Mathematics for Computer Science – 1

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What is Mathematics for Computer Science – 1?

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强调,我们关注编程与算法,即所谓的"computational(计算性)", 且以上专题将柔和在一起。

参考书.

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Wanted!

Reading, thinking and programming.



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本课程一种重要的思路.

Finding patterns. (寻找模式.)

Numbers.

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Questions!

计算机系统中的数学结构主要是什么?

Warm-up-1.

Simple Code:

```
unsigned char a = 255, b = 2;

a = a + b;

printf("a == \%d \n", a);
```

Warm-up-2.

Simple Code:

```
int n = 32; /*try different values here;*/
unsigned int val = 1; /*or try a different type here;*/
for(int i = 1; i <= n; i++)
{
    val = val * 2;
    printf("What you get is %u \n.", val);
}</pre>
```

Warm-up-3.

CSers 的计算方法.

请计算以下等式:

$$1 + 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^{10}$$

Numbers in Computer Systems.

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注意!

以下我们重点关注计算机系统中的加、减、乘、除.

Simple rules for addition and multiplication.

Well-known and useful rules of arithmetic:

- The last bit of an even(odd) number is 0(1);
- To multiply(divide) an unsigned integers by 2 is equivalent to shifting left(right) the number by 1 bit.

诡异的加法.

整数加法

```
//输入: 两个整数a和b
//输出: a与b的和
int add(int a, int b) {
    if (b == 0) return a;
    return add(a ^ b, (b & a) << 1);
}
```

理解加法.

要理解这个加法算法只需要地正确回答出以下三个问题:

- **①** a ∧ b 得到的是什么?
- ② (b&a) << 1 得到的是什么?
- ③ 该算法为什么会终止?

Naïve Multiplication.

```
# Input: two integers a and b, where a >= b.

# Output: the product of a and b.

def naive_multiply(a, b):

if b == 0:

return 0

return a + naive_multiply(a, b - 1)
```

Three key issues.

In general, three key issues should be considered when we encounter a new algorithm.

- Correctness(正确性). Is the algorithm correctly achieve the goal?
- **Efficiency**(效率、复杂度). How long does the algorithm take when it terminates?
- Optimization(优化). Can we provide a better method?

Rule of Multiplication.

考虑整数乘法,即如何计算 a*b。先递归地思考计算过程。

Rule of Multiplication.

$$a \cdot b = \begin{cases} 2(a \cdot \lfloor b/2 \rfloor) & \text{if } b \text{ is even;} \\ a + 2(a \cdot \lfloor b/2 \rfloor) & \text{if } b \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$
 (1)

形成算法如下:

```
# Input: two integers a and b.

# Output: the product of a and b.

def multiply(a, b):

if b == 0:

return 0

if is_even(b): # the last bit of b is 0;

return 2*multiply(a, b//2)

else: # b is odd

return 2*multiply(a, b//2) + a
```

如何得到一种迭代式的乘法算法?

Intuition.

For two n-bits integers a and b, view b as a binary number in position notation(位置记数法).

$$a \cdot b = a \cdot (b_{n-1}2^{n-1} + b_{n-2}2^{n-2} + \dots + b_12 + b_0)$$

= $b_{n-1}(a \cdot 2^{n-1}) + b_{n-2}(a \cdot 2^{n-2}) + \dots + b_1(a \cdot 2) + b_0a$

Observations: 1. Every term in the last equation has $2^{i}a$, which means we must continue to do a*=2

2. The bit b_i in every term plays as a flag, when $b_i == 1$, we must have res+=a;



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Return the result which is 30.

Analysis

- Correctness. Obviously...
- Efficiency. $O(n^2)$ bit operations.
- Optimization. To be or not to be...

Notice!

The multiplication is implemented NOT using multiplication!



练习题.

对比以下两种数列求积算法,说明并验证它们的效率。

```
def product1(X):
    res = 1
    for i in range(len(X)):
        res *= X[i]
    return res
```

Division Algorithm.

Theorem

(Division Algorithm) Given integers a and b, with b>0, there exist unique integers q and r, called quotient (商) and remainder (余数) respectively, such that

$$a = qb + r$$

where $0 \le r \le b$.

Geometric interpretation of division.

$$\xrightarrow{-b} 0 \quad b \quad 2b \quad \cdots \quad kb \quad q \\ r$$

Figure: Geometric interpretation of division.

Axiom.

一种常用公理。

Principle of Well-Ordering(良序原则).

Every nonempty subset of natural numbers contain a least element.

