

Worksheet 14 Review

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Question 1

- a. Since the inner loop starts at $j = 0$ and finishes at $j = n - 1$ with j increasing by 1 per iteration, we can conclude that the inner loop has

$$\lceil n - 1 - 0 + 1 \rceil = n \quad (1)$$

iterations.

Since the inner loop takes 1 step per iteration, we can conclude that the inner loop has the total cost of

$$n \cdot 1 = n \quad (2)$$

steps.

For the outer loop, because it starts at $i = 0$ and ends at $i = n - 1$ with i increasing by 5 per iteration, we can conclude that the outer loop has

$$\left\lceil \frac{n - 1 - 0 + 1}{5} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{n}{5} \right\rceil \quad (3)$$

iterations.

Since each iteration in the outer loop takes n steps, we can conclude the outer loop has the total cost of

$$n \cdot n = n^2 \quad (4)$$

steps.

Since we are ignoring the cost of the loop variables, the total cost of the algorithm is $n^2 + n$ steps.

Then, because we know the algorithm takes total of $n^2 + n$ steps, we can conclude the algorithm has the runtime of $\Theta(n^2)$.

- b. We will determine the exact cost and theta of this algorithm by first calculating the exact cost of inner loop 1

```
1  j = 1
2  while j < n:
3      j = j * 3
4
```

and then, calculating the exact cost of inner loop 2

```
1  k = 0
2  while k < n:
3      k = k + 2
4
```

and then, calculating the exact cost of the outer loop using the information from the exact cost of inner loop 1 and inner loop 2

```
1  i = 4
2  while i < n:
3      j = 1
4      while j < n:
5          j = j * 3
6      k = 0
7      while k < n:
8          k = k + 2
9      i = i + 1
10
```

and then, we will finish off by calculating the theta of the outer loop.

Part 1 (Calculating the exact cost of loop 1):

Because we know $i = i \cdot 3$, we can calculate

$$\begin{aligned} i_1 &= 3 \\ i_2 &= 9 \\ i_3 &= 27 \\ &\vdots \\ i_j &= 3^j \end{aligned}$$

Then, using the fact that loop termination occurs when $i_j \geq n$, we can conclude

$$3^j \geq n \tag{1}$$

$$j \geq \log_3 n \tag{2}$$

Since we are looking for the smallest value of j resulting in loop termination, we can conclude the value of j is $\lceil \log_3 n \rceil$.

Since the inner loop 1 takes constant step per iteration, we can conclude that the loop has exact cost of

$$\lceil \log_3 n \rceil \cdot 1 = \lceil \log_3 n \rceil \tag{3}$$

steps.

Part 2 (Calculating the exact cost of loop 2):

Since the loop starts from $k = 0$ and ends at $k = n - 1$, with k increasing by 2 per iteration, we can conclude that the loop has

$$\left\lceil \frac{n - 1 - 0 + 1}{2} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \quad (4)$$

iterations.

Since the loop takes 1 step per iteration, the loop has total cost of

$$\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \cdot 1 = \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \quad (5)$$

steps.

Part 3 (Calculating the exact cost of outer loop):

Since the loop runs from $i = 4$ to $i = n - 1$ with i increasing by 1 per iteration, we can conclude the loop has

$$\left\lceil \frac{n - 1 - 4 + 1}{1} \right\rceil = n - 4 \quad (6)$$

iterations.

Since each iteration takes $\lceil \log_3 n \rceil + \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$ steps, we can conclude the outer loop has total of

$$(n - 4) \cdot \left(\lceil \log_3 n \rceil + \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \right) \quad (7)$$

steps.

Part 4 (Calculating Theta):

Because we know the loop in total has exact cost of $(n-4) \cdot (\lceil \log_3 n \rceil + \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil)$, we can conclude that the algorithm has total runtime of $\Theta(n^2)$.

Correct Solution:

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$$\max\left(\left\lceil \frac{n-1-4+1}{1} \right\rceil, 0\right) = \max(n-4, 0) \quad (6)$$

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Notes:

- Noticed professor uses $\text{max}(f(n), 0)$ when a loop variable doesn't start at $i = 0$.
- Noticed professor skipped the detailed explanation on the evaluation of the number of iterations.

Question 2