

[ Chapter 1 ]
Algorithms :
Efficiency, Analysis,
And Order

## The Fibonacci Sequence

#### Problem

Determine the n-th term in the Fibonacci sequence.

$$f_0 = 0$$

$$f_1 = 1$$

$$f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} \quad \text{for } n \ge 2$$

#### Inputs

- A non-negative integer n.
- Outputs
  - The n-th term of the Fibonacci sequence.

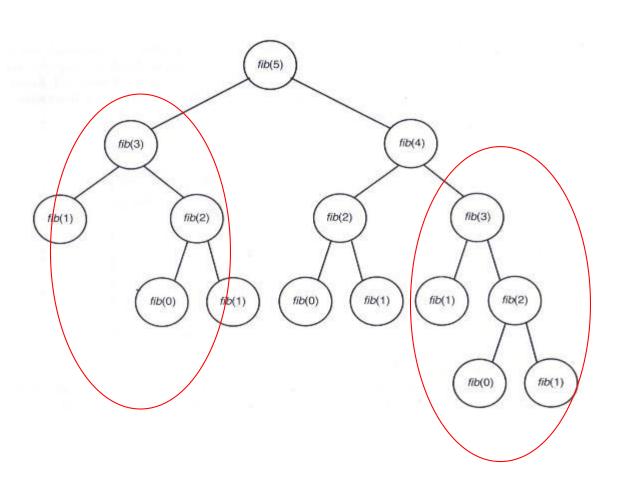
# 1<sup>st</sup> Solution to the n-th Fib. Number (Recursive version)

```
int fib (int n) {
  if (n <= 1)
    return n;
  else
    return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);
}</pre>
```



- How many computations to get the n-th number?
  - $2^{n/2}$ .
  - No difference between the worst and best cases.
  - Awkwardly slow algorithm. Why?
- Any better algorithm to get the same solution?
  - If we know the problem exactly, we can solve it.
  - What is the cause of the slowness?

# The recursion tree when computing the fifth Fibonacci term.



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# Counting the number of calls needed in fib(n)

```
T(n) = the number of terms in the recursion tree for n
T(0) = 1
T(1) = 1
T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + 1
                                          for n \ge 2
                                          because T(n-1) > T(n-2)
     > 2 \times T(n-2)
     > 2^2 \times T(n-4)
     > 2^3 \times T(n - 6)
     > 2^{n/2} \times T(0)
     = 2^{n/2}
```

# Theorem 1

### Theorem 1.1 $T(n) > 2^{n/2}$

#### Proof by mathematical induction

Induction base:

$$T(2) = T(1) + T(0) + 1 = 3 > 2 = 2^{2/2}$$

$$T(3) = T(2) + T(1) + 1 = 5 > 2.83 \approx 2^{3/2}$$

**Induction Hypothesis:** 

For all integer m, suppose  $T(m) > 2^{m/2}$  holds.

Induction Step: To show that  $T(n) > 2^{n/2}...$ 

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + 1$$
  
>  $2^{(n-1)/2} + 2^{(n-2)/2} + 1$ , according to I.H.  
>  $2^{(n-2)/2} + 2^{(n-2)/2}$   
=  $2 \times 2^{(n/2)-1}$   
=  $2^{n/2}$ 

# 2nd Solution to the n-th Fib. Number (Iterative version)

```
int fib2 (int n) {
  index i;
  int f[0..n];
  f[0] = 0;
  if (n > 0) {
    f[1] = 1;
    for (i = 2; i \le n; i++)
      f[i] = f[i-1] + f[i-2];
  return f[n];
```

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#### Review: iterative solution to Fib.

- Iterative version is much faster than recursive one
  - Why faster?
  - How faster
- Time complexity
  - T(n) = n + 1

### A comparison of two Fib. Algorithms

n	n+1	$2^{n/2}$	Execution Time Using Algorithm 1.7	Lower Bound on Execution Time Using Algorithm 1.6
40	41	1,048,576	41 ns*	$1048~\mu s^{\dagger}$
60	61	$1.1 \times 10^{9}$	61 ns	1 s
80	81	$1.1\times10^{12}$	81 ns	18 min
100	101	$1.1\times10^{15}$	101 ns	13 days
120	121	$1.2\times10^{18}$	121 ns	36 years
160	161	$1.2\times10^{24}$	161  ns	$3.8 \times 10^7 \text{ years}$
200	201	$1.3\times10^{30}$	201 ns	$4 \times 10^{13} \text{ years}$

# Analysis of Algorithms (1/2)

- Time complexity analysis
  - Determination of how many times the basic operation is done for each value of the input size.
  - Should be independent of CPU, OS, Programming languages...

