

Please complete the following from the CLRS book:

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Additionally, please solve the following problems:

### 0.1 Problem 1

Given a set  $A$  of size  $N$  (i.e.  $|A| = N$ ), determine the total number of sets that can be constructed by subsets of the members of  $A$ . For example, if  $A = \{1, 2\}$ , then the answer is 4, because the 4 possible subsets are  $\{\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}$  (the empty set counts as a subset). Derive your answer using a recurrence relation as well as combinatorially, and verify that the results of the different methods agree with each other.

### 0.2 Problem 2

Suppose I am standing at the bottom of a staircase with  $N$  stairs. Now suppose that at any point I can ascend 1 stair, 2 stairs, or 3 stairs. Derive a (not necessarily closed form) relation that expresses the total number of different ways that I can climb the  $N$  stairs. **Then**, write a program in C that iteratively computes the total number of combinations for a staircase of increasing size (i.e. computes the total number of combinations for 1 stair, 2 stairs, 3 stairs, 4 stairs, 5 stairs, etc). Let your program run for about 5 minutes and report the highest  $N$  that you got to as well as the number of combinations for that  $N$ . (Use CTRL-C to halt a program's execution).