

CS 385- HA2: Recurrence Relations

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p. 67, #4 a, b, c, d, e (1 point each)

4. Consider the following algorithm.

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ALGORITHM Mystery(n)  
  //Input: A nonnegative integer n  
  S ← 0  
  for i ← 1 to n do  
    S ← S + i * i  
  return S
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- a. What does this algorithm compute?
- b. What is its basic operation?
- c. How many times is the basic operation executed?
- d. What is the efficiency class of this algorithm?
- e. Suggest an improvement, or a better algorithm altogether, and indicate its efficiency class. If you cannot do it, try to prove that, in fact, it cannot be done.

- a) This algorithm computes the sum of square numbers within n nonnegative integers.
- b) The basic operation is multiplication
- c) The basic operation is executed n times.
- d) The efficiency class of this algorithm is $\Theta(n)$
- e) A more efficient algorithm would be using the formula for the sum of squares,

$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$. This algorithm has the improved efficiency class of $\Theta(1)$.

p. 76, #1 a, b, c, d, e (5 points each)

1. Solve the following recurrence relations.

a. $x(n) = x(n-1) + 5$ for $n > 1$, $x(1) = 0$

b. $x(n) = 3x(n-1)$ for $n > 1$, $x(1) = 4$

c. $x(n) = x(n-1) + n$ for $n > 0$, $x(0) = 0$

d. $x(n) = x(n/2) + n$ for $n > 1$, $x(1) = 1$ (solve for $n = 2^k$)

e. $x(n) = x(n/3) + 1$ for $n > 1$, $x(1) = 1$ (solve for $n = 3^k$)

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| <p>a) $x(n) = x(n-1) + 5$ for $n > 1$, $x(1) = 0$</p> <p>Step 1: replace n with $n-1$ $x(n-1) = x(n-1-1) + 5$ $x(n) = x(n-1-1) + 5 + 5$ $x(n) = x(n-2) + 10$</p> <p>Step 2: replace n with $n-2$ $x(n-2) = x(n-1-2) + 5 + 5 + 5$ $x(n) = x(n-3) + 15$</p> <p>Step 3: General form $x(n) = x(n-i) + 5(i)$</p> <p>Step 4: Plug in given condition $x(1) = 0$ $n-i = 1$ $i = n-1$</p> <p>Step 5: Plug in with initial $x(n) = x(n - (n-1)) + 5(n-1)$ $x(n) = x(n-n+1) + 5n-5$ $x(n) = x(1) + 5n-5$ $x(n) = 5n-5$</p> | <p>b) $x(n) = 3x(n-1)$ for $n > 1$, $x(1) = 4$</p> <p>Step 1: replace n with $n-1$ $x(n-1) = 3x(n-1-1)$ $x(n) = 3(3x(n-2))$ $x(n) = 9x(n-2)$</p> <p>Step 2: replace n with $n-2$ $x(n-2) = 3x(n-2-1)$ $x(n) = 9(3x(n-3))$ $x(n) = 27x(n-3)$</p> <p>Step 3: General form $x(n) = 3^i x(n-i)$</p> <p>Step 4: Plug in given condition $x(1) = 4$ $n-i = 1$ $i = n-1$</p> <p>Step 5: Plug in with initial $x(n) = 3^{(n-1)} x(n - (n-1))$ $x(n) = 3^{(n-1)} x(n - n + 1)$ $x(n) = 3^{(n-1)} x(1)$ $x(n) = 3^{(n-1)} * 4$</p> | <p>c) $x(n) = x(n-1) + n$ for $n > 0$, $x(0) = 0$</p> <p>Step 1: replace n with $n-1$ $x(n-1) = x(n-1-1) + (n-1)$ $x(n) = x(n-2) + (n-1) + n$</p> <p>Step 2: replace n with $n-2$ $x(n-2) = x(n-3) + (n-2)$ $x(n) = x(n-3) + (n-2) + (n-1) + n$</p> <p>Step 3: General form $x(n) = x(n-i) + (n-i+1) + (n-i+2) + \dots + n$</p> <p>Step 4: Plug in given condition $x(0) = 0$ $n-i = 0$ $i = n$</p> <p>Step 5: Plug in with initial $x(n) = x(n-n) + (n-(n+1)) + (n-(n+2)) + \dots + n$ $x(n) = x(0) + 1 + 2 + \dots + n$ $x(n) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$</p> |
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d) $x(n) = x(n/2) + n$ for $n > 1$, $x(1) = 1$ (solve for $n = 2^k$)

