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Algorithms Assignment 1

1) In the following, use a direct proof (by giving values for c and n₀ in the definition of big-O/Ω notation) to prove that:

a) $n^2 + 7n + 1$ is $\Omega(n^2)$

Let above equation be f(n), Using the formal definition of big-Ω,

To prove $f(n) = n^2 + 7n + 1$ is $\Omega(n^2)$, we need to find values of c and n₀ such that $n^2 + 7n + 1 \geq cn^2$

$$n^2 + 7n + 1 \geq cn^2$$

If we take c=9,

$$n^2 + 7n + 1 \geq 9n^2$$

$$0 \geq 8n^2 - 7n - 1$$

Using formula $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$, to find roots of the equation $8n^2 - 7n - 1$,

$$a=8, b=-7, c=-1,$$

$$\frac{7 \pm \sqrt{81}}{16}$$

$$\frac{7+9}{16}, \frac{7-9}{16}$$

$$n=1, n=\frac{-1}{8}$$

For c=9 and n₀=1 f(n) belongs to $\Omega(n^2)$

b) $3n^2 + n - 10$ is $O(n^2)$

Let above equation be $f(n)$, Using the formal definition of big- O ,
To prove $3n^2 + n - 10$ is big- O , we need to find values of c and n_0
such that $3n^2 + n - 10 \leq cn^2$

$$3n^2 + n - 10 \leq cn^2$$

If we take $c=4$,

$$\begin{aligned} 3n^2 + n - 10 &\leq 4n^2 \\ -n^2 + n &\leq 10 \\ n(-n+1) &\leq 10 \\ n &\leq 10 \text{ and } n \geq -9 \end{aligned}$$

For $c=4$ and $n_0=10$ $f(n)$ belongs to $O(n^2)$

c) n^2 is $\Omega(n \log n)$

Let above equation be $f(n)$, Using the formal definition of big- Ω ,
To prove $f(n) = n^2$ is $\Omega(n \log n)$, we need to find values of c and n_0 such
that $n^2 \geq cn \log n$

$$n^2 \geq cn \log n$$

If we take $c = 2$ and assume log base is 2

$$\begin{aligned} n^2 &\geq 2n \log n \\ n^2 - 2n \log n &\geq 0 \\ n(n - 2 \log n) &\geq 0 \\ n &\geq 0 \text{ and } n - 2 \log n &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solving for $n - 2 \log n \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} n &\geq 2 \log n \\ \frac{n}{2} &\geq \log n \\ 2^{\frac{n}{2}} &\geq n \end{aligned}$$

The above equation is true for $n=2$,

Therefore, For $c=2$ and $n_0=2$ $f(n)$ belongs to $\Omega(n^2)$

2) In the following, use the iteration method to find the asymptotic notation of the order of growth of the recurrences:

a. $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + b$ if $n > 1$

$$T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + b$$

$$T(\frac{n}{2}) = 2T(\frac{n}{4}) + b$$

$$T(\frac{n}{4}) = 2T(\frac{n}{8}) + b$$

Using above equations,

$$T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + b \text{ ---- (1)}$$

$$= 2\left[2T(\frac{n}{4}) + b\right] + b$$

$$= 4T\left[\frac{n}{4}\right] + 3b \text{ ---- (2)}$$

$$= 4\left[2T(\frac{n}{8}) + b\right] + 3b$$

$$= 8T(\frac{n}{8}) + 7b \text{ -----(3)}$$

Our general equation will be,

$$2^k T(\frac{n}{2^k}) + (2^k - 1)b$$

We need to take a value for k which causes recurrence to reach base case which is $T(1) = 1$

$$\frac{n}{2^k} = 1$$

$$n = 2^k$$

$$k = \lg n$$

Putting $k = \lg n$, in $2^k T(\frac{n}{2^k}) + (2^k - 1)b$

We get,

$$= 2^{\lg n} T(\frac{n}{2^{\lg n}}) + (2^{\lg n} - 1)b$$

$$= n^{\lg 2} T\left(\frac{n}{n^{\lg 2}}\right) + b \cdot n^{\lg 2} - b$$

$$= n + b \cdot n - b$$

Therefore, the time complexity of our recurrence is $O(n)$.

b. $T(n) = T(n - 1) + n + b$ if $n > 1$

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + n + b$$

$$T(n - 1) = T(n - 2) + (n - 1) + b$$

$$T(n - 2) = T(n - 3) + (n - 2) + b$$

Using above equations,

$$T(n - 1) + n + b \text{ -----(1)}$$

$$[T(n - 2) + (n - 1) + b] + n + b$$

$$T(n - 2) + 2n + 2b - 1 \text{ -----(2)}$$

$$[T(n - 3) + (n - 2) + b] + 2n + 2b - 1$$

$$T(n - 3) + 3n + 3b - 3 \text{ ----- (3)}$$

Using 1,2 and 3 we can write the general equation as,

$$T(n - k) + kn + kb - (2^{k-1} - 1)$$

We need to take a value for k which causes recurrence to reach base case which is $T(0) = c$

$$n - k = 0$$

$$k = n$$

$$\text{Putting } k = n \text{ in } T(n - k) + kn + kb - (2^{k-1} - 1)$$

$$c + n^2 + bn - (2^{n-1} - 1)$$

Therefore, the time complexity of our recurrence is $O(2^n)$

3) Solve the following recurrences using the substitution method:

a. $T(n) = T(n - 3) + 3\lg n$

Our guess is $T(n)$ is $O(n\lg n)$

We need to show that $T(n) \leq cn\lg n$ for some constant $c > 0$

$$T(n) = T(n - 3) + 3\lg n$$

Substituting $cn\lg n$ in above equation,

$$= c(n - 3)\lg(n - 3) + 3\lg n$$

Since $\lg n$ monotonically increasing for $n > 0$, we can say

$$cn\lg n + 3\lg n > c(n - 3)\lg(n - 3) + 3\lg n$$

Since we are finding the upper bound we can ignore $3\lg n$ which is smaller than $cn\lg n$,

