

Question 2

Obtain an explicit formula for the following recurrence using one of the techniques seen in class.

I begin by substituting a few (k number of) times the $T(n-1)$ component to look for a pattern:

$$k = 0; T(n) = 2T(n-1) + 4^n + 1$$

$$k = 1; T(n) = 2(2T(n-2) + 4^{n-1} + 1) + 4^n + 1$$

$$k = 1; T(n) = 4T(n-2) + 2(4^{n-1}) + 2 + 4^n + 1$$

$$k = 2; T(n) = 4(2T(n-3) + 4^{n-2} + 1) + 2(4^{n-1}) + 2 + 4^n + 1$$

$$k = 2; T(n) = 8T(n-3) + 4(4^{n-2}) + 4 + 2(4^{n-1}) + 2 + 4^n + 1$$

$$k = 3; T(n) = 8(2T(n-4) + 4^{n-3} + 1) + 4(4^{n-2}) + 4 + 2(4^{n-1}) + 2 + 4^n + 1$$

$$k = 3; T(n) = 16T(n-4) + 8(4^{n-3}) + 8 + 4(4^{n-2}) + 4 + 2(4^{n-1}) + 2 + 4^n + 1$$

A pattern is emerging that the formula after k such substitutions would be:

$$T(n) = 2^{k+1}T(n-k-1) + \sum_{i=0}^k 2^i + \sum_{i=0}^k 2^i (4^{n-i})$$

Given that we know recursion stops when $T(0)=0$, we can eliminate the recursive portion of the formula by setting $k=n-1$, and since the recursive portion becomes zero at $n=0$, we can also eliminate that component of the formula.

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i + \sum_{i=0}^n 2^i (4^{n-i})$$

The $\sum_{i=0}^n 2^i (4^{n-i})$ component can be rearranged (the work was done in rough) to become:

$$\sum_{i=0}^n 2^i (4^{n-i}) = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} 2^i - \sum_{i=0}^n 2^i$$

Thus the new formula is:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i + \sum_{i=0}^{2n} 2^i - \sum_{i=0}^n 2^i \\ T(n) &= \frac{1-2^n}{1-2} + \frac{1-2^{(2n+1)}}{1-2} - \frac{1-2^{(n+1)}}{1-2} \\ T(n) &= -(1-2^n + 1-2^{(2n+1)} - 1-2^{(n+1)}) \\ T(n) &= -1 + 2^n - 1 + 2(4^n) + 1 - 2(2^n) \\ T(n) &= 2(4^n) - 2^n - 1 \end{aligned}$$

Question 3

Write an algorithm that prints the appropriate initial ordering for any given number n of cards.

Algorithm: orderCards(n)

Input: int n

Output: Prints the correct card ordering.

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int a[n]
a[n-1]=n
for i=1 to (n-1)
    temp=a[n-1]
    k=n-1
    while (k>(n-i)) do
        a[k]=a[k-1]
        k=k-1
    end while
    a[k]=temp
    a[k-1]=n-i
end for
for i=1 to n print a[i-1]

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Question 4

Prove that $\log(n!) \in \theta(n \log(n))$

To prove that $\log(n!) \in \theta(n \log(n))$ I must show that $\log(n!) \in O(n \log(n))$ and $n \log(n) \in O(\log(n!))$

Given that $n!$ can be rewritten as $1 \times 2 \times \dots \times n$ and $\log(ab) = \log(a) + \log(b)$, $\log(n!)$ can be rewritten as:

$$\log(n!) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log(i) = \log(1) + \log(2) + \dots + \log(n)$$

Which will always be less than:

$$n \log(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log(n) = \log(n) + \dots + \log(n); \log(n) \text{ is repeated } n \text{ times}$$

Thus:

$$\log(n!) \leq n \log(n)$$

Therefore $\log(n!) \in O(n \log(n))$

If I remove the first half of the terms from the first summation with the factorial, I have

$$\log\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \log\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right) + \log\left(\frac{n}{2} + 2\right) + \cdots + \log(n); \text{ a total of } k \text{ terms}$$

Which is always less than $\log(n!)$, but always greater than:

$$\log\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \log\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \cdots + \log\left(\frac{n}{2}\right); \log\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \text{ is repeated } k \text{ times}$$

I can rearrange the above to:

$$\log\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \log\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \cdots + \log\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) = \frac{n}{2} \log\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) = \frac{n}{2} (\log_2(n) - \log_2 2) = \frac{n}{2} \log(n) - \frac{n}{2}$$

Thus for a sufficiently small constant c

$$\log(n!) \geq cn \log(n)$$

Therefore $\log(n!) \in \Omega(n \log(n))$