Step 0: Substitute

$$x(2^k) = x(2^{k-1}) + 2^k$$

Step 1: replace 2^k with 2^{k-1}

$$x(2^{k-1}) = x(2^{k-2}) + 2^{k-1}$$

$$x(2^{k-1}) = x(2^{k-2}) + 2^{k-1} + 2^k$$

Step 2: replace 2^k with 2^{k-2}

$$x(2^{k-2}) = x(2^{k-3}) + 2^{k-2}$$

$$x(2^k) = x(2^{k-3}) + 2^{k-2} + 2^{k-1} + 2^k$$

Step 3: General Form

$$x(2^k) = x(2^{k-i}) + 2^{k-i+1} + 2^{k-i+2} + \dots + 2^k$$

Step 4: Plug in given condition

$$x(1) = 1$$

$$2^{k-i} = 1$$

$$k-i=0$$

$$i=k$$

Step 5: Plug in with initial

$$x(2^k) = x(2^{k-k}) + 2^{k-k+1} + 2^{k-k+2} + \dots + 2^k$$

$$x(2^k) = x(2^0) + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^k$$

$$x(2^k) = x(1) + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^k$$

$$x(2^k) = 2 * 2^k - 1$$

$$x(n) = 2n - 1$$

e) $x(n) = x(n/3) + 1$ for $n > 1$, $x(1) = 1$ (solve for $n = 3^k$)

Step 0: Substitute

$$x(3^k) = x(3^{k-1}) + 1$$

Step 1: replace 3^k with 3^{k-1}

$$x(3^{k-1}) = x(3^{k-2}) + 1$$

$$x(3^k) = x(3^{k-2}) + 1 + 1$$

$$x(3^k) = x(3^{k-2}) + 2$$

Step 2: replace 3^k with 3^{k-2}

$$x(3^{k-2}) = x(3^{k-3}) + 1$$

$$x(3^k) = x(3^{k-3}) + 1 + 2$$

$$x(3^k) = x(3^{k-3}) + 3$$

Step 3: General Form

$$x(3^k) = x(3^{k-i}) + i$$

Step 4: Plug in given condition

$$x(1) = 1$$

$$3^{k-i} = 1$$

$$k-i=0$$

$$i=k$$

Step 5: Plug in with initial

$$x(3^k) = x(3^{k-k}) + k$$

$$x(3^k) = x(3^0) + k$$

$$x(3^k) = 1 + k$$

$$\log_3 n = k$$

$$x(n) = 1 + \log_3 n$$

p. 76-77, #3 a (5 points), b (5 points)

3. Consider the following recursive algorithm for computing the sum of the first n cubes: $S(n) = 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3$.

ALGORITHM $S(n)$

//Input: A positive integer n

//Output: The sum of the first n cubes

if $n = 1$ **return** 1

else return $S(n - 1) + n * n * n$

- a. Set up and solve a recurrence relation for the number of times the algorithm's basic operation is executed.
- b. How does this algorithm compare with the straightforward nonrecursive algorithm for computing this sum?

a) $S(n) = S(n-1) + 2$ for $n > 1$, $S(1) = 0$

Step 1: replace n with $n-1$

$$S(n-1) = S(n-1-1) + 2$$

$$S(n) = S(n-2) + 2 + 2$$

Step 2: replace n with $n-2$

$$S(n-2) = S(n-3) + 2$$

$$S(n) = S(n-3) + 2 + 2 + 2$$

$$S(n) = S(n-3) + 6$$

Step 3: General form

$$S(n) = S(n-i) + 2i$$

Step 4: Plug in given condition

$$S(1) = 0$$

$$n-i=1$$

$$i = n-1$$

Step 5: Plug in with initial

$$S(n) = S(n-(n-1)) + 2(n-1)$$

$$S(n) = S(1) + 2n-2$$

$$S(n) = 0 + 2n-2$$

$$S(n) = 2n-2$$

- b) Loop that runs $n-1$ times and uses two basic operations per iteration so $2n-2$ basic operations total. This is the same as the recursive operations. However, recursive will use more memory than non recursive because it creates a new stack frame for every iteration.