

Posteriori Analysis of Algorithms Through the Derivations of Growth Rate Based on Frequency Count

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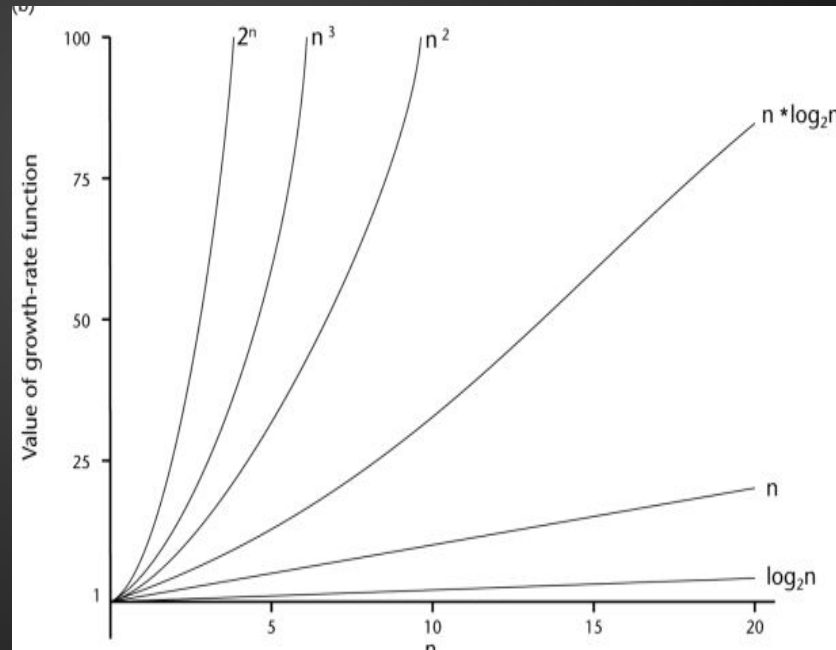
Research Description

Developing an "across the board" method of
Algorithm Analysis

Output :

Time complexity

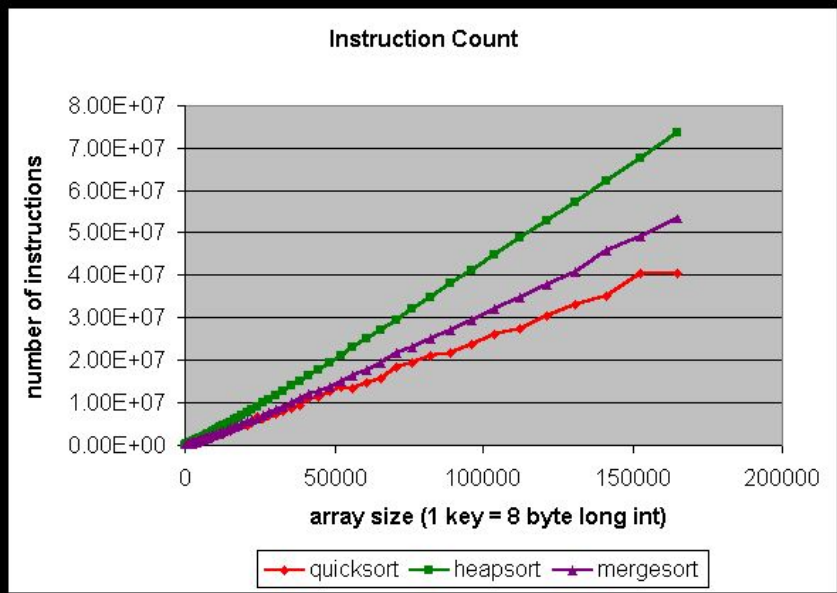
-Asymptotic Behavior



Research Description

Claim / Essence of the Study :

- Performance measurements “ \rightarrow ” Asymptotic Behavior



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INSERTION-SORT(<i>A</i>)	<i>cost</i>	<i>times</i>
1 for <i>j</i> = 2 to <i>A.length</i>	<i>c</i> ₁	<i>n</i>
2 <i>key</i> = <i>A</i> [<i>j</i>]	<i>c</i> ₂	<i>n</i> − 1
3 // Insert <i>A</i> [<i>j</i>] into the sorted sequence <i>A</i> [1 .. <i>j</i> − 1].	0	<i>n</i> − 1
4 <i>i</i> = <i>j</i> − 1	<i>c</i> ₄	<i>n</i> − 1
5 while <i>i</i> > 0 and <i>A</i> [<i>i</i>] > <i>key</i>	<i>c</i> ₅	$\sum_{j=2}^n t_j$
6 <i>A</i> [<i>i</i> + 1] = <i>A</i> [<i>i</i>]	<i>c</i> ₆	$\sum_{j=2}^n (t_j - 1)$
7 <i>i</i> = <i>i</i> − 1	<i>c</i> ₇	$\sum_{j=2}^n (t_j - 1)$
8 <i>A</i> [<i>i</i> + 1] = <i>key</i>	<i>c</i> ₈	<i>n</i> − 1

