Lecture Notes on Data Structures

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Part I

Analysis

Data Structure

- An organization of data.
- Provides a way to implement operations as well as storage structures.



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Example 1

A subset of $U = \{0, 1, ..., 7\}$ can be stored in an array of eight integers. How can you perform set intersection and set union operations?

Set intersection $C = A \cap B$ can be performed by:

for(i=0; i < 8; i++)
$$C[i] = A[i] & B[i];$$

Set union $C = A \cup B$ can be performed by:

for(
$$i=0$$
; $i < 8$; $i++$) $C[i] = A[i] | B[i]$;



A subset of $U = \{0, 1, ..., 7\}$ can be stored in a single 8-bit integer. How can you perform set intersection and set union operations?

Set intersection $C = A \cap B$ can be performed by:

$$C = A \& B;$$

Set union $C = A \cup B$ can be performed by:

$$C = A \mid B;$$



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Example 3

How about subsets of $U = \{0, 1, \dots, 255\}$?

- Use 256-bit integers.
- Use arrays of 256 integers.
- Use arrays of eight 32-bit integers?

Example 4

You can store a subset of $U = \{0, 1, ..., 255\}$ in a variable-length array to consume less memory. How can you perform set intersection and set union operations?



Basic Data Types

- integer
- real
- character
- Boolean
- **.** . . .



Abstract Data Type

What if the basic data types are not enough? For example, 256-bit integers, complex numbers, sets, queues, stacks, trees, graphs, maps, hash tables, etc.

Create a new ADT.

- A specification of a set of values, and a set of operations that can be performed on those values.
- ADT does not specify how these operations are implemented. The specification is isolated from the implementation details. It can be implemented by a particular data structure of your choice.
- Encapsulation of values and operations.
- ADT is similar to Class, but there is no inheritance in ADT.



An ADT for complex numbers can be designed with two floating-point numbers.

- ualues: a pair of floats (r, i).
- operations: ADD, SUBTRACT, etc.

$$ADD: (r_1, i_1) \times (r_2, i_2) \rightarrow (r_1 + r_2, i_1 + i_2)$$

Operations may be implemented in different languages (e.g., Java or C). Many different implementations are possible (e.g., doubles instead of floats).



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Problem

- A specification of a desired *output* given some *input*.
- This is a good way of describing and/or understanding a problem.
- What do we do to solve a problem?
- Design a data structure and an algorithm.

Algorithm

- Method or process to follow to solve a problem.
- Expressed (in pseudo-codes) as a sequence of "simple steps" or "commands" (like a recipe).
- Implemented in a computer language like Java, C, C++, producing a program.



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Example 6

Problem: print the sum of integers 1, 2, ..., N.

- input: *N*
- output: $\sum_{i=1}^{N} i$

```
Sol 1:
    sum = 0;
    for(i=1; i <= N ;i++) sum += i;
    print sum;

Sol 2:
    sum = N * (N+1) / 2;
    print sum;</pre>
```

What happens if a negative integer is given as an input?



Print the Fibonacci numbers $f_0, f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_N$. Fibonacci numbers are:

```
f_0 = 0, f_1 = 1, f_i = f_{i-1} + f_{i-2} \ (i \ge 2).
```

- input: *N*
- output: $f_0, f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_N$

```
Sol 1:
    f[0] = 0;
    f[1] = 1;
    for(i=2; i <= N ; i++) f[i] = f[i-1] + f[i-2];
    print f[0], f[1], ..., f[N];

Sol 2:
    f = 0;
    g = 1;
    print f, g;
    for(i=2; i <= N ; i++) {
        if (i==even) { f += g; print f; }
        else { g += f; print g; }
    }
}</pre>
```



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Example 8

Multiply each of N integers (A[0:N-1]) by 80.

- input: A[0: N-1]
- output: $80 \times A[0:N-1]$

```
Sol 1:
   for(i=0; i < N ;i++) A[i] *= 80;

Sol 2:
   for(i=0; i < N ;i++) {
        A[i] = A[i] << 4;
        tmp = A[i];
        A[i] += tmp << 2;
   }</pre>
```



Algorithm Evaluation

- Time: number of operations performed. Also, need to consider the types of operations (e.g., multiplication vs. addition).
- Space



Algorithm Evaluation: How?

