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Assignment 1 – Coding and Complexity

Problem 2: Algorithm for Common Substring (pseudocode)

Algorithm LongestCommonSubstring (text1, text2) {

 First convert text1 and text2 to character arrays A and B

 Initialize: longestLengthSub = "" to store longest common substring

 Next, iterate over every starting position, called i, in A

 for i from 0 to A.length - 1

 for j from i to A.length - 1

 length = j - i + 1

 Next check if this substring is found in B

 For q from 0 to B.length - length

 match = true

 for r from 0 to length - 1

 If A[i + r] != B[q + r]

 match = false

 break

 If match == true

 If length > longestLengthSub.length

 longest = substring of A from i to j

 Break

Return longest

Problem 6: Algorithm Analysis

Problem 1:

- Time Complexity is $O(2^{(m+n)})$ where m is the length of the first string and n is the length of the second input string, because the algorithm branches off into two more calls when the base case is not met.
- Space Complexity is $O(m+n)$, where m and n are the lengths of the two input strings, because we are storing two input arrays.
- Big- $\Omega = \Omega(m+n)$ in the best case, where m and n are the lengths of the two input strings. When all characters match, we only make one recursive call per character.

Problem 2:

- Time Complexity is $O(n^3)$ where n is the length of the first string and m is the length of the second string, because there are three nested loops that check every substring of the first against all spots in string m .
- Space Complexity is $O(n+m)$, where n is the length of the first string, and m is the length of the second string, because the solution iterates over all of the elements one time and stores both arrays.
- Big- $\Omega = \Omega(n^2)$ in the best case where n is the length of the first string, because a match is found immediately.

Problem 3:

- Time Complexity is $O(n)$, where n is the size of the array, because the loop iterates $n-2$ times, doing constant-time operations each time.
- Space Complexity is $O(n)$, where n is the size of the array, because an array size of n stores the sequence of terms.
- Big- $\Omega = \Omega(n)$ where n is the size of the array, because in the best case, it still creates and stores all n elements, no matter what they are.

Problem 4:

- Time Complexity is $O(n)$ where n is the size of the array because the NotFibonacci method takes $O(n)$ and binary search takes $O(\log n)$, and n is higher order than $\log n$.
- Space Complexity is $O(n)$, where n is the size of the array, because the algorithm stores all n elements of the array.
- Big- $\Omega = \Omega(n)$ where n is the size of the array, because the algorithm creates all n elements before doing the search.

Problem 5:

- Time Complexity is $O(n)$ where n is the size of the array because each element is iterated through at least one time.
- Space Complexity is $O(1)$, where n is the size of the array, because there are a constant number of variables, and the array is modified in-place.
- Big- $\Omega = \Omega(n)$, where n is the size of the array, because all elements in it must be looked at least once to see if it will remain.

EC:

The screenshot shows a LeetCode submission for the "Remove Element" problem. The submission is accepted, with 116 / 116 testcases passed. The user is sarahaahmed, who submitted the solution on Jan 22, 2026, at 19:57. The runtime is 0 ms, which beats 100.00% of other submissions. The memory usage is 43.70 MB, which beats 15.01% of other submissions. The code is in Java and uses a two-pointer approach to remove the element 'val' from the array 'nums' in-place.

Runtime: 0 ms | Beats 100.00%
Memory: 43.70 MB | Beats 15.01%

Code:

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1 class Solution {
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3     public int removeElement(int[] nums, int val) {
4         int k = 0;
5         for (int i = 0; i < nums.length; i++) {
6             if (nums[i] != val) {
7                 nums[k] = nums[i];
8                 k++;
9             }
10        }
11        return k;
12    }
13 }
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Testcase:

Case 1: nums = [3, 2, 2, 3], val = 3