

# TCSS 343 - Week 0 - Tuesday

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## Recursion and some Mathematical Review

“The problem with believing is you have to believe that believing will work,  
you have to believe in belief”.

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Tommy Orange

“So plant your own gardens and decorate your own soul, instead of waiting  
for someone to bring you flowers.”

...

Jorge Luis Borges

Listen to the **MUSTN'TS**, child,  
Listen to the **DON'TS**  
Listen to the **SHOULDN'TS**  
The **IMPOSSIBLES**, the **WONT'S**  
Listen to the **NEVER HAVES**  
Then listen close to me-  
Anything can happen, child,  
**ANYTHING** can be

...

Shel Silverstein

0. For the following problem I want you to trace the code. What is the final value that is printed? To accomplish this, *correctly*, you will need to keep track of each the stack trace for each recursive call. That means keeping track of the values of  $x, y, u, v$  for 6 recursive calls.

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1  def debug_week0_thursday(x,y,u,v):
2      if x > y:
3          x = x - y;
4          u = u + v;
5          debug_week0_thursday(x,y,u,v);
6      elif y > x:
7          y = y - x;
8          v = v + u;
9          debug_week0_thursday(x,y,u,v);
10     else:
11         print((x + y) / 2 * (u + v) / 2);
12     debug_week0_thursday(36,10,36,10)
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1. For this problem we will prove the proposition  $P(n) : \mathcal{F}(n) < 2^n$  where  $\mathcal{F}(n) = \mathcal{F}(n-1) + \mathcal{F}(n-2)$  and  $\mathcal{F}(1) = 1$  and  $\mathcal{F}(2) = 1 \ \forall n > 2$  using strong induction.

Step 1: Show the “Basis”, which means simply, show for some finite values that the proposition holds for those values. For instance, let  $a = 2$ , show that say  $P(a), P(a+1), \dots, P(5)$ , that the proposition holds. These needn’t be exhaustive but it is a good step to do to get a feel for the problem itself. What would be a good  $a$  to pick for this problem?

Step 2: Show to inductive hypothesis, which means simply, assume  $P(i)$  for  $a \leq i \leq k$  where  $i$  is some index variable that runs between  $a$  (some arbitrary starting point) and  $k$  (the substitution for  $n$ , we must replace  $n$  with  $k$  to for tidiness). We do this to establish our finite collection of claims in a tidy way. As good computer scientists we want to keep our proofs and our code we write as tidy as possible. This may seem like a redundant step at times but it is arguably the most important. What is the inductive hypothesis for this problem?

Step 3: Show the inductive step, which means simply, prove  $P(k+1)$ . This involves introducing our inductive hypothesis into the  $P(k+1)$ . We assume that the inductive hypothesis is true. You must always introduce the inductive hypothesis into the inductive step. Finish the proof.

2. Calculate the following anti-derivatives from 1 to  $n$  with respect to  $x$ . (Because I am a nice person. Remember that  $\log_2 x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln 2}$ ). I have run into all of these integrals when computing runtimes of algorithms, I know you didn't expect this to be so much math but please, please don't hate me. I added these because I care.

(a)  $6 + 7x + 2x^2$

(b)  $\frac{1}{x^2}$

(c)  $\frac{1}{x}$

(d)  $2^x$  (HINT: Use the fact that  $\frac{d}{dx} A^x = \ln A * A^x$  where  $A$  is some finite real number)

(e)  $\log_2 x$  (HINT: set  $dv = 1 * dx$ )



5. Give a direct proof for the following theorem:

**Theorem 0.** If  $x$  and  $y$  are positive reals and  $x < y$  then,  $x^2 < y^2$ .