Worksheet 15 Review

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Question 1

a. First, we will evaluate the cost of he inner most loop.

Because the loop runs from $j = i = 1$ to $j = n - 1$, with each iteration costing 1 step, we can conclude that the inner most loop has cost of at most

$$\lceil (n-1) - (i+1) + 1 \rceil = n - i - 1 \tag{1}$$

steps.

Next, we will evaluate the cost of the outer most loop.

Because the loop runs from $i = 0$ to $i = n - 1$ with each iteration costing $(n - i - 1)$ steps, we can conclude the outer most loop has cost of at most

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1}(n - i - 1) = \left[\sum_{i=0}^{n-1}(n-1) - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i \right] \tag{2}$$

$$= \left[\frac{2n(n-1)}{2} - \frac{(}{n}(n-1))2 \right] \tag{3}$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \tag{4}$$

steps.

Next, we will bring everything together.

Since the lines **n = len(lst)** and **return False** have cost of 1 step each, the total cost of the algorithm is

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2} + 2 \tag{5}$$

steps.

Then, it follows from above that the algorithm has runtime of $\Theta(n^2)$.

Correct Solution:

First, we will evaluate the cost of he inner most loop.

Because the loop runs from $j = i = 1$ to $j = n - 1$, with each iteration costing 1 step, we can conclude that the inner most loop has cost of at most

$$\lceil (n-1) - (i+1) + 1 \rceil = n - i - 1 \tag{6}$$

steps.

Next, we will evaluate the cost of the outer most loop.

Because the loop runs from $i = 0$ to $i = n - 1$ with each iteration costing $(n - i - 1)$ steps, we can conclude the outer most loop has cost of at most

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1}(n - i - 1) = \left[\sum_{i=0}^{n-1}(n-1) - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i \right] \tag{7}$$

$$= \left[\frac{2n(n-1)}{2} - \frac{(}{n}(n-1))2 \right] \tag{8}$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \tag{9}$$

steps.

Next, we will bring everything together.

Since the lines **n = len(lst)** and **return False** have cost of 1 step each, the total cost of the algorithm is at most

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2} + 2 \tag{10}$$

steps.

Then, it follows from above that the algorithm has runtime of $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$.

Notes:

- Noticed that in here, professor considers the cost of loop variables and other lines with constant time.
- $\mathcal{O}$ used since we are determining the upper bound.
- In worksheet 14, the cost of loop variables is not required.

b. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $lst = [0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots, n-3, n-1, n-1]$.

First, we will calculate the cost of the inner most loop.

Because we know the inner most loop will terminate when **if lst[i] == lst[j]** and because we know this condition occurs when $i = n - 2$, we can conclude the loop will start at $i = 0$ and run until $i = n - 2$.

Because we know the condition of the inner most loop **for j in range(i+1,n)** stays true until $i = n - 2$ even at the worst case, we can conclude that the cost of inner loop is the same as the cost of the inner loop at worst case, that is

$$n - i - 1 \tag{1}$$

Next, we will evaluate the cost of the outer most loop.

Since the outer most loop starts at $i = 0$ and ends at $i = n - 1$ with each iteration costing $(n - i - 1)$ steps, the outer most loop has cost of

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1}(n - i - 1) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \tag{2}$$

steps.

Next, we will combine everything together.

Since each of the lines **n = len(lst)** and **return True** have cost of 1 step, we can conclude that the algorithm has total cost of

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2} + 2 \tag{3}$$

steps.

Then, we can conclude the algorithm has runtime of $\Omega(n^2)$.

Because we know both $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ and $\Omega(n^2)$ are true, we can also conclude the algorithm has runtime of $\Theta(n^2)$.

Notes:

- Does **if condition** counted towards the total cost?

c. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $lst = [1, 2, 3, \ldots, n-2, 0]$.

We will prove that given the input group, the runtime of the algorithm is $\Theta(n)$ by computing the total cost of the algorithm, starting off with the inner most loop, then the the outer most loop, and then the rest.

First, we will calculate the cost of the inner most loop.

Because we know the loop starts at $j = i+1$ and finishes at $j = n-1$ with each iteration costing 1 step, we can conclude the inner most loop has cost of

$$n - 1 - (i + 1) + 1 = n - i \tag{1}$$

steps.

Next, we will calculate the cost of the outer most loop.

Because we know the outer most loop terminates by the **if condition** at $i = 0$, we can conclude the outer most loop runs only 1 iteration.

Then, since each iteration costs $(n - i - 1)$ steps, the cost of the outer most loop is

$$1 \cdot (n - 0 - 1) = n - 1 \tag{2}$$

steps.

Next, we will combine everything together, and evaluate theta.

Because we know both of the lines **n = len(lst)** and **return True** have cost of 1, the total cost of the algorithm is

$$n - 1 + 2 = n + 1 \tag{3}$$

steps.

Then, it follows from above that the runtime of the algorithm is $\Theta(n)$.

Question 2

a. Because we know the loop starts at $i = 0$ and $j = n$, we can conclude the initial value of r, in terms of n is n.

b. Since the loop condition is true as long as $i < j$, the loop termination will occur when $i \geq j$, or $r \leq 0$.