- Empirical evaluation: implement and test-drive an algorithm on a computer; measure the running time.
- Analysis: best case, worst case, average case.
 - lterative algorithms: a simple counting will do.
 - Recursive algorithms: a recurrence relation may be necessary.



Recursive Algorithms

- A recursive algorithm calls itself.
- Typically, consists of
 - o a few base cases, and
 - recursion for a few smaller problems.



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Example 9

Write a recursive algorithm that computes a factorial N!.

Algorithm 1

```
Fact(N):
   if (N <= 1) return 1;
   else return N * Fact(N-1);</pre>
```

Let T(n) be the cost of Fact(N) (i.e., the number of multiplications required to compute Fact(N)). Then, the recurrence relation for T(N) is:

$$T(1) = 0,$$

 $T(N) = 1 + T(N-1).$

What is the closed-form solution of T(N) in terms of N?



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Recurrence Relation

- Used to model the cost of recursive algorithms.
- To obtain a closed-form solution,
 - direct derivation by expanding,
 - mathematical induction.
- Knowing some summation techniques will help.



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Summation Techniques

Example 10

Show
$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} (2i-1) = N^2$$
, knowing $\sum_{i=1}^{N} i = N(N+1)/2$.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} (2i - 1) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N} i - \sum_{i=1}^{N} 1$$
$$= 2 \times \frac{N(N+1)}{2} - N$$
$$= N^{2}.$$



Remark 1 (Proof by Induction)

To prove f(n) is true for any integer $n \ge 1$, show that

- \bigcirc if f(k) is true for some $k \ge 1$, so is f(k+1).

Example 11

Prove $\sum_{i=1}^{N} (2i-1) = N^2$ by induction.

Base: if N = 1, then LHS = 1 and RHS = 1.

Induction: Assume $\sum_{i=1}^{k} (2i-1) = k^2$ for for $k \ge 1$. Then, show it is true that $\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (2i-1) = (k+1)^2$.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (2i-1) = (2(k+1)-1) + \sum_{i=1}^{k} (2i-1)$$
$$= (2k+1) + k^{2}$$
$$= (k+1)^{2}.$$



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Example 12

Derive the closed-form solution of $\sum_{i=1}^{N} i$.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} i = 1 + 2 + \dots + N,$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} i = N + (N-1) + \dots + 1.$$

By adding the both sides of the two equations,

$$2\sum_{i=1}^{N} i = \underbrace{(N+1) + (N+1) + \cdots + (N+1)}_{N \text{ times}}$$
$$= N(N+1).$$



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Derive the closed-form solution of $\sum_{i=1}^{N} i^2$ by perturbation.

Add the $(N+1)^{th}$ term to the summation of i^3 .

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} i^3 + (N+1)^3 = \sum_{i=0}^{N} (i+1)^3$$
$$= \sum_{i=0}^{N} i^3 + 3 \sum_{i=0}^{N} i^2 + 3 \sum_{i=0}^{N} i + \sum_{i=0}^{N} 1.$$

By canceling $\sum_{i=1}^{N} i^3$ and $\sum_{i=0}^{N} i^3$ from the both sides of the equation,

$$3\sum_{i=0}^{N} i^{2} = (N+1)^{3} - 3\sum_{i=0}^{N} i - \sum_{i=0}^{N} 1$$
$$= (N+1)^{3} - \frac{3N(N+1)}{2} - (N+1)$$
$$= \frac{N(N+1)(2N+1)}{2}.$$

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Example 14

Derive the closed-form solution of $\sum_{i=1}^{N} i$ by "Guess and Test" technique.

Since $\sum_{i=1}^{N} i \leq \sum_{i=1}^{N} N = N^2$, we can guess

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} i = aN^2 + bN + c$$

for some constants a, b and c. By substituting 1, 2, 3 for N,

$$1 = a+b+c.$$

$$3 = 4a + 2b + c,$$

$$6 = 9a + 3b + c.$$

Then, we obtain a = 1/2, b = 1/2 and c = 0.



