

Computational Complexity Assignment 1

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Abstract

Brief analysis of the time complexity, both theoretically and empirically, of two previously designed Turing Machines for deciding binary palindromes and the equality of two binary numbers respectively. Additionally, two equivalent machines for RAM model are proposed and compared.

1 Binary Palindrome Decider

1.1 Observed Time Complexity

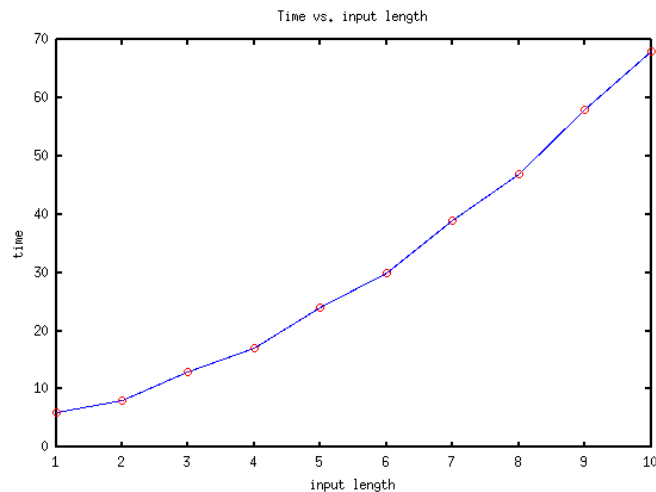


Figure 1: Plot of the time vs. input length for the turing machine implementation of the binary palindrome decider.

1.2 Analysis

Assuming that each transition takes precisely one time unit, we conclude, upon close examination of the automaton, that the time function is $T(n) = \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{3}{2}n + 3 + n \bmod 2$, and thus: $T(n) \in O(n^2)$

2 Binary Comparator

2.1 Observed Time Complexity

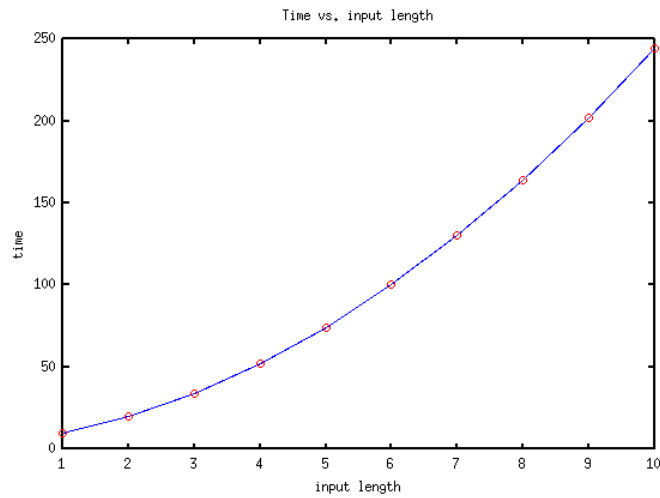


Figure 2: Plot of the time vs. input length for the Turing machine implementation of the binary comparator.

2.2 Analysis

Assuming that each transition takes precisely one time unit, we conclude, upon close examination of the automaton, that the time function is $T(n) = 2n^2 + 4n + 4$, and thus: $T(n) \in O(n^2)$

3 The RAM model

3.1 Binary Palindrome Decider

input length	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
time	35	39	56	60	77	81	98	102	119	123

In this case, we can observe a time function $T(n) \in O(n)$

3.2 Binary Comparator

input length	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
time	34	49	64	79	94	109	124	139	154	169

In this case, we can observe a time function $T(n) = 15n + 19$, and thus: $T(n) \in O(n)$

3.3 Conclusion

In both machines the computations remain in polynomial time.