Overview of the Current State of Technology

Two ways of analyzing algorithms:

- Posteriori Analysis
- Apriori Analysis

Posteriori Analysis

Idea : Analyze empirical performance of the algorithm

Advantages :

- Can be automated
- Somewhat trivial

Disadvantages :

- Varies with hardware and software
- Does not output asymptotic behavior
 - Necessary for generalizing complexity

Apriori Analysis

Idea : Analyze the logical structure of the algorithm

Advantages :

- Does not depend on external factors
- Does output asymptotic behavior

Disadvantages :

- Done by hand
- Limited by current mathematical methods

Statement of the Research Problem

There are algorithms that are too complex for current apriori and posteriori methods to accurately determine asymptotic behaviors which are necessary for measurement of the general efficiency of algorithms.

Difficult to Analyze Algorithms

- Algorithms with High-Order Linear Recurrence
 - Due to Abel's Impossibility Theorem

$$a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} + c_3 a_{n-3} + c_4 a_{n-4} + c_5 a_{n-5}$$

Difficult to Analyze Algorithms

- Algorithms where Master's Method fail
 - Difference between $n/\log(n)$ and $n \cdot \log(2)/\log(2)$ is **not** polynomial

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \frac{n}{\log(n)}$$

Difficult to Analyze Algorithms

- Lengthy algorithms (hard to keep track of)



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vent.global[l]=true;a=null}}},global:{},remove:function(a,b,d,e){if  
(a,b,d,e){if(!a.nodeType||Wa.test(a.nodeType))  
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;delete w.events;delete w.handle;if(typeof w=="Function")c.removeDat  
B;a.target=d;b=c.makeArray(b);b.unshift(a);a.currentTarget=d;(e=d.r  
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a.type,d=a.value;if(b=="radio"||b=="checkbox")d=a.checked;else if(  
ner(a,b,d)}});c.event.special.change={filters:{Focusout:2,befor  
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c.event.add("one",function(a,b){return this},de
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“Impossible” to Analyze Algorithms

- Algorithms with General Nonlinear Recursion

$$F_n = (n)F_{n-1} + (n^2)c_2F_{n-2} + 3n$$

“Impossible” to Analyze Algorithms

- Algorithms with Irreducible Double Recursion

$$Ack(m, n) = \begin{cases} n + 1 & \text{if } m = 0 \\ Ack(m - 1, 1) & \text{if } m > 0 \text{ and } n = 0 \\ Ack(m - 1, Ack(m, n - 1)) & \text{if } m > 0 \text{ and } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

A way around the difficulties

- Generating automatic measurements
- Using a method that is numerical
 - Based on asymptotics
 - “Stumbles upon the answer”

Scope and Limitations

- Covers rates of growth from logarithmic to exponential
- Exact answer is not guaranteed
- Convergence test is not completely foolproof
- Results are for one parameter only

Theoretical Framework

The use of asymptotic equivalences

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} < \infty \iff f(n) \in O(g(n))$$

$$0 < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} < \infty \iff f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} > 0 \iff f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$$

