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Problem I

Consider the following algorithm:

ISUM(A)

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(1)  $best \leftarrow 0$ 
(2) if  $A[1] > best$  then  $best \leftarrow A[1]$  fi
(3) for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n - 1$  do
(4)    $b \leftarrow A[i + 1]$ 
(5)   if  $b > best$  then  $best \leftarrow b$  fi
(6)   for  $j \leftarrow i$  down to 1 do
(7)      $b \leftarrow b + A[j]$ 
(8)     if  $b > best$  then  $best \leftarrow b$  fi
(9)   od
(10) od
(11) return( $best$ )
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What is the worst number of assignments performed by this algorithm?

Solution

Let $T : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be the map such that for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ $T(n)$ is the maximum number of assignments performed by the algorithm above on arrays A of length n .

Let n be arbitrary positive integer.

Let A be an arbitrary array of length n .

From the algorithm, there is one assignment in the line (1), and at most one assignment in the line (2).

From the line (3), there are $n - 1$ iterations of the for-loop, and thus there are $n - 1$ assignments performed in the line (4).

There is at most one assignment for each iteration of the for-loop in the line (5), and thus at most $n - 1$ assignments executed on line (5) in total.

For each (i)th iteration initiated in the line (3), there are i iterations initiated by the line (6). Thus, for each (i)th iteration there are i assignments given by the line (7). There is at most 1 assignment on line (8), and hence for each (i)th iteration there are at most i assignments executed on line (8).

Therefore,

$$T(n) \leq 1 + 1 + (n - 1) + (n - 1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (i + i) \quad (1)$$

$$= 2n + n(n - 1) = n^2 + n \quad (2)$$

Thus, $T(n) \leq n^2 + n$.

Consider now an array G of length $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that, for all $i \in [1, n] \cap \mathbb{N}$, $G[i] = F[i]$, where $F(1) = 1$ and $F(2) = 2$, and, for $j \geq 3$, $F(j) = F(j - 1) + F(j - 2)$.

Lemma 0.1

For all $j \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $0 < F(j) < F(j + 1)$.

Proof:

We proceed by induction.

For any $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, let $P(i)$ denote the predicate “ $F(i) < F(i + 1)$ and $F(i) > 0$ ”.

Base Case

Note that by definition $F(1) = 1 > 0$, $F(2) = 2 > 0$, and thus $0 < F(1) < F(2)$. Thus, $P(1)$ holds.

Moreover, $F(3) = F(1) + F(2) = 3 > 0$, and thus $0 < F(2) < F(3)$.

Inductive Step

Assume the hypothesis holds for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $k \geq 3$.

Thus, $0 < F(k) < F(k + 1)$. By definition of F , since $k \geq 3$, $F(k + 2) = F(k) + F(k + 1)$.

By inductive hypothesis, $F(k) > 0$, and thus $F(k + 2) > F(k + 1)$.

Since $F(k + 1) > 0$, then $F(k + 2) > F(k + 1) > 0$.

Therefore, $P(k + 1)$.

Conclusion

For all $j \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $0 < F(j) < F(j + 1)$ by induction. ■

For the array G , ISUM(G) executes one assignment in the line (1), and since $F(1) = 1 > 0$, there is a second assignment on line (2).

Since there are $n - 1$ iterations of the for-loop initiated in the line (3), there are $n - 1$ unconditional assignments in the line (4). Since for each i from 1 to $n - 1$ $G[i + 1] = F(i + 1) > F(i) = G[i]$ by Lemma 0.1, then there are $n - 1$ assignments in line (5).

For each (i) th iteration initiated in the line (3), there are i iterations initiated by the line (6).

For each (i) th iteration there are i unconditional assignments given by the line (7).

Since for each (i) th iteration $G[i]$ is positive by Lemma 0.1, then the if-condition in the line (8) is satisfied, and hence there are i assignments executed from the line (8).

The maximum number of assignments in the worst case is no better than the number of assignments for the array G , and hence

$$T(n) \geq 1 + 1 + (n - 1) + (n - 1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (i + i) \quad (3)$$

$$= 2n + n(n - 1) = n^2 + n \quad (4)$$

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Since $T(n)$ is also less than or equal to $n^2 + n$, $T(n) = n^2 + n$.

Thus, $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+. T(n) = n^2 + n$ by generalisation.

Problem II

For any given A , define $R : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ as $R(n) =$ “the worst case number of assignments of sums of elements to $best, best'$ and b performed by $RSUM(A, 1, n)$ ”.

If $n = 1$, then there is one assignment on line 1 and at worst one assignment on line 4.

If $n > 1$, there is one assignment on line 1, and there is one assignment on line 6.

There are $n - \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rfloor$ iterations initiated in the line 7, and thus there are $n - \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rfloor$ assignments on line 8 and at worst $n - \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rfloor$ assignments on line 9.

Then there are 2 assignments from lines 10 and 11.

In the line 12, a for-loop is initiated with $\left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rfloor$ iterations, and hence there are $\left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rfloor$ assignments on line 13 and at most $\left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rfloor$ assignments on line 14.

Then there is one assignment on line 15.

On line 16, there are $R\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rfloor\right)$ assignments.

On line 17, there is at most one assignment.

On line 18, there are $R(n - \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rfloor)$ assignments.

On line 19, there is at most one assignment.

Therefore, in the worst case,

$$R(n) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2n + 7 + R\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rfloor\right) + R(n - \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rfloor), & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

Note that, by definition of a floor function, if $z \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then $\lfloor z + 1/2 \rfloor = z$.

Consider $R(m)$ for $m = 2^k$ such that $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$:

$$\begin{aligned} R(2^k) &= \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } k = 0 \\ 2^{k+1} + 7 + R(2^{k-1}) + R(2^{k-1}), & \text{if } k > 0 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } k = 0 \\ 7 + 2^{k+1} + 2R(2^{k-1}), & \text{if } k > 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Claim. For any $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$, $R(2^k) = (2^k - 1)7 + (k + 1)2^{k+1}$.

Proof:

For any $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$, let $Q(n) = “R(2^n) = (2^n - 1)7 + (n + 1)2^{n+1}”$.

We proceed by induction on n .

Base Case

If $n = 0$, then $R(2^0) = R(1) = 2 = (2^0 - 1)7 + 2^{0+1}$ and thus $Q(0)$ holds.

Inductive Step

For $n > 0$, suppose $Q(n - 1)$ holds.

By the recurrent definition of $R(n)$, we obtain that $R(n) = 7 + 2^{n+1} + 2R(2^{n-1})$, which is, by inductive hypothesis, equivalent to

$$R(n) = 7 + 2^{n+1} + 2((2^{n-1} - 1)7 + n2^n) \quad (5)$$

$$= 7 + (n + 1)2^{n+1} + (2^n - 2)7 \quad (6)$$

$$= (2^n - 1)7 + (n + 1)2^{n+1}. \quad (7)$$

Thus, $Q(n)$ holds, and hence $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}.P(n)$ by induction.