Proof of division theorem.

Proof.

The proof contains two parts: existence(存在性) and uniqueness(唯一性). Existence of q and r. Let

$$S = \{a - bk : k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } a - bk \ge 0\}.$$

It is easy to show that S is nonempty. By the Principle of Well-Ordering, there is a smallest member $r \in S$, and r = a - qb. Therefore, a = qb + r, $r \ge 0$. To show r < b is leaved as an exercise.

Uniqueness of q and r. This is an exercise.



Naive Division.

```
def naive_divide(a, b):
    q, r = 0, 0
    while(a >= b):
        a, q = a - b, q + 1
    r = a
    return q, r
```

Simple Division.

```
def divide(a, b):
        if(a == 0):
2
             return 0, 0
3
        q, r = Divide(a // 2, b)
4
        q, r = 2 * q, 2 * r
5
        if(a & 1): #if a is an odd number
6
             r = r + 1
7
        if(r >= b):
8
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        return q, r
10
```

Important remark.

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Multiplication is implemented by using addition and shift, and division is implemented by using subtraction and shift. Moreover, it is not about implementation, but is about thinking. We will see it later.

Some terms.

- **Divisibility.** Let a and b be integers, a is said to be divisible by b when a = qb for some integer q, we write $b \mid a$.
- Common divisor. An integer d is called a common divisor of a and b if d | a and d | b.
- **Greatest common divisor.** An integer d is the greatest common divisor(gcd) of a and b, if d is a common divisor of a and b, and for any other common divisor of a and b, says d', then $d' \mid d$.
- Relatively prime. If gcd(a, b) == 1, we say that a and b are relatively prime.



The Euclidean Algorithm.

Euclidean algorithm(gcd algorithm).

Given two positive integers a and b with $a \ge b$:

$$gcd(a, b) = gcd(b, a \mod b)$$

where $a \mod b$ means to divide a by b to get the remainder r.

The Euclidean Algorithm.

Example

Given
$$a=12345$$
 and $b=678$,
$$\gcd(12345,678)=\gcd(678,141)=\gcd(141,114)$$

$$=\gcd(114,27)=\gcd(27,6)=\gcd(6,3)=\gcd(3,0)$$
 Hence, $\gcd(12345,678)=3$.

The Euclidean Algorithm.

```
# Input: positive integers a and b, with a > b.

# Output: the greatest common divisor of a and b.

def gcd(a, b):

if(b == 0):

return a

else:

return gcd(b, a % b)
```

Correctness of The Euclidean Algorithm.

Correctness. It is enough to show a slightly simpler rule:

$$\gcd(a,b)=\gcd(a-b,b).$$

From this rule, we can repeatedly subtract b from a (recall the Naive division algorithm) and derive the final rule as follows:

$$\gcd(a,b) = \gcd(a-b,b) = \gcd((a-b)-b,b) = \cdots = \gcd(a \bmod b,b)$$

Correctness of The Euclidean Algorithm.

To show gcd(a, b) = gcd(a - b, b), we have two directions to prove.

- any integer that divides both a and b must also divides a b, thus $gcd(a, b) \le gcd(a b, b)$.
- any integer that divides both a-b and b must also divides a and b, thus $gcd(a-b,b) \leq gcd(a,b)$.

Efficiency of The Euclidean Algorithm.

Efficiency. To understand that the gcd algorithm is quite fast, we should be aware of the fact that $a \mod b$ is a substantial reduction. It is easy to check:

Lemma

If $a \ge b$, then $(a \mod b) < a/2$.

Hence, after two consecutive rounds, both a and b are at least halved in value, means the algorithm will terminate after $O(\log a)$ recursive calls.

Optimization of The Euclidean Algorithm.

Can we do better? The binary gcd algorithm, also known as Stein's algorithm, has the same function as the gcd algorithm. This algorithm avoids complex operations, such as division and multiplication; instead, it relies only on subtraction, and more efficient bit right shift and bit left shift operations. The analysis of binary gcd algorithm is an exercise.

Bézout's Theorem.

Theorem

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Proof of Bézout's Theorem- 提示 1.

Proof.

构造集合

$$S = \{am + bn : m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \perp am + bn > 0\}.$$

显然,集合 S 非空,根据良序原则,取其中最小值 d = ar + bs。然后证明两个属性: d 是 a 和 b 的公因子(提示: 除法算法!);如果存在 a 和 b 的公因子 d',则 d' | d。这样就证明了 $d = \gcd(a,b)$ 。

Proof of Bézout's Theorem- 提示 2.