$$f(n) \sim j(n) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

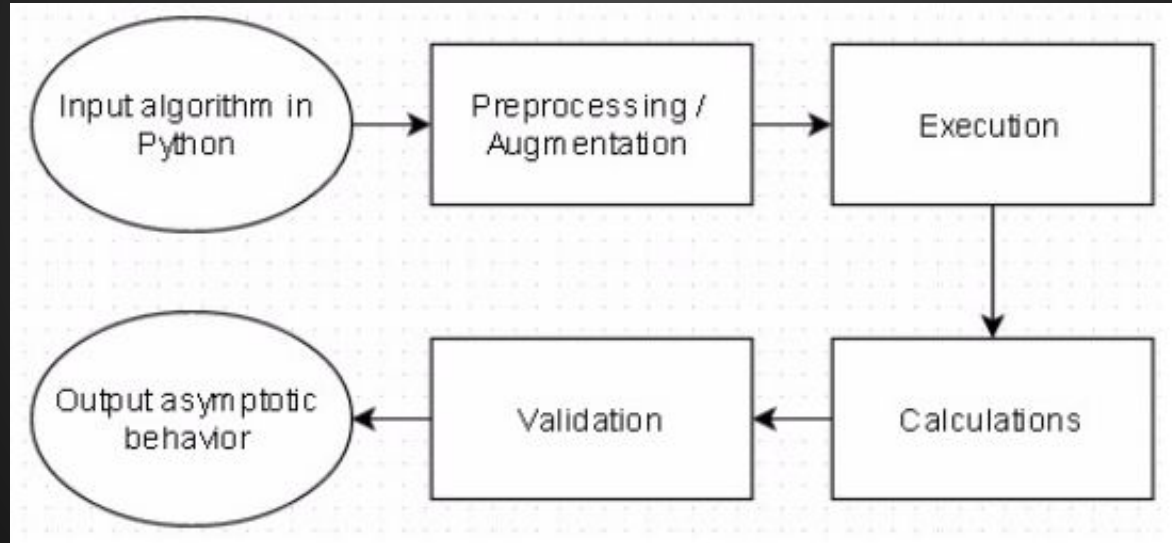
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or

$$\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 1 \right)$$

Overview of the Proposed System

Posteriori method that outputs asymp. behavior



Overview of the Proposed System

Input : Python file of the input algorithm

The Python file must contain:

- Function named “f” taking one parameter
 - “f” will be ran in experiments
- Every function called by “f”

Overview of the Proposed System

Sample input : File containing

```
def f(x):  
    if(x<=1):  
        return x  
    else:  
        return fun2(x, "hello world")
```

```
def fun2(x, str):  
    print str  
    return x/2.0
```

Overview of the Proposed System

Preprocessing : Augmentation of the input file

Inserting `freqCount+=1` for lines with:

- Condition Check
- Function call
- Assignment statement
- Return statement

Overview of the Proposed System

Sample augmentation : Resulting file

```
def f(x):  
    global freqCount  
    freqCount+=1  
    if(x<=1):  
        freqCount+=1  
        return x  
    else:  
        freqCount+=1  
        return fun2(x, "hello world")
```

```
def fun2(x, str):  
    global freqCount  
    freqCount+=1  
    print str  
    freqCount+=1  
    return x/2.0
```

Overview of the Proposed System

Execution : Broken down into five steps

- Running the augmented algorithm for a particular input size
- Storing freqCount measurements
- Setting freqCount variable back to 0
- Increment input size
- Repeat until input size = # of terms

Overview of the Proposed System

Sample execution : Resulting data

Input Size	Measured Frequency Count
0	2
1	2
2	4
3	4
4	4

Overview of the Proposed System

Calculation / Validation :

- Generating asymptotic behavior approx.
- Checking for discontinuities
- Determining the presence of $\log(n)$ growth
- Testing for asymptotic equivalence

Generating asymptotic behavior approximations

- Definition used:

$$\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 1\right)$$

- Important property (independent):

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (G_1(n)G_2(n)) = \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G_1(n)\right)\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G_2(n)\right)$$

- Generalized scope:

$$A^n \cdot n^B \cdot Cn \cdot \sqrt[D]{n} \cdot \log_E(n)$$

Generating asymptotic behavior approximations

- Generalized problem

$$a_n = \sum_{i=1}^m (e_i^n \cdot n^{p_i} \cdot c_i \ln(n, \text{hasLog}_i))$$

- Simplification (Asymptotics)

$$a_n \sim e_1^n n^{p_1} c_1 \ln(n, \text{hasLog}_1)$$

Generating asymptotic behavior approximations

- Algebraic Manipulation

$$a_x = e^x x^p c \ln(x)$$

$$\frac{a_x}{e^x x^p \ln(x)} = c = \frac{a_y}{e^y y^p \ln(y)}$$

Generating asymptotic behavior approximations

$$e = \exp(((\log(y) - \log(z))(\log(a_x) - \log(a_y) + \log(\ln(y)) - \log(\ln(x))) \\ - (\log(x) - \log(y))(\log(a_y) - \log(a_z) + \log(\ln(z)) - \log(\ln(y)))) \\ \div ((\log(x) - \log(y))(z - y) - (\log(y) - \log(z))(y - x)))$$