Derive the closed-form solution of $\sum_{i=0}^{N} ar^{i}$ by "Shifting" technique.

Multiply by r.

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N} ar^{i} = a + ar + ar^{2} + \dots + ar^{N},$$

$$r \sum_{i=0}^{N} ar^{i} = ar + ar^{2} + \dots + ar^{N} + ar^{N+1}.$$

By subtracting the second equation from the first, side by side,

$$(1-r)\sum_{i=0}^{N}ar^{i} = a-ar^{N+1}.$$



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Example 16

Derive the closed-form solution of $\sum_{i=1}^{N} i2^{i}$ by "Shifting" technique.

Multiply by 2.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} i 2^{i} = 1 \cdot 2^{1} + 2 \cdot 2^{2} + 3 \cdot 2^{3} + \dots + n 2^{n},$$

$$2 \sum_{i=1}^{N} i 2^{i} = 1 \cdot 2^{2} + 2 \cdot 2^{3} + \dots + (n-1)2^{n} + n 2^{n+1}.$$

By subtracting the second equation from the first, side by side,

$$(-1)\sum_{i=1}^{N} i2^{i} = 1 \cdot 2^{1} + 1 \cdot 2^{2} + 1 \cdot 2^{3} + \dots + 1 \cdot 2^{n} - n2^{n+1}$$
$$= 2(2^{n} - 1) - n2^{n+1}.$$



As a rule of thumb, you can use

- the "Guess and Test" technique for summations with polynomials and
- the "Shifting" technique for summations with exponential functions.



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Recurrence Relations

Example 17

Derive the closed-form solution of the recurrence relation

$$T(1) = 0, T(n) = T(n-1) + 1 (n \ge 2).$$

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

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



Derive the closed-form solution of the recurrence relation

$$T(1) = 1$$
, $T(n) = T(n-1) + n$ $(n \ge 2)$.

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

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

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

$$\vdots$$

$$= T(1) + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$$

$$= 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n.$$



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Example 19

Derive the closed-form solution of a recurrence relation

$$T(2) = 1$$
, $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$ (n is a power of two ≥ 2).

Let $n = 2^k$. Then,

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$$

$$= 2(2T(n/2^{2}) + n/2) + n = 2^{2}T(n/2^{2}) + 2n$$

$$= 2^{2}(2T(n/2^{3}) + n/2^{2}) + 2n = 2^{3}T(n/2^{3}) + 3n$$

$$\vdots$$

$$= 2^{k-1}T(n/2^{k-1}) + (k-1)n$$

$$= 2^{k-1} + (k-1)n$$

$$= n/2 + (\log_{2} n - 1)n.$$



For the recurrence relation

$$T(2) = 1$$
, $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$ (n is a power of two ≥ 2),

Show that

$$T(n) \leq c_1 n \log n$$
 for $n \geq n_1$ and

$$T(n) \geq c_2 n \log n$$
 for $n \geq n_2$

where c_1, c_2, n_1 and n_2 are positive constants.

(HINT: Use
$$c_1 = 1, c_2 = 1/2, n_1 = 2$$
 and $n_2 = 2$.)



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First, to show $T(n) \le n \log n$ for $n \ge 2$,

Base: if n = 2, then LHS = 1 and RHS = 2.

Induction: if $T(k) \le k \log k$ for $k \ge 2$,

$$T(2k) = 2T(k) + 2k$$

 $\leq 2k \log k + 2k = 2k(\log k + 1) = 2k \log 2k.$

Second, to show $T(n) \ge (1/2)n \log n$ for $n \ge 2$,

Base: if n = 2, then LHS = 1 and RHS = 1.

Induction: if $T(k) \ge (1/2)k \log k$ for $k \ge 2$,

$$T(2k) = 2T(k) + 2k$$

 $\geq k \log k + 2k$
 $\geq k \log k + k = k(\log k + 1) = k \log 2k = (1/2)(2k) \log 2k.$



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Example 21 (Selection Sort)



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The total number of steps is

$$2(N-1) + 2\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} i + x + (N-1)$$

$$= 3(N-1) + N(N-1) + x$$

$$\leq (N-1)(N+3) + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} i \quad (\because x \leq \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} i))$$

$$= (N-1)(3N/2+3)$$

However, more accurate analysis would need to take into account the relative costs of the steps in the algorithm. Thus, the accurate cost would be

$$c_1(\mathit{N}-1) + c_2(\mathit{N}-1) + c_3 \sum_{i=1}^{\mathit{N}-1} i + c_4 \sum_{i=1}^{\mathit{N}-1} i + c_5 x + c_6(\mathit{N}-1)$$

for some constants c_1, \ldots, c_6 . But, then, we are not really concerned much about the constant factors, especially when the input size (N) becomes large.



