

Ve203 Discrete Mathematics (Fall 2016)

Assignment 6: Recurrence and Combinatorics

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This assignment has a total of **(27 Marks)**.

Exercise 6.1

In this question, assume that f is an increasing function satisfying the recurrence relation $f(n) = af(n/b) + cn^d$ with $a \geq 1$, $b \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1\}$, $c, d \in \mathbb{R}_+$. Our goal is to prove the Master Theorem 2.3.19 of the lecture.

- i) Show that if $a = b^d$ and n is a power of b , then $f(n) = f(1)n^d + cn^d \log_b n$.

(2 Marks)

- ii) Show that if $a = b^d$, then $f(n) = O(n^d \log n)$.

(1 Mark)

- iii) Show that if $a \neq b^d$ and n is a power of b , then

$$f(n) = C_1 n^d + C_2 n^{\log_b a}, \quad C_1 = \frac{b^d c}{b^d - a}, \quad C_2 = f(1) + \frac{b^d c}{a - b^d}.$$

(2 Marks)

- iv) Show that if $a < b^d$, then $f(n) = O(n^d)$.

(1 Mark)

- v) Show that if $a > b^d$, then $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a})$.

(1 Mark)

Exercise 6.2

A recursive algorithm for modular exponentiation is given in Example 3 of Section 4.4, page 312 of the textbook.

- i) Set up a divide-and-conquer recurrence relation for the number of modular multiplications required to compute $a^n \bmod m$, where $a, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$.

(2 Marks)

- ii) Construct a big- O estimate for the number of modular multiplications required to compute $a^n \bmod m$.

(1 Mark)

Exercise 6.3

Prove that in a bit string, the string 01 occurs at most one more time than the string 10.

(2 Marks)

Exercise 6.4

Consider the scheme for counting fractions shown below and let

$$\varphi: \mathbb{N}^* \times \mathbb{N}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^*, \quad \varphi(p, q) = \frac{(p+q-1)(p+q-2)}{2} + p,$$

where $\mathbb{N}^* = \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$. The goal of this question is to prove that, in the scheme shown, traversing successive diagonals from top to bottom, the fraction p/q is indeed the $\varphi(p, q)$ th fraction encountered and that φ gives a bijection $\mathbb{N}^* \times \mathbb{N}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^*$.

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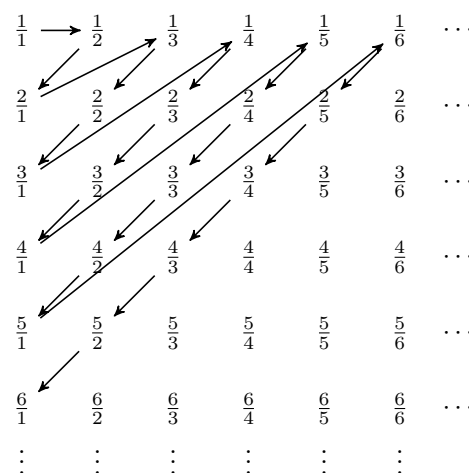
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Exercise 6.5

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Exercise 6.6

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Exercise 6.7

Use the Pigeonhole Principle or Theorem 2.4.21 of the lecture to prove the following theorem:

Let M, N be finite sets with $\text{card } M > \text{card } N$ and $f: M \rightarrow N$. Then f is not injective.

(2 Marks)