$$p = ((y - z)(\log(a_x) - \log(a_y) + \log(\ln(y)) - \log(\ln(x))) \\ - (x - y)(\log(a_y) - \log(a_z) + \log(\ln(z)) - \log(\ln(y)))) \\ \div ((x - y)(\log(z) - \log(y)) - (y - z)(\log(y) - \log(x)))$$

$$c = \exp(((z \log(y) - y \log(z))(y(\log(a_x) - \log(\ln(x))) - x(\log(a_y) - \log(\ln(y)))) \\ - (y \log(x) - x \log(y))(z(\log(a_y) - \log(\ln(y))) - y(\log(a_z) - \log(\ln(z))))) \\ \div ((y \log(x) - x \log(y))(y - z) - (z \log(y) - y \log(z))(x - y)))$$

Generating asymptotic behavior approximations

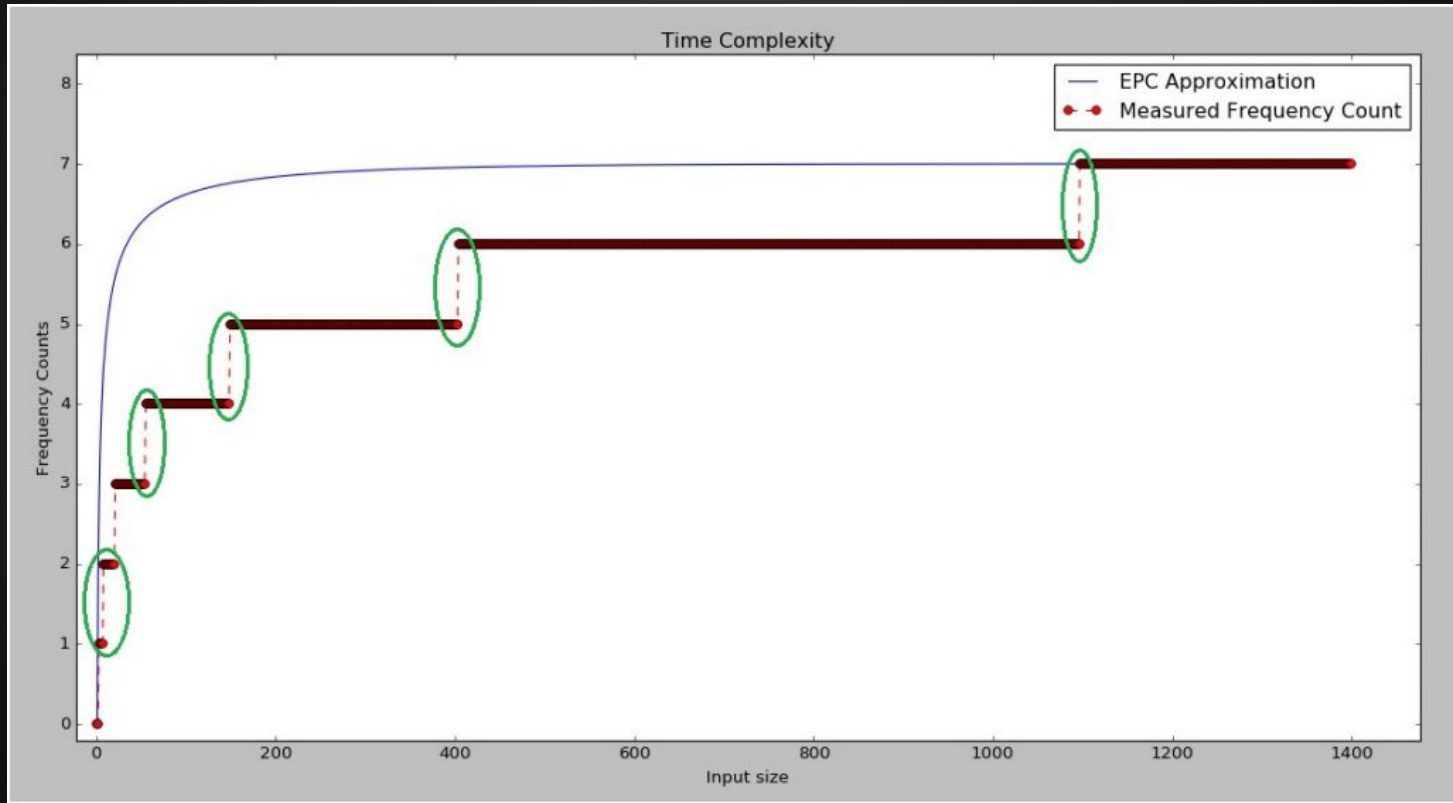
Fibo(n): Approximations

enl approx.	pnl approx.	cnl approx.
1.617985612880	0.000087558705	1.788130937000
1.618002889798	0.000581974821	1.786344173552
1.618014025129	0.000385854481	1.787167535114
1.618021191566	0.000255207181	1.787724293884
1.618025795809	0.000168424241	1.788099394179
1.618028749881	0.000110918751	1.788351311609
1.618030642550	0.000072905301	1.788519984327
1.618031853701	0.000047831281	1.788632610764
1.618032627815	0.000031326631	1.788707618224
1.618033122060	0.000020483501	1.788757452261
1.618033437292	0.000013372851	1.788790486382
1.618033638157	0.000008717831	1.788812337826

Actual Values

$$e_{Fibo} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.618033988750$$