Best, Worst, Average Cases

- Not all inputs of the same size take the same amount of time.
- Worst-case analysis is important for certain applications such as real-time systems and air-traffic control systems.
- Average-case analysis is the most desirable, but difficult to determine, particularly when the input does not follow the uniform distribution. Examples of non-uniform distributions are Gaussian (normal) distribution and Zipf distribution.



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Example 22 (Linear Search)

Find x in an array A[0:N-1]. Return its index if found, -1 otherwise.

```
for(i=0; i < N ;i++)
   if (A[i] == x) return i;
return -1;</pre>
```

Factors to consider:

- The values in A[] are mutually distinct? Value distribution?
- The search key x is always found in the array A[] or not?
 - Case 1 $N = 5, x = 1, A[] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ The total number of steps is 2×1 . [Best case]
 - Case 2 $N = 5, x = 1, A[] = \{5, 4, 3, 2, 1\}$ The total number of steps is 2×5 . [Worst case]
 - Case 3 $N = 5, x = 1, A[] = \{3, 2, 1, 4, 5\}$ The total number of steps is 2×3 .



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Problem 1

What is the average-case running time of the linear search? Assume the following: $Prob[x \notin A[0:n-1]] = \frac{1}{2}$, and $Prob[x = A[i]] = \frac{1}{2n}$.

Let k be how many times the condition A[i]==x is tested. Then,

$$k = 1 \times \frac{1}{2N} + 2 \times \frac{1}{2N} + \dots + N \times \frac{1}{2N} + N \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} (i \times \frac{1}{2N}) + N \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2N} \times \frac{N(N+1)}{2} + \frac{N}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3N+1}{4}$$



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Problem 2 (Rank by Counting)

Rank N integers in the increasing order.

input: A[0:N-1], an array of N mutually distinct integers, output: Rank[0:N-1], Rank[i] is the number of integers in A < A[i].

How many times is Rank[i]++ executed?

Consider the following cases.

- The values of A[0:N-1] are in sorted order,
- ② The values of A[0:N-1] are in inversely sorted order.

In which case will the ranking algorithm finish sooner?



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Asymptotic Analysis

In asymptotic analysis, we are interested in the properties of a function f(n) as n becomes very large (i.e., the limiting behavior).

- If $f(n) = n^2 + 3n$, then as n becomes very large, the term 3n becomes insignificant compared with n^2 .
- f(n) is said to be "asymptotically equivalent to n^2 , as $n \to \infty$."

In computer science, asymptotic analysis refers to the study of an algorithm as the input size gets big or reaches a limit.

- It attempts to estimate the resource consumption of an algorithm.
- It allows us to compare the relative costs of two or more algorithms for solving the same problem.



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Asymptotic Analysis: $\mathcal{O}/\Omega/\Theta$ -Notations

Definition 1

 $T(n) \in \mathcal{O}(f(n))$ iff $\exists c > 0, n_0 > 0$ such that $T(n) \leq cf(n)$ for $n > n_0$.

The implication is that for a large input data set $(n > n_0)$, the algorithm takes no more than cf(n) steps. That is, the big-oh notation provides an upper-bound of running time.



Using the Big-Oh Notation

For T(n) such that $T(n) \in \mathcal{O}(f(n))$,

- We can say "T(n) is $\mathcal{O}(f(n))$," "T(n) is big-oh of f(n)" or "T(n) is order of f(n)."
- Of course, it is also correct to say " $T(n) \in \mathcal{O}(f(n))$."
- It is considered poor taste to say " $T(n) \leq \mathcal{O}(f(n))$."
- If $f(n) g(n) \in \mathcal{O}(h(n))$, then we can say "f(n) is $g(n) + \mathcal{O}(h(n))$."

