

# Foundations of Algorithms

## Homework 2

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$$\begin{aligned} F_0 &= 0 \\ F_1 &= 1 \\ F_n &= F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(0; a, b) &= a \\ f(1; a, b) &= b \\ f(n; a, b) &= f(n-1; b, a+b) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1** For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  if  $n > 1$  then  $f(n; a, b) = f(n-1; a, b) + f(n-2; a, b)$ .

**Theorem 2** For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $F_n = f(n; 0, 1)$ .

**Theorem 3** For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $F_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(\varphi^n - \hat{\varphi}^n)$ , where  $\varphi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  and  $\hat{\varphi} = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

1. The function `fib` implemented the recurrence  $F_n$ . We can characterize the time taken by `fib` in terms of the number of additions (plusses) performed. We can write a recurrence  $T_F(n)$  that computes this number as follows. Observe that there are no additions performed for the base cases. Hence  $T_F(0) = 0$  and  $T_F(1) = 0$ . Also observe that the number of additions to compute  $F_n$  is one more than the number of additions to compute  $F_{n-1}$  together with the number of additions to compute  $F_{n-2}$ . Hence  $T_F(n) = 1 + T_F(n-1) + T_F(n-2)$ . Putting this together, we have the following recurrence.

$$\begin{aligned} T_F(0) &= 0 \\ T_F(1) &= 0 \\ T_F(n) &= 1 + T_F(n-1) + T_F(n-2) \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Prove using the strong form of induction that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $T_F(n) = F_{n+1} - 1$ .
  - (b) Use limits together with theorem 3 to show that  $T_F(n) \in \Theta(\varphi^n)$ .
2. The function `fibItHelper` implemented the recurrence  $f(n; a, b)$ . What is the time complexity of `fibItHelper`? Write down a recurrence relation  $T_f(n)$  that characterizes the time complexity in terms of the number of additions (plusses) performed; then solve the recurrence exactly using iteration.
3. Notice that  $f$  is repeatedly operating on the numbers  $a$  and  $b$ . Let  $L : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^2$  be defined by  $L(a, b) = (b, a+b)$ . Then  $f(n; a, b)$  can be understood as  $(L^n(a, b))_1$ . Prove this assertion by using mathematical induction to prove that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $L^n(a, b) = (f(n; a, b), f(n+1; a, b))$ .

4. **(project)** Write a function `fibPow` that takes a natural number  $n$ , and returns  $(L^n(0, 1))_1$ .
  - (a) First choose a representation for  $L$ . (HINT: The variable  $L$  is used because the function is a linear operator. Functional programmers beware!)
  - (b) Then implement an algorithm to raise objects of that type to the  $n$ th power that requires only  $\mathcal{O}(\log(n))$  “iterations.”
  - (c) Finally, implement `fibPow` using the representation of  $L$  and the power algorithm.
  - (d) What is the asymptotic time complexity of `fibPow`?
5. Look up the definition of *pseudo-polynomial time*.
  - (a) Write down the definition.
  - (b) Is `fib` a pseudo-polynomial time algorithm? Explain.
  - (c) Is `fibIt` a pseudo-polynomial time algorithm? Explain.
  - (d) Is `fibPow` a pseudo-polynomial time algorithm? Explain.
6. Solve the following recurrences exactly using the iteration method. In all cases,  $T(0) = 0$ . Answers should be expressed in terms of  $T(n)$ .
  - (a)  $T(n+1) = T(n) + 5$
  - (b)  $T(n+1) = n + T(n)$
7. Solve the following recurrences exactly using the iteration method. In all cases,  $T(0) = 1$ . Answers should be expressed in terms of  $T(n)$ .
  - (a)  $T(n+1) = 2T(n)$
  - (b)  $T(n+1) = 2^{n+1} + T(n)$
8. Solve the following recurrences exactly using the iteration method. In all cases,  $T(1) = 1$ . Answers should be expressed in terms of  $T(n)$ .
  - (a)  $T(n) = n + T(n/2)$  (Assume  $n$  has the form  $n = 2^m$ .)
  - (b)  $T(n) = 1 + T(n/3)$  (Assume  $n$  has the form  $n = 3^m$ .)
9. Solve the following recurrences using the iteration method and express the answer using  $\mathcal{O}$ -notation. In all cases,  $T(1) = 1$ , and  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are constants greater than or equal to one.
  - (a)  $T(n) = aT(n-1) + bn$  make a distinction between the cases  $a = 1$  and  $a > 1$ .
  - (b)  $T(n) = aT(n-1) + bn \log(n)$  make a distinction between the cases  $a = 1$  and  $a > 1$ .
  - (c)  $T(n) = aT(n-1) + bn^c$  make a distinction between the cases  $a = 1$  and  $a > 1$ .
  - (d)  $T(n) = aT(n/2) + bn^c$  make a distinction between the cases  $\frac{2^c}{a} = 1$  and  $\frac{2^c}{a} \neq 1$ .