$$p_{Fibo} = 0$$
$$c_{Fibo} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{5}} \approx 1.788854382000$$
$$hasLog_{Fibo} = False$$

Checking for Discontinuities



Checking for Discontinuities

e approx.	p approx.	c approx.
1.00001873366	-0.1634005580	0.113
1.00001871160	-0.1633764827	7595
1.00001868959	-0.1633524364	5880
1.00001866762	-0.1633284190	3931
1.00001864571	-0.1633044306	2821
255359922371	-185168.34922	1465E+482422
3.91618698635	185506.075128	7092E-483450
1.00001858023	-0.1632326382	3111
1.00001855850	-0.1632087648	9250
1.00001853681	-0.1631849200	3574
1.00001851517	-0.1631611038	8109
		75.47

Determining hasLog & Convergence

“Voting” heuristics

If $|a_n - e_{nl}^n * n^{p_{nl}} * c_{nl}| > |a_n - e^n * n^p * c \ln(n)|$

then “No Log” case gains 1 vote


If $|(n + 1) * (F_{n+2} - F_{n+1})| \leq |n * (F_{n+1} - F_n)|$

then “Converges” case gains 1 vote

System UI

Algorithm Analyzer Prototype

End Term

Input algorithm 

Input F(n)

*Alternative

Frequency Count Sequence

Removed Constants Sequence (k)

hasLog

hasLog %

L:NL ratio

enl approx.

pnl approx.

cnl approx.

Limit Ratio (Frequency Counts/EPC approx.)

e approx.

p approx.

c approx.

