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# COMP90038 Algorithms and Complexity SM2, 2018

## Assignment 1

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### 1 PROBLEM ONE

A Clearly this algorithm searches in an array for a value which equals to its index, like  $A[9]=9$ .

B The algorithm firstly examines whether  $A[lo] > lo$  or  $A[hi] < hi$ . If so, it means all values are bigger or smaller than their indexes, and in this situation the algorithm will return -1, indicating there is no possibility in the input array that  $\exists i \in \mathbb{N}^+, s.t. A[i] = i$ . If the input array satisfy this condition, then the algorithm will use  $hi$  and  $lo$  to compute  $mid$  and check whether  $A[mid] = mid$ . If so, return  $mid$ ; if not, the algorithm will split the array into two halves and if  $A[mid]$  is bigger than  $mid$  the algorithm will continuing its search in the lower half, otherwise it will search in the higher half of the input array and recursively call the function itself.

However, to make this algorithm work fine, the input array must only have on value that equals to its key, and there should be no duplicates. If it has many values that they all equal to their keys repectively, the algorithm will only find one. If the input array have duplicates there is a chance that there will be a  $A[lo]>lo$  or  $A[hi]<hi$  situation, which won't pass the first if-clause in the algorithm.

### 2 PROBLEM TWO

See Algorithm 1.

### 3 PROBLEM THREE

A From Figure 3.1, which is a "state tree" that in this tree a path starts from node "start" (but not include node start) and ends at a node that in the binary tree's bottom indicates a possible collections of booleans that could satisfy the formula. For example, the array  $A = [true, false, false]$  in the question can be converted to a path starts from node 1, then go to node 4 and ends at node 10. So we can tell that for the worst case scenario of the algorithm stated in the question, we need to traverse all the paths in the state tree. The time complexity of binary tree traversal is  $O(n + n - 1) = O(n)$ , where  $n$  is the number of nodes in the binary tree. If we let  $n = \text{number of elements in array } A$ , then the total number of nodes in the binary tree is  $1 + \sum_{i=0}^n 2 \cdot 2^i = 2^{n+2} - 1$ . So the worst case time complexity is  $O(2^{n+2} - 1) = O(2^n)$

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**Algorithm 1** Count the number of occurrences of a certain integer  $x$  in an array  $A[]$

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**Require:** Array  $A[]$ , Length of the array  $n$ , Integer  $x$

**Ensure:** Number of occurrence of integer  $x$

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1: function NUMBERCOUNT( $A[], x, n$ )
2:    $firstApperence \leftarrow \text{FIRSTOCCURRENCESEARCH}(A[], 0, n-1, x, n)$ 
3:   if  $firstApperence = -1$  then
4:     return  $firstApperence$ 
5:   end if
6:    $lastApperence \leftarrow \text{LASTOCCURRENCESEARCH}(A[], firstApperence, n-1, x, n)$ 
7:   return  $lastApperence - firstApperence + 1$ 
8: end function
9:
10: function FIRSTOCCURRENCESEARCH( $A[], low, high, x, n$ )
11:   if  $high \geq low$  then
12:      $mid \leftarrow (low + high) // 2$  ▷ "//" means integer division
13:   end if
14:   if  $\{mid = 0 \text{ OR } x > A[mid-1]\} \text{ AND } \{A[mid] = x\}$  then
15:     return  $mid$ 
16:   else
17:     if  $x > A[mid]$  then
18:       return  $\text{FIRSTOCCURRENCESEARCH}(A[], mid+1, high, x, n)$ 
19:     else
20:       return  $\text{FIRSTOCCURRENCESEARCH}(A[], low, mid-1, x, n)$ 
21:     end if
22:   end if
23:   return -1
24: end function
25:
26: function LASTOCCURRENCESEARCH( $A[], low, high, x, n$ )
27:   if  $high \geq low$  then
28:      $mid \leftarrow (low + high) // 2$  ▷ "//" means integer division
29:   end if
30:   if  $\{mid = n-1 \text{ OR } x < A[mid-1]\} \text{ AND } \{A[mid] = x\}$  then
31:     return  $mid$ 
32:   else
33:     if  $x < A[mid]$  then
34:       return  $\text{LASTOCCURRENCESEARCH}(A[], low, mid-1, x, n)$ 
35:     else
36:       return  $\text{LASTOCCURRENCESEARCH}(A[], mid+1, high, x, n)$ 
37:     end if
38:   end if
39:   return -1
40: end function
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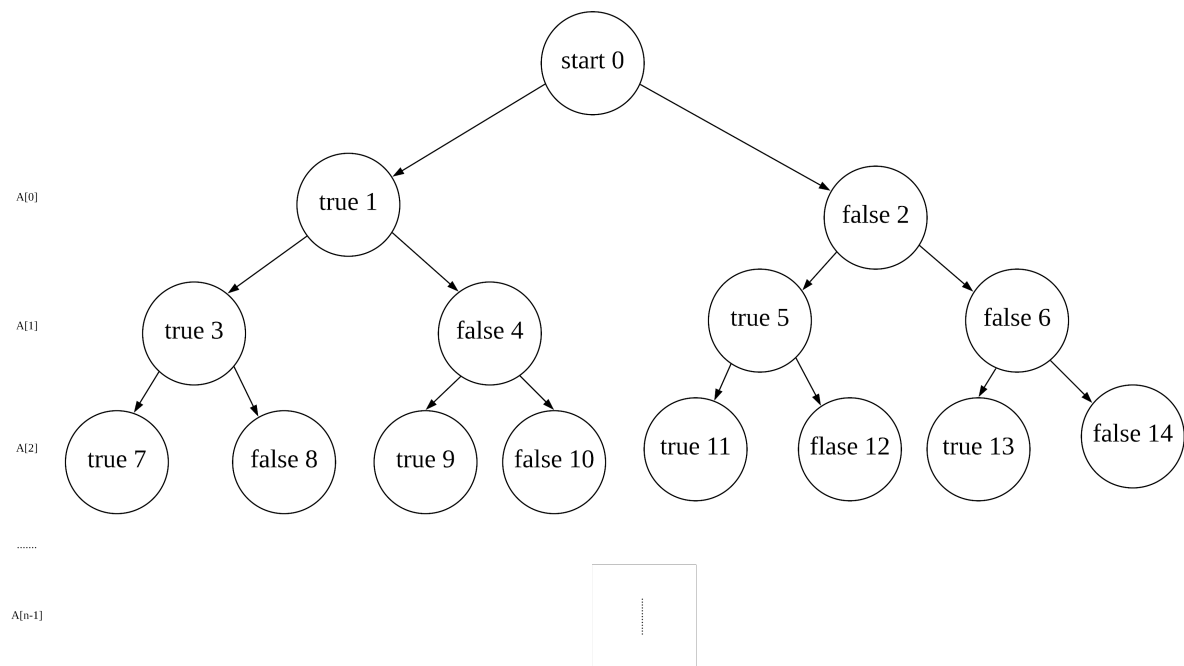