Therefore we get,

$$T(n) \leq cn\lg n$$

Therefore, $T(n)$ belongs to $O(n\lg n)$

b. $T(n) = 4T(n/3) + n$

Our guess is $T(n) = O(n^{\log_3 4})$

We need to show that $T(n) \leq cn^{\log_3 4}$ for some constant $c > 0$

$$T(n) = 4T(n/3) + n$$

Substituting $cn^{\log_3 4}$ in above equation,

$$= 4c\left(\frac{n}{3}\right)^{\log_3 4} + n$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 4c\left(\frac{n^{\log_3 4}}{3^{\log_3 4}}\right) + n \\
&= 4c\left(\frac{n^{\log_3 4}}{4^{\log_3 3}}\right) + n \\
&= cn^{\log_3 4} + n
\end{aligned}$$

Since we are left with n in the equation we have to take a new guess,

Our new guess is $cn^{\log_3 4} - dn$,

Substituting the latest guess,

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 4\left(c\left(\frac{n}{3}\right)^{\log_3 4} - d(n/3)\right) + n \\
&= 4c\left(\frac{n^{\log_3 4}}{4^{\log_3 3}}\right) - 4d(n/3) + n \\
&= cn^{\log_3 4} - (4/3)dn + n
\end{aligned}$$

If $(4/3)d = 1$, then we are left with,

$$= cn^{\log_3 4}$$

Therefore, $T(n) = O(n^{\log_3 4} - n)$

4) Insertion sort as a recursive algorithm,

RecursiveInsertion(A,n)

If $n \leq 1$ //base case (only 1 element to sort)
return

RecursiveInsertion(A,n-1) //recursive call

key = A[n]

$j=n-1$

While $j>0$ and $A[j]>key$ //index starting from 1

$A[j+1]=A[j]$

$j=j-1$

$A[j+1] = key$

The worst case recurrence for algorithm is $T(n)=T(n-1)+O(n)$ if $n>1$

Worst case time complexity is $O(n^2)$

5) Let $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ be asymptotically nonnegative functions. Using the basic definition of Θ -notation, prove that $\max\{f(n), g(n)\} = \Theta(f(n)+g(n))$.

According to the formal definition of Big Theta, a function $f(n)$ belongs to $\Theta(g(n))$,
If there are constants $c_1, c_2, n_0 > 0$ for all $n > n_0$ such that,

$$0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$$

To prove that $\max\{f(n), g(n)\} = \Theta(f(n)+g(n))$, we need to prove

$$\max\{f(n), g(n)\} = O(f(n)+g(n)) \text{ and } \max\{f(n), g(n)\} = \Omega(f(n)+g(n))$$

If $f(n) > g(n)$, then

$$\max\{f(n), g(n)\} \geq g(n) \text{ ----(1)}$$

If $g(n) > f(n)$, then

$$\max\{f(n), g(n)\} \geq f(n) \text{ ----(2)}$$

Adding (1) and (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2[\max\{f(n), g(n)\}] &\geq f(n)+g(n) \\ \max\{f(n), g(n)\} &\geq \frac{1}{2} [f(n)+g(n)] \end{aligned}$$

We can say $c_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ and therefore $\max\{f(n), g(n)\} \geq c_1 [f(n)+g(n)]$

Which means $\max\{f(n), g(n)\} = \Omega(f(n)+g(n))$ ----(A)

Also, $f(n) \leq f(n) + g(n)$ and $g(n) \leq f(n) + g(n)$

If $f(n) > g(n)$, then

$$\max\{f(n), g(n)\} \leq f(n) + g(n) \text{ -----(3)}$$

If $g(n) > f(n)$, then

$$\max\{f(n), g(n)\} \leq f(n) + g(n) \text{ -----(4)}$$

Therefore using (3) and (4), we get

$$\max\{f(n), g(n)\} \leq 1 \cdot [f(n) + g(n)]$$

We can say $c_2 = 1$ and therefore $\max\{f(n), g(n)\} \leq c_1 [f(n) + g(n)]$

Which means $\max\{f(n), g(n)\}$ is $O(f(n) + g(n))$ -----(B)

Using (A) and (B), we have

$\max\{f(n), g(n)\}$ is $\Theta(f(n) + g(n))$ which is our answer.

6) Is $2^{n+1} = O(2^n)$? Is $2^{2n} = O(2^n)$? Use the formal definition of O-notation to answer these two questions.

a. $2^{n+1} = O(2^n)$?

Using the formal definition of Big O, $2^{n+1} \leq c 2^n$,

Since $2^{n+1} = 2^n \cdot 2^1$,

$$2^{n+1} \leq c 2^n$$

$$2^n \cdot 2^1 \leq c 2^n$$

If we take $c=2$,

$$2^n \cdot 2^1 \leq 2 \cdot 2^n \text{ which is true}$$

The function will never grow faster than $c 2^n$ for $c \geq 2$ and $n \geq 1$

Therefore, for $c \geq 2$, 2^{n+1} is $O(2^n)$

b. $2^{2n} = O(2^n)$?

Using the formal definition Big O, $2^{2n} \leq c(2^n)$,

$$2^{2n} \leq c(2^n)$$

$$2^n \cdot 2^n \leq c2^n$$

$$2^n \leq c$$

This is not possible since constant c cannot be greater than 2^n for all n

Therefore 2^{2n} is not $O(2^n)$