Converges

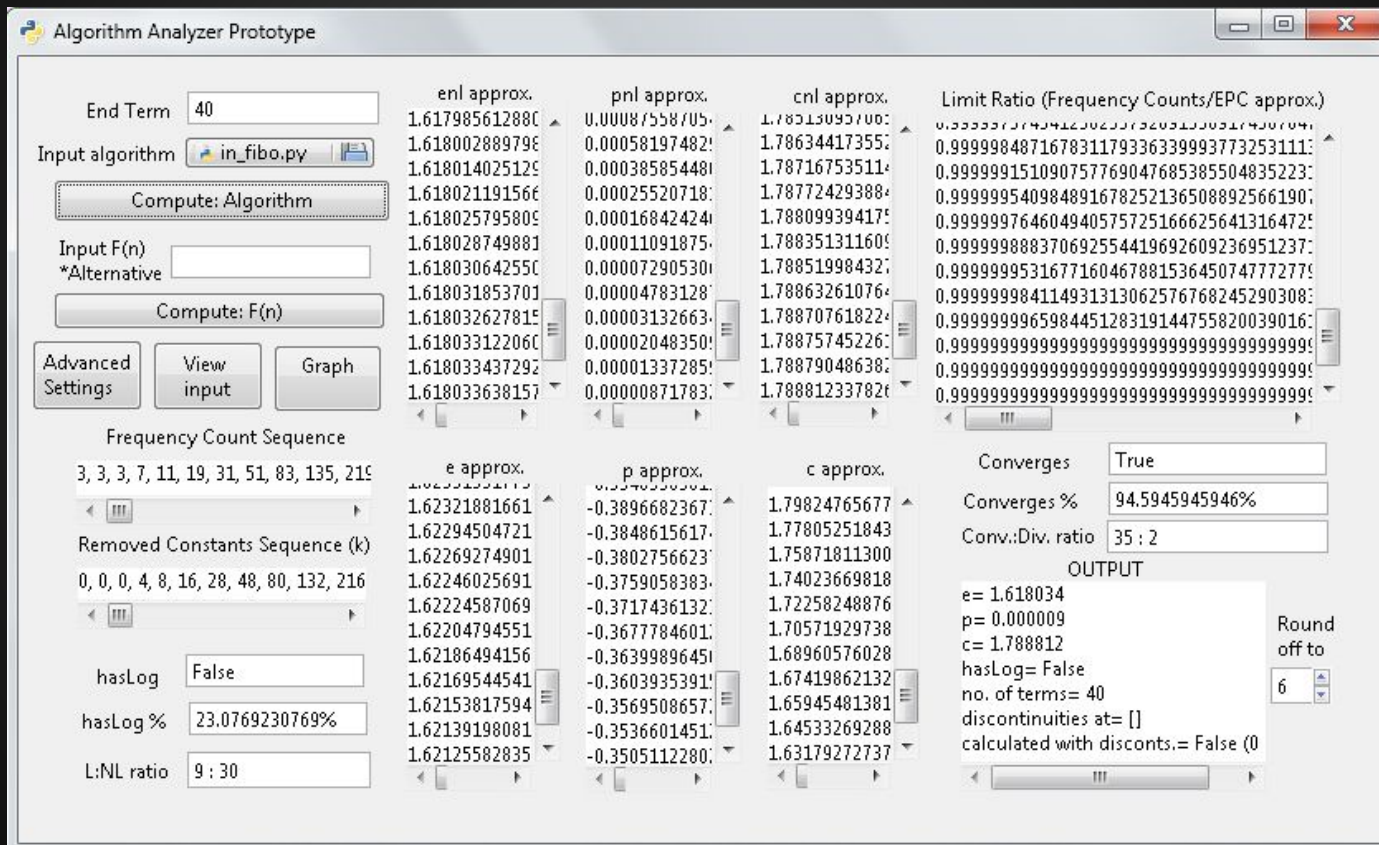
Converges %

Conv.:Div. ratio

OUTPUT

Round off to

System UI

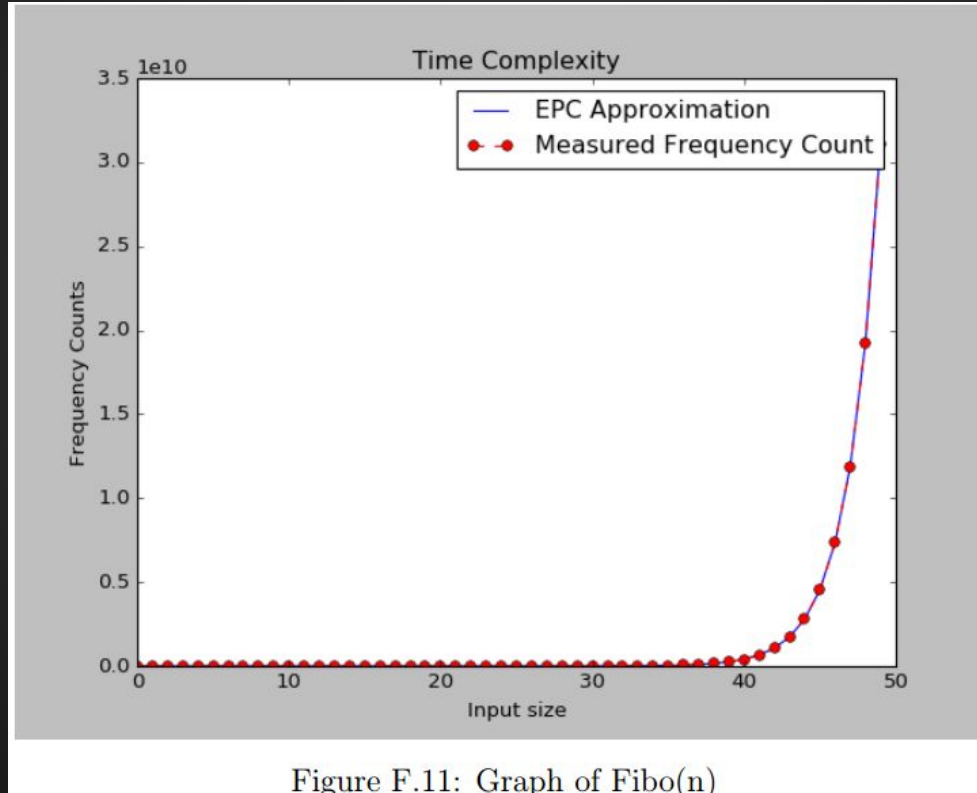


Expected vs Actual Results

```
def f(n):  
    if(n<=2):  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return f(n-1) + f(n-2)
```