#### Metrics

- Basic operation
  - Comparisons, assignments, etc.
- Input size
  - The number of elements in an array
  - The length of a list
  - The number of columns and rows in a matrix
  - The number of vertices and edges in a graph

# Analysis of Algorithms (2/2)

- Every-case analysis
- Worst-case analysis
- Average-case analysis
- Best-case analysis

### Every-case analysis

- Regardless of the values of the numbers in the array, if there are same number of computational passes in a loop, then the basic operation is always done n times, T(n) = n.
  - (e.g.) Addition algorithm for n integers in an array

```
number sum (int n, const number S[]) {
  index i;
  number result;

  result = 0;
  for (i = 1; i <= n; i++)
    result = result + S[i];
  return result;
}</pre>
```

## Every-case Analysis (Cont'd)

- (e.g.) Exchange sort
  - Basic operation: the comparison of S[i] and S[j]
  - Input size: the number of items to be sorted

```
void exchangesort (int n, keytype S[]) {
  index i, j;

  for (i = 1; i <= n-1; i++)
     for (j = i+1; j <= n; j++)
     if (S[j] < S[i])
      exchange S[i] and S[j];
}</pre>
```

# Every-case Analysis (Cont'd)

- Time complexity analysis for Exchangesort()
  - For each j-th loop, the if-statement will be executed once.
  - The total number of if-statement

• i = 1 : n-1 times

• i = 2 : n-2 times

• i = 3 : n-3 times

• i = n-1 : n-(n-1) times

Therefore,

$$T(n) = (n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 1 = \frac{(n-1)n}{2}$$

## Worst-case analysis

- Sequential search
  - Basic operation: (S[location] != x)
  - Input size: the number of items in an array, n
  - Worst case happens if x is in the last element of S[n]
  - Therefore, W(n) = n.
  - Every-case analysis is not possible for sequential search.

### Average-case analysis

- Sequential search
  - Basic operation: (S[location] != x)
  - Input size: the number of items in an array, n
  - Average case
    - Assume each item in the array is distinctive
    - Case 1: when x is always in S[n]
      - The probability that x is the k-th element in  $S[n] = \frac{1}{n}$
      - The number of operations if x is the k-th = k times
      - Therefore,

$$A(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} k \times \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \times \sum_{k=1}^{n} k = \frac{1}{n} \times \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{n+1}{2}$$

# Average-case analysis (Cont'd)

- Case 2: x is either in S[n] or not in S[n]
  - The probability that x is in S[n]: p
    - The probability that x is in the k-th position of S[n] = p/n
    - The probability that x is not in S[n] = 1 p

Therefore, 
$$A(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} (k \times \frac{p}{n}) + n(1-p)$$
  

$$= \frac{p}{n} \times \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n(1-p)$$

$$= n(1-\frac{p}{2}) + \frac{p}{2}$$

$$p = 1 \Rightarrow A(n) = (n+1)/2$$
$$p = 1/2 \Rightarrow A(n) = 3n/4 + 1/4$$

### Best-case analysis

- Sequential search
  - Basic operation: (S[location] != x)
  - Input size: the number of items in an array, n
  - Best case happens if x is the first element of S[n], i.e. S[1]
  - Therefore, B(n) = 1.



### Review: time complexity analysis

- Among four possible analysis, ECA, WCA, ACA, and BCA, which one is the right one?
- Think about ...
  - you are working for a nuclear power plant.
  - what if you are working for an internet shopping mall
- Which one do you think is the most useless?
- Which one do you think is the hardest to analyze?

## **Analysis of Correctness**

- Efficiency analysis vs. Correctness analysis
- In this course, when I say an algorithm analysis, I mean an efficiency analysis
- We can also analyze the correctness of an algorithm by developing a mathematical proof that the algorithm actually does what it is supposed to do.
- An algorithm is incorrect...
  - if it does not stop for a given input or
  - if it gives a wrong answer for an input.