (i) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^i \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^i \right) + (n+1) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \right) \\
&= \left( \left(\frac{n-1}{n+1}\right) \left( \left( \frac{(n+1)r^{n+1}}{r-1} \right) + \left( \frac{r-r^{n+1}}{(r-1)^2} \right) \right) + (n+1)r^n \right) \\
&= \left( \left(\frac{n-1}{n+1}\right) \left( \frac{(n+1)r^{n+1}}{r-1} \right) + \left(\frac{n-1}{n+1}\right) \left( \frac{r-r^{n+1}}{(r-1)^2} \right) + (n+1)r^n \right)
\end{aligned}$$

The first term can be rearranged to get  $-2nr^{n+1}$ .

The middle term can be rearranged to get  $\frac{(1-r^n)(2n)}{(n-1)}$ .

The three terms can be added to get an expression of the form:

$$2\frac{n}{n-1} - r^n \cdot A_n$$

where  $A_n$  is a positive quantity.

We have then that

$$Avg_{\text{has\_even}}(n) = 2\frac{n}{n-1} - B_n$$

where  $B_n$  is a quantity that goes to 0 from above as  $n$  increases.

This expression has a similar form as in the case of  $n$  even, as one would expect.

(We should have restricted the assigned discussion to even  $n$ .)