Algorithm	Expected Algorithm Output	Actual Algorithm Output
Fibo(n)	e = 1.618034 p = 0 c = 1.788854 hasLog = False	e = 1.618034 p = 0.000000 c = 1.788854 hasLog = False (Using 50 terms)

Expected vs Actual Results

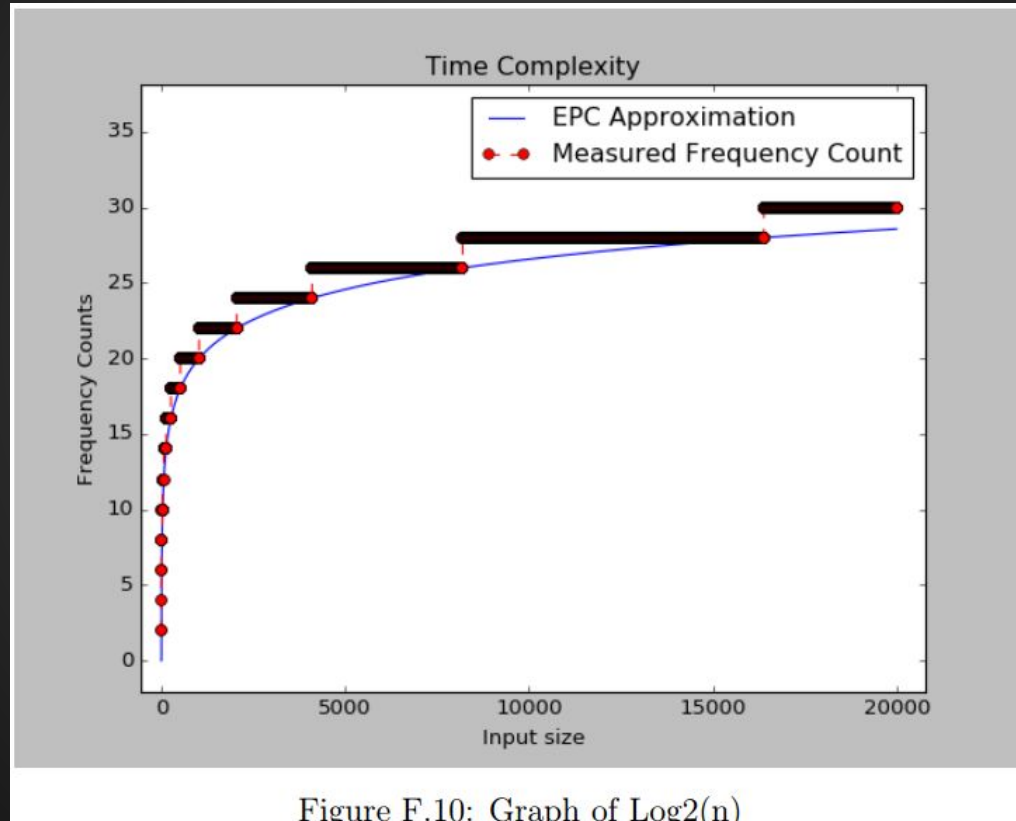


Expected vs Actual Results

```
def f(n):  
    if(n<=2):  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return 1+f(n/2.0)
```

Algorithm	Expected Algorithm Output	Actual Algorithm Output
Log2(n)	e = 1 p = 0 c = 2.885390 hasLog = True	e = 1.000000 p = 0.000035 c = 2.884487 hasLog = True (Using 20000 terms)

Expected vs Actual Results



Expected vs Actual Results

```
def f(n):  
    if n==0:  
        return 1  
    else:  
        for i in range(0, n):  
            f(n-1)
```


Algorithm	Expected Algorithm Output	Actual Algorithm Output
FactLike(n)	e = divergent p = divergent c = divergent hasLog = False	Converges = False (Using 30 terms)

Resulting Approximations

- Convergent Continuous Approximation

Algorithm Analyzer Prototype

End Term

Input algorithm 

Input F(n)

*Alternative


enl approx.	pnl approx.	cnl approx.
1.0000000008295	2.999987700730	2.0000000000000
1.0000000008269	2.999987731601	1.000078480250
1.0000000008244	2.999987756371	1.000078334153
1.0000000008219	2.999987781071	1.000078188473
1.0000000008195	2.999987805691	1.000078043208
1.0000000008170	2.999987830241	1.000077898357
1.0000000008145	2.999987854721	1.000077753919
1.0000000008121	2.999987879121	1.000077609893
1.0000000008096	2.999987903441	1.000077466273
1.0000000008072	2.999987927701	1.000077323062
1.0000000008048	2.999987951881	1.000077180257