Figure 3.1: State Tree

B From paragraph A, we can easily see that:

$$C(1) = 2 \quad (3.1)$$

$$C(n) = 2C(n-1) \quad (3.2)$$

Then we can have that:

$$\begin{aligned}
 C(n) &= 2C(n-1) \\
 &= 2(2C(n-2)) \\
 &= \dots \\
 &= 2^{n-1}C(1) \\
 &= 2^n
 \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

So the time complexity is  $\Theta(2^n)$ .

## 4 PROBLEM FOUR

A See Algorithm 2.

B See Algorithm 3.

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**Algorithm 2** Follow a given route linked list to move to the destination and then go back.

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**Require:** head of the linked list of route

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1: function GOANDBACK(head)
2:    $p \leftarrow head$                                 ▷ Starting from the home base
3:   goBack  $\leftarrow$  empty stack
4:   while  $p$  is not null do
5:     MOVE( $p.val$ )
6:     goBack.push( $p.val$ )                             ▷ Push the current position to the stack
7:      $p \leftarrow p.next$ 
8:   end while
9:   hashBack  $\leftarrow$  { "N":"S", "E":"W", "S":"N", "W":"E" }    ▷ This is a hash table that stores the opposite
    directions, like a dictionary in Python, eg: hashBack("N")="S".
10:  while goBack is not null do
11:    MOVE(hashBack(goBack.pop)) ▷ Pop the top element of the stack, use the hash table to find its
    opposite direction, and call the Move function
12:  end while
13: end function
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**Algorithm 3** Use BFS to search the shortest route from home base to goal

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**Require:** Graph adjacency matrix  $A[\cdot, \cdot]$ , start, goal

**Ensure:** Route list

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1: function SHORTESTPATH( $A[\cdot, \cdot]$ ,  $start$ ,  $goal$ )
2:    $pathOfNodes \leftarrow \text{BFSPATHS}(start)$ 
3:    $reverseRoute \leftarrow$  empty list []
4:    $currentVortex \leftarrow goal$ 
5:   while  $pathOfNodes[currentVortex] \neq -1$  do
6:      $reverseRoute.append(currentVortex)$ 
7:      $currentVortex \leftarrow pathOfNodes[currentVortex]$ 
8:   end while
9:    $routeList \leftarrow$  empty list []
10:   $j \leftarrow reverseRoute.length$ 
11:  while  $j \geq 1$  do  $routeList.append(A[reverseRoute[j], reverseRoute[j - 1]])$ 
12:  end while
13:   $routeLinkedList \leftarrow$  empty linked list with head  $q$  and length is the same as  $routeList$ 
14:  for  $k = 0; k < routeList.length; k++$  do
15:     $q.value \leftarrow routeList[k]$ 
16:     $q \leftarrow q.next$ 
17:  end for
18:  return  $routeLinkedList$ 
19: end function
20:
21: function BFSPATHS( $start$ )
22:  for each vortex  $v$  do
23:     $flag[v] \leftarrow false$ 
24:     $pathList[v] \leftarrow -1$   $\triangleright$  Maintain a list that records what is the previous node of a node in the BFS
    searching path
25:  end for
26:   $Q \leftarrow$  empty queue
27:   $flag[start] \leftarrow true$ 
28:  ENQUEUE( $Q, start$ )
29:  while  $Q$  is not empty do
30:     $v \leftarrow \text{DEQUEUE}(Q)$ 
31:    for each  $w$  adjacent to  $v$  do
32:      if  $flag[w] = true$  then
33:         $flag[w] \leftarrow true$ 
34:         $pathList[w] \leftarrow v$ 
35:        ENQUEUE( $Q, w$ )
36:      end if
37:    end for
38:  end while
39:  return  $pathList$ 
40: end function
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