Another definition of $\mathcal{O}(f(n))$:

$$\mathcal{O}(f(n)) = \{g(n) \mid \exists c > 0, n_0 > 0 \text{ such that } g(n) \le cf(n) \text{ for } n > n_0\}$$



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Example 23

$$T(n)=3n^2$$
. Then, $T(n)\in\mathcal{O}(n^3)$, $T(n)\in\mathcal{O}(n^2)$, but $T(n)\notin\mathcal{O}(n)$.

 $T(n) \notin \mathcal{O}(n)$ because $\exists c > 0, n_0 > 0$ such that $T(n) = 3n^2 \le cn$ for all $n > n_0$.

Note that $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ is the tightest (i.e., best) upper-bound of T(n).

T(n) = 15n + 3. Show that $T(n) \in \mathcal{O}(n)$.

$$T(n) = 15n + 3 \le 16n$$
 for $n > 2$.

That is, $c = 16, n_0 = 2$ and f(n) = n.

Example 25

T(n) = 10. Show that $T(n) \in \mathcal{O}(1)$.



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Problem 3

What is the big-oh upper-bound of T(n) = log(n!) ?

$$T(n) = \log(n \times (n-1) \times (n-2) \dots 2 \times 1)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log i$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log n$$

$$= n \log n.$$

Thus, $T(n) \in \mathcal{O}(n \log n)$.



Definition 2

$$T(n) \in \Omega(f(n))$$
 iff $\exists c > 0, n_0 > 0$ such that $T(n) \ge cf(n)$ for $n > n_0$.

The big-omega notation provides a lower-bound of running time.

Example 26

$$T(n)=3n^2+4n$$
. Then, $T(n)\in\Omega(1)$, $T(n)\in\Omega(n)$, $T(n)\in\Omega(n^2)$, but $T(n)\notin\Omega(n^3)$.

Note that $\Omega(n^2)$ is the tightest (i.e., best) lower-bound of T(n).



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Definition 3

$$T(n) \in \Theta(f(n))$$
 iff $T(n) \in \mathcal{O}(f(n))$ and $T(n) \in \Omega(f(n))$.

Example 27

For an algorithm with a cost function T(n) such that

$$T(2) = 1$$
, $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$ $(n \ge 2)$,

show the algorithm is in $\Theta(n \log n)$. (HINT: See Example 19 and Example 20.)

- ① By expanding, $T(n) = n \log n n/2$. Thus, $T(n) \in \Theta(n \log n)$.
- ② By induction, $T(n) \le n \log n$ for n > 1. Thus, $T(n) \in \mathcal{O}(n \log n)$. By induction, $T(n) \ge \frac{1}{2} n \log n$ for n > 1. Thus, $T(n) \in \Omega(n \log n)$. Therefore, $T(n) \in \Theta(n \log n)$.



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Problem 4

What is the running time of the factorial algorithm given in Example 9 in the big-Oh notation?

(HINT: Since it is a recursive algorithm, establish a recurrence relation, and derive a closed-form formula.)



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Simplifying Rules

- If $T(n) \in \mathcal{O}(f(n))$ and $f(n) \in \mathcal{O}(g(n))$, then $T(n) \in \mathcal{O}(g(n))$.
- ② If $T(n) \in \mathcal{O}(kf(n))$ for a constant k, then $T(n) \in \mathcal{O}(f(n))$.
- If $T_1(n) \in \mathcal{O}(f_1(n))$ and $T_2(n) \in \mathcal{O}(f_2(n)),$ then $T_1(n) + T_2(n) \in \mathcal{O}(\max\{f_1(n), f_2(n)\}).$
- If $T_1(n) \in \mathcal{O}(f_1(n))$ and $T_2(n) \in \mathcal{O}(f_2(n))$, then $T_1(n) \times T_2(n) \in \mathcal{O}(f_1(n) \times f_2(n)).$

When do we use these rules?

We can write the similar set of rules for Ω and Θ notations by replacing \mathcal{O} with Ω or Θ .