Resulting Approximations

- **Convergent Discontinuous Approximation**

Algorithm Analyzer Prototype

End Term

Input algorithm 

Input F(n)

*Alternative ☐

The figure consists of three side-by-side plots, each showing the evolution of a different approximation over 10 iterations. The x-axis for all plots is labeled 'Iteration' and ranges from 0 to 10. The y-axis for all plots is labeled 'Approximation' and ranges from 0.0 to 1.5.


- e approx.:** The plot shows a constant value of 1.0 for all iterations from 0 to 10.
- p approx.:** The plot shows a constant value of 1.0 for all iterations from 0 to 10.
- c approx.:** The plot shows a constant value of approximately 1.44269504088 for all iterations from 0 to 10.

Resulting Approximations

- Divergent Approximation

Algorithm Analyzer Prototype

End Term

Input algorithm 

Input F(n)

*Alternative


enl approx.	pnl approx.	cnl approx.
2674.785405678	-903.497120300	7000201E+2030
2682.940263058	-986.497129340	5280461E+2098
2682.940263058	-986.497129340	5280461E+2098
2682.940263058	-986.497129340	5280461E+2098
2691.095120367	-989.497138039	1087389E+2106
2691.095120367	-989.497138039	1087389E+2106
2691.095120367	-989.497138039	1087389E+2106
2699.249977604	-992.497146685	1912500E+2113
2699.249977604	-992.497146685	1912500E+2113
2699.249977604	-992.497146685	1912500E+2113
2707.404834770	-995.497155280	1795188E+2121

Resulting Approximations

- Slowly Divergent Approximation (false positive)

Algorithm Analyzer Prototype

End Term

Input algorithm 

Input F(n)

*Alternative

e approx.	p approx.	c approx.
1.00000454860	-0.0744081264	0.46565474855
1.00000454437	-0.0744039429	0.46564326059
1.00000454015	-0.0743997623	0.46563177887
1.00000453593	-0.0743955846	0.46562030340
1.00000453173	-0.0743914098	0.46560883417
1.00000452753	-0.0743872378	0.46559737119
1.00000452334	-0.0743830687	0.46558591443
1.00000451915	-0.0743789025	0.46557446391
1.00000451497	-0.0743747392	0.46556301963
1.00000451080	-0.0743705788	0.46555158157

Questions & Answers

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Posteriori Sample - Profilers

1. Pre-Processing (Augmentation)
2. Processing (Running)
3. Post-Processing (Analysis)

main		935 ms (100%)	1
Main.main (String[])		935 ms (100%)	1
Main.parseNextTestCase ()		924 ms (98.9%)	2002
Main.buildStrings (boolean[], int)		393 ms (42.1%)	867266
Self time		283 ms (30.4%)	2002
Main.write (Object)		66.7 ms (7.1%)	17763
Main.writeln (Object)		62.4 ms (6.7%)	3998
Main.buildBits (int, int)		44.9 ms (4.8%)	4
Main.checkParams ()		40.1 ms (4.3%)	2001
Main.writeln ()		13.0 ms (1.4%)	837
Main.ready ()		7.94 ms (0.8%)	2002
Main.isAnagram ()		4.81 ms (0.5%)	2000
java.util.HashMap.get (Object)		3.41 ms (0.4%)	1999
java.lang.String.toCharArray ()		2.13 ms (0.2%)	4000
java.lang.Boolean.valueOf (boolean)		0.655 ms (0.1%)	2002
java.lang.Integer.valueOf (int)		0.419 ms (0%)	2003
java.lang.ClassLoader.loadClass (String)		0.135 ms (0%)	2
java.util.HashMap.put (Object, Object)		0.076 ms (0%)	6
java.lang.System.getSecurityManager ()		0.000 ms (0%)	2

Apriori Sample - Iterative Method

1. Expanding any iterations or recursions present
2. Finding a pattern or a series
3. Generalization of the pattern

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + n, T(0) = c$$

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

$$T(n) = T(n-3) + n-2 + n-1 + n$$

$$T(n) = T(n-i) + i*n - (0+1+2+\dots+i-1)$$

$$\therefore T(n) = c + n^2 - (n-1)*n / 2$$