

CMSC 451 Homework 2

1. Given the following two functions:

- $f(n) = 3n^2 + 5$
- $g(n) = 53n + 9$

Use L'Hopital's rule and limits to prove or disprove each of the following:

- $f \in \Omega(g)$
- $g \in \Theta(f)$

Solution:

Big O Definition: $f(n) = O(g(n))$ if there exist some constant $C > 0$ and $n_0 \geq 1$, such that $f(n) \leq Cg(n)$ for every $n \geq n_0$

Big Ω Definition: $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ if there exist some constant $C > 0$ and $n_0 \geq 1$, such that $f(n) \geq Cg(n)$ for every $n \geq n_0$

Big Θ Definition: $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ if $f(n) = O(g(n))$ and $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \rightarrow L'Hopital \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f'(n)}{g'(n)} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n^2 + 5}{53n + 9} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6n}{53} = \infty$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(n)}{f(n)} \rightarrow L'Hopital \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g'(n)}{f'(n)} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{53n + 9}{3n^2 + 5} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{53}{6n} = 0$$

Therefore: $0 \leq g(n) \leq f(n) \leq \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} f &\in \Omega(g) \\ g &\in \Theta(f) \end{aligned}$$

both are true statements

2. Rank the following functions from lowest asymptotic order to highest. List any two or more that are of the same order on the same line.

- 2^n
- n^3+5n
- $\log_2 n$
- n^3+2n^2+1
- 3^n
- $\log_3 n$
- $n^2+5n+10$
- $n\log_2 n$
- $10n+7$
- \sqrt{n}

Solution:

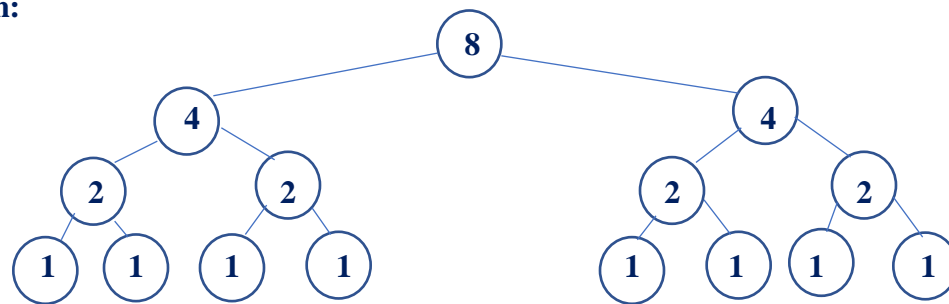
- $\log_2 n, \log_3 n$
- $10n + 7$
- $n\log_2 n$
- \sqrt{n}
- $n^2 + 5n + 10$
- $n^3 + 5n, n^3 + 2n^2 + 1$
- $2^n, 3^n$

3. Draw the recursion tree when $n = 8$, where n represents the length of the array, for the following recursive method:

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int sum(int[] array, int first, int last)
{
    if (first == last)
        return array[first];
    int mid = (first + last) / 2;
    return sum(array, first, mid) + sum(array, mid + 1, last);
}
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- Determine a formula that counts the numbers of nodes in the recursion tree.
- What is the Big- Θ for execution time?
- Determine a formula that expresses the height of the tree.
- What is the Big- Θ for memory?
- Write an iterative solution for this same problem and compare its efficiency with this recursive solution.

Solution:



- The formula for the number of nodes in the tree is: $t(n) = 2n - 1$
- Big Θ execution time = $\Theta(n)$
- Height of Tree = $\log_2 n$
- Big Θ for memory = $\Theta(\log_2 n)$
- The iterative version does have the same time complexity asymptotically with an order of $O(n)$ but requires more memory than the recursive which needs $O(\log n)$ vs $O(n)$.

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int sum (int [] array ){
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i=0; i< array.length; i++){
        sum += array[i];
    }
    return sum;
}
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4. Using the recursive method in problem 3 and assuming n is the length of the array.

- Modify the recursion tree from the previous problem to show the amount of work on each activation and the row sums.
- Determine the initial conditions and recurrence equation.
- Determine the critical exponent.
- Apply the Little Master Theorem to solve that equation.
- Explain whether this algorithm optimal.

There is constant amount of non-recursive work each call, therefore

Level	work at each level								
0	$T\left(\frac{n}{2^0}\right)$								$C*2^0$
1	$T\left(\frac{n}{2^1}\right)$		$T\left(\frac{n}{2^1}\right)$						$C*2^1$
2	$T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right)$	$T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right)$	$T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right)$	$T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right)$					$C*2^2$
3	$T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right)$	$T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right)$	$T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right)$	$T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right)$	$T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right)$	$T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right)$	$T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right)$	$T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right)$	$C*2^3$
i	$\frac{n}{2^i}$	\dots							$C*2^i$

$$\text{Total.} \quad C \left(\frac{1-2^{\log_2 n+1}}{1-2} \right) = C \left(\frac{1-2n}{-1} \right) = C(2n-1)$$

Initial Condition: $T(n) = 1$, for $n \leq 1$

Recurrence Equation: $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(1)$. for $n > 1$

Critical Exponent: $E = \log_b a = \log_2 2 = 1$

Master Theorem: If $T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + O(n^d)$ for constants $a > 0$, $b > 1$, $d \geq 0$, then:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(n^d), & \text{if } d > \log_b a \\ O(n^d \log n), & \text{if } d = \log_b a \\ O(n^{\log_b a}), & \text{if } d < \log_b a \end{cases}$$

$$O(1) = O(n^0) \quad a = 2, \quad b = 2 \quad d = 0 \quad 0 < \log_2 2$$

Therefore: $O(n^{\log_b a}) = O(n^{\log_2 2}) = O(n)$

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Optimal? This algorithm is optimal when it comes to space complexity as an order of $\log_2 n$ but has the same time complexity with an order of $O(n)$ in both the iterative and recursive functions. Additionally, there could be no optimal way to improve the time complexity of $O(n)$ because we would still need to access every element of the array.