

CS211: Algorithms & Data structures

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Assignment 2 Solution

1. Calculate the total number of primitive operations executed for the following algorithm?

Algorithm 1: GCD

Input: Two integer numbers a and b
Output: gcd
1: $m \leftarrow$ The minimum number of a and b .
2: $gcd \leftarrow 0$
3: $i \leftarrow 2$
4: **while** $(i \leq m)$ **do**
5: **if** $a \bmod i = 0$ and $b \bmod i = 0$ **then**
6: $gcd \leftarrow i$
7: **end if**
8: $i \leftarrow i + 1$
9: **end while**
10: **return** gcd

In order to estimate the running time, we will consider that the process of calculating the minimum of a or b in line 1 may take constant time c .

$$\mathbf{T(n)} = c + 1 + 1 + (n - 1) + 5 * (n - 2) + (n - 2) + 2 * (n - 1) = \mathbf{9n-5+c}$$

To estimate the process of selecting the minimum of two given numbers, here we include the process of selecting minimum inside the algorithm

Algorithm 2: GCD

Input: Two integer numbers a and b
Output: gcd

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1: if  $a < b$  then
2:    $m \leftarrow a$ 
3: else
4:    $m \leftarrow b$ 
5: end if
6:  $gcd \leftarrow 0$ 
7:  $i \leftarrow 2$ 
8: while  $(i \leq m)$  do
9:   if  $a \bmod i = 0$  and  $b \bmod i = 0$  then
10:     $gcd \leftarrow i$ 
11:   end if
12:    $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
13: end while
14: return  $gcd$ 

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The process of calculating the minimum of a or b may here is 3.

$$\mathbf{T(n)} = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + (n - 1) + 5 * (n - 2) + (n - 2) + 2 * (n - 1) = \mathbf{9n-3}$$