Proof.

证明 d 整除 a。根据除法算法,记 a = dq + t', $0 \le t' < d$ 。证明 t' = 0。如果 t' > 0,则有:

$$r' = a - dq$$

$$= a - (ar + bs)q$$

$$= a(1 - qr) + b(-qs)$$

所以,l' 也落在集合 S 中,但是,这与 d 是集合 S 中最小元素 矛盾。因此,l' 只能是 0。同理,可证 d 整除 b。请读者完成余下细节,留作练习。

Bézout 定理的证明还显示这样一个重要的事实:

gcd(a, b) 等于 a 和 b 所有线性组合值的最小值。

记住这个事实,它可经常帮助我们解题。比如,我们立即可得以下推论。

Corollary

整数 a 和 b 互素当且仅当存在整数 r 和 s 使得 ar + bs = 1。

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假设 $p \nmid a$, 证明 $p \mid b$ 。因为 $p \nmid a$ 且 p 是素数,则 gcd(a, p) = 1,即存在 $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$ 使得 ar + ps = 1。因此,

$$b = b(ar + ps) = abr + pbs.$$

既然 $p \mid ab$, 那么 p 同时整除 abr 和 pbs, 则 p 必然整除 b.



Corollary

设 $a, b, n \in \mathbb{Z}$, n > 0。 如果 $n \mid ab \perp \gcd(a, n) = 1$,则 $n \mid b$.

Proof.

使用以上类似的方法, 易得, 留作练习。



The extended Euclidean algorithm.

The extended Euclidean algorithm(egcd-algorithm) is a simple extension of the Euclidean algorithm. Given two nonzero integers a and b, it efficiently computes the Bézout coefficients r and s, and plays an important role in modular arithmetic.

Example

Given a = 19, b = 13, to find r and s, s.t. ar + bs = gcd(19, 13).

$$a \cdot 1 + b \cdot 0 = 19 \tag{2}$$

$$a \cdot 0 + b \cdot 1 = 13 \tag{3}$$

$$a \cdot 1 + b \cdot (-1) = 6 \tag{4}$$

$$a \cdot (-2) + b \cdot 3 = 1 \tag{5}$$

Finally, we have r = -2, s = 3 and d = 1, which is the answer.



Recapitulate the process.

- Write out two obviously true linear equations.;
- Repeatedly subtract some integer multiple of one equation from the other, until one of the equation's right side achieves gcd(a, b).

Two Observations.

At least two facts should be noticed

- The iterations of the right side of the aforemention equations do the same job of gcd algorithm.
- The *a* and *b* are just place holders, they do not involve in the computation, we can safely get rid of them in the equations.

Example

Given a = 13, b = 9, to find r and s, s.t. $ar + bs = \gcd(13, 9)$. We write out a matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 13 \\ 0 & 1 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

If we subtract row 2 from row 1, we get a new matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 9 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$



Example

Then we subtract 2 multiple of row 2 from row 1, we get:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 4 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Finally, we have r = -2, s = 3 and d = 1, which is the answer.

From the perspective of matrix, the process starts with a matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & b \end{pmatrix}$$

which satisfies

$$M\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

By repeatedly subtracting a multiple of one row of M from the other row or exchanging the two rows, finally we obtain a matrix M'

$$M' = \begin{pmatrix} r & s & d \\ R & S & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



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satisfies

$$\mathcal{M}'\begin{pmatrix} a\\b\\-1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\0 \end{pmatrix}$$

That means ar + bs = d.



The extended Euclidean algorithm is essentially the process to calculate Bézout coefficients we described above.

```
# Input: integers a and b, with a > b.
   \# Output: d=\gcd(a,b), and
   # r and s s.t. d = a*r + b*s
   def egcd(a, b):
        r0, r1, s0, s1 = 1, 0, 0, 1
       while(b):
6
            q, a, b = a//b, b, a%b
7
            r0, r1 = r1, r0 - q*r1
            s0, s1 = s1, s0 - q*s1
9
        return a, r0, s0
10
```

Analysis of The Extended Euclidean Algorithm.

- Correctness: it is easy.
- Efficiency: it is trivial.
- Optimization: binary-egcd.

Concluding Remarks.

- The content is easy, but is not trivial.
- Algorithms should be focused by CSers.
- Useful tools should be mastered.

Happy ending.

- Any questions?
- Feedback will be welcomed : lbwang@gmail.com.
- Thanks!