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Question 1

If $T_1(n) \in \Omega(f_1(n))$ and $T_2(n) \in \Omega(f_2(n))$, then which is correct

$$T_1(n) + T_2(n) \in \Omega(\max\{f_1(n), f_2(n)\})$$
 or $T_1(n) + T_2(n) \in \Omega(\min\{f_1(n), f_2(n)\})$?

Both are correct, but max is a tighter lower-bound.



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Running Time of Program Segments

Example 28

What is the running time of the following code?

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$$
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What is the running time of the following code?

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{sum} = 0; \\ \text{for(i=0; i < n ; i++)} \\ \text{for(j=0; j <= i ; j++)} \\ \text{sum++;} \\ \text{for(k=0; k < n ; k++)} \\ \text{A[k] = sum;} \end{array} \right\} T_{1}(n) \in \Theta(n^{2})$$

$$T(n) = T_1(n) + T_2(n) \text{ and } T_1(n) \in \Theta(n^2), T_2(n) \in \Theta(n).$$

 $T(n) \in \Theta(\max\{n^2, n\}).$



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Example 30

What is the running time of the following code? Assume n is a power of 2.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{sum = 0;} \\ \text{for(i=1; i <= n ;i*=2)} \\ \text{for(j=1; j <= n ;j++)} \\ \text{sum++;} \end{array} \right\} \ T_2(n) \in \Theta(n) \\ \end{array} \} \ T_1(n) \in \Theta(\log n)$$

$$T(n) = T_1(n) \times T_2(n)$$
 and $T_1(n) \in \Theta(\log n)$, $T_2(n) \in \Theta(n)$.
 $\therefore T(n) \in \Theta(\log n \times n)$.

What is the running time of the following code? Assume n is a power of 2.

There is a dependency between the loops.

Assume
$$k = \log n$$
 (or $n = 2^k$). $T(n) = 1 + \log n + \sum_{m=0}^k 2^m + \sum_{m=0}^k 2^m$. Thus, $T(n) \in \Theta(n)$. (Recall $\sum_{m=0}^k 2^m \in \Theta(2^k)$.)



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Example 32

Matrix addition for $n \times m$ matrices A, B and C.

The running time is $T(n, m) \in \Theta(n \times m)$, and we cannot make it simpler because the variables n and m are independent.

Binary search: Find x in a sorted array A[0:N-1] (*i.e.*, A[i] < A[j] for i < j). Return its index if found, -1 otherwise.

```
low = 0; high = n-1;
while(low <= high) {
    mid = (low + high) / 2;
    if (A[mid] < x) low = mid + 1;
    else if (A[mid] > x) high = mid - 1;
    else return mid;
}
return -1;
```

Note that the search space (i.e., the subarray to look at) is cut in half after each iteration.

iteration. Case 1 $N=7, x=5, A[]=\{1,3,4,5,7,8,9\}$ The total number of loop iterations is 1. [Best case]

Case 2 $N = 7, x = 1, A[] = \{1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9\}$ The total number of loop iterations is 3. [Worst case]



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Problem 5

What is the average-case analysis of the binary search? Assume the following:

- \bullet $x \in A[0:n-1]$ (i.e., the key x is always in the array),
- $A[i] \neq A[j]$ for $i \neq j$ (i.e., no multiple occurrences),
- Operation $Prob[A[i] = x] = \frac{1}{n}$ (i.e., uniform distribution),
- $n = 2^k 1 = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 2^i$ (only for simpler math).

| the no. of loop iterations | the no. of positions in A[] | probability |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| performed until x is found | where x can be found | of the case |
| 1 | 1 | $\frac{1/n}{}$ |
| 2 | 2 | 2/n |
| 3 | 4 | 4/n |
| 4 | 8 | 8/ <i>n</i> |
| : | : | : |
| k | 2^{k-1} | $2^{k-1}/n$ |



The expected number of loop iterations is given by

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k} i \times \frac{2^{i-1}}{n} = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{k} i2^{i}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2n} \times ((k-1)2^{k+1} + 2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} ((\log (n+1) - 1)(n+1) + 1)$$

$$= \log (n+1) - 1 + \frac{\log (n+1)}{n}$$

$$\in \Theta(\log n)$$



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