

DMA Week Task 5

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1 Part 1

1.1 (1)

$$\begin{aligned} GCD(8, 5) &= GCD(5, 8 \bmod 5) \\ &= GCD(5, 3) \\ &= GCD(3, 5 \bmod 3) \\ &= GCD(3, 2) \\ &= GCD(2, 3 \bmod 2) \\ &= GCD(2, 1) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the missing number at $(8, 5)$ is 4.

$$GCD(13, 8) = GCD(8, 13 \bmod 8) = GCD(8, 5).$$

The rest follows in the calculation we did for $GCD(8, 5)$. Therefore the missing number at $(8, 5)$ is 5.

1.2 (2)

t_1	t_2	t_3	t_4	t_5	t_6	t_7	t_8	t_9	t_{10}	t_{11}	t_{12}	t_{13}	t_{14}	t_{15}
1	1	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5

1.3 (3)

At each recursion step, the sum of the arguments becomes smaller. This means that they become at least one smaller (because they're integers), which means that the maximum number of recursive steps at most can be the sum of the arguments. Since they're both at most as big as n , their sum can at most be $2n = O(n)$.

1.4 (4)

As a counterexample, we will find a pair of sequences a_n and b_n such that the number of operations for $GCD(a_n, b_n)$ grows by one each time n is incremented, which means that the runtime of GCD is unbounded and therefore not $O(1)$. We do this by choosing the sequence such that each recursion step in GCD leads back to the previous entry in the sequence. We will start the sequence at $a_0 = 3$, $b_0 = 2$. We maintain the invariant that $a_n > b_n$. At each recursion

step, we have $GCD(a, b) = GCD(b, a \bmod b)$. This means that $b_{n+1} = a_n$. It also means that we must have that $a_{n+1} \bmod b_{n+1} = b_n$, which we achieve by having $a_{n+1} = a_n + b_n$.

1.5 (5)

No, it looks logarithmic.

2 Part 2

2.1 (1)

$$P(n) = [(6^n - 5n + 4) \bmod 5 = 0]$$

2.2 (2)

$$\begin{aligned} P(1) &\iff [(6 - 5 + 4) \bmod 5 = 0] \iff [5 \bmod 5 = 0] \iff [True] \\ P(2) &\iff [(36 - 10 + 4) \bmod 5 = 0] \iff [30 \bmod 5 = 0] \iff [True] \\ P(3) &\iff [(216 - 15 + 4) \bmod 5 = 0] \iff [205 \bmod 5 = 0] \iff [True] \\ P(4) &\iff [(1296 - 20 + 4) \bmod 5 = 0] \iff [1280 \bmod 5 = 0] \iff [True] \\ P(5) &\iff [(7776 - 25 + 4) \bmod 5 = 0] \iff [7755 \bmod 5 = 0] \iff [True] \end{aligned}$$

2.3 (3)

Consider the sequence $b_n = 6^n - 5n + 4$. We can compute this recursively, using:

$$\begin{aligned} b_{n+1} &= 6^{n+1} - 5(n+1) + 4 \\ &= 6 \cdot 6^n - 5n - 5 + 4 \\ &= 5 \cdot 6^n - 5 + 6^n - 5n + 4 \\ &= 5 \cdot 6^n - 5 + b_n \end{aligned}$$

2.4 (4)

$$\begin{aligned} P(n+1) &\iff [6^{n+1} - 5(n+1) + 4 \bmod 5 = 0] \\ &\iff [b_{n+1} \bmod 5 = 0] \\ &\iff [5 \cdot 6^n - 5 + b_n \bmod 5 = 0] \\ &\iff [b_n \bmod 5 = 0] \\ &\iff [(6^n - 5n + 4) \bmod 5 = 0] \\ &\iff P(n) \end{aligned}$$

2.5 (5)

In (2), we concluded that $P(1)$, and in (4), we concluded that $P(n) \implies P(n+1)$. By induction, this means that $P(n)$ is true for all $n \geq 1$.