Algorithms & Data Structures I Week 15 Lecture Note

Notebook: Algorithms & Data Structures I

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Topic:

Recursion, Part 1

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Essential Question:

What is recursion?

Questions/Cues:

- What is decrease and conquer?
- What is the recursive pseudocode for classic recursive problem of Fibonacci numbers?
- How can the Euclidean or GCD algorithm be written recursively?
- How can we implement the Linear Search Algorithm recursively?
- How do we implement Bubble Sort recursively?
- How do we implement Insertion Sort recursively?
- How do store the permutations of ABC recursively?

Notes

• Decrease and conquer = for a general problem, we can start with an algorithm to solve a particular simpler instance of this problem for a particular input. Then for arbitrary inputs to the problem, we reduce our problem to the already solved simpler instance; recursion is what we use to do the reduction. We applying the algorithm within itself until we get down to the simpler instance or base case.

$$n! = n \times (n-1) \times (n-2) \times \ldots \times 2 \times 1$$

function Factorial(n)

if n = 0 then return 1

end if

return $n \times \text{Factorial(n-1)}$

end function

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$$

function Fibonacci(n)

if $n \le 2$ then return 1

end if

 $\mathbf{return} \quad Fibonacci(n-1) + \quad Fibonacci(n-2)$

end function

[•] A recursive function calls itself inside its body

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function GreatestCommonDivisor(a, b)
   if a = b then
       return a
    else if a > b then
       return GreatestCommonDivisor(a - b, b)
    else
       return GreatestCommonDivisor(a, b - a)
    end if
end function
    a = g \times x
    b = g \times y
    a - b = g \times (x - y)
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function Search(v, l, item)

 $n \leftarrow \text{LENGTH}[v]$

if l > n then

return FALSE

else if v[l] = item then return TRUE

end if

return Search(v, l + 1, item)

end function

function LinearSearch(v, item) return Search(v, 1, item) end function

$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{function} \ & \mathrm{Swap}(vector, i, j) \\ & x \leftarrow vector[j] \\ & vector[j] \leftarrow vector[i] \\ & vector[i] \leftarrow x \end{aligned}$

return vector

end function

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function Sort(vector, r)
      if r \le 1 then
           return vector
      end if
      for 1 \le j \le r - 1 do
           if vector[j+1] < vector[j] then
                 Swap(vector, j, j + 1)
           end if
      end for
      Sort(vector, r-1)
      return vector
end function
function BubbleSort(vector)
      n \leftarrow \text{LENGTH}[vector]
      return Sort(vector, n)
end function
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function Shift(vector, i, j)
       if i \leq j then
              return vector
       end if
       store \leftarrow vector[i]
       for 0 \le k \le (i - j - 1) do
              vector[i-k] \leftarrow vector[i-k-1]
       end for
       vector[j] \leftarrow store
       return vector
 end function
function Sort(vector, r)
      if r \le 1 then
           return vector
      end if
      Sort(vector, r-1)
      j \leftarrow r \quad i \leftarrow r
     while (vector[i] < vector[j-1]) \land (j > 1) do
           j \leftarrow j - 1
     end while
     Shift(vector, i, j)
     return vector
end function
function InsertionSort(vector)
      n \leftarrow \text{LENGTH}[vector]
      return Sort(vector, n)
end function
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function Permutations(vector)
   if LENGTH[vector] \leq 1 then
        return vector as a dynamic array
    end if
   new DynamicArray s
   for 1 \le i \le \text{LENGTH}[vector] do
       new Vector v(\text{LENGTH}[vector] - 1)
        v[1:i-1] \leftarrow vector[1:i-1]
        v[i : \text{LENGTH}[vector] - 1] \leftarrow vector[i + 1 : \text{LENGTH}[vector]]
        new DynamicArray w \leftarrow \text{Permutations}(v)
       new Vector p(LENGTH[vector])
        p[1] \leftarrow vector[i]
       for 1 \le j \le \text{LENGTH}[w] do
             p[2: LENGTH[vector]] \leftarrow w[j]
             s[\text{LENGTH}[s] + 1] \leftarrow p
       end for
   end for
   return s
end function
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Summary

In this week, we learned about decrease and conquer recursion.