

# CSC236 Notes

## Induction

**Predicate:** A logical statement  $P: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{\text{True}, \text{False}\}$  based on the value of a variable, usually  $n$ .

	Simple Induction	Strong/Complete Induction
Base Case	$P(\alpha)$	$P(\alpha_1), \dots, P(\alpha_n)$
Inductive Step	$\forall k \geq \alpha, P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+1)$	$\forall k > \alpha_n, (\forall k' < k, P(k')) \Rightarrow P(k)$

**Well-Ordering Principle (WOP/PWO):** Every non-empty subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  contains a minimum.

$$\forall S \subseteq \mathbb{N}, S \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \exists m \in S, \forall s \in S, m \leq s$$

- Simple induction, Strong induction, and WOP are equivalent definitions!
- WOP proofs involve assuming the opposite, defining  $S = \{\text{items where contradiction holds}\}$ , dividing  $m$  (usually into  $m-1$ ), proving  $m-1 \notin S$ , and connecting it to  $m \in S$  to show  $m \notin S$ .
- In CSC236, I guess we don't have to rigorously prove the set we're using is a bijection of a subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

**Recursively-Defined Set:** A set defined by its simplest elements and all possible combinations of them.

Let  $E$  be defined as the smallest such that:

- $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}, x_i \in E$
- $\forall e_1, e_2 \in E, (e_1 + e_2) \in E \text{ and } (e_1 \times e_2) \in E$

**Structural Induction:** Induction based on a recursively-defined set.

**Base Case:**  $P(\text{simplest element})$

**Inductive Step:**  $P(\text{simple elements}) \Rightarrow P(\text{combinations of simple elements})$  (eg.  $P(x), P(y) \Rightarrow P(x+y), P(x \times y)$ )

**Define**  $P(e)$ :  $\text{OperatorCount}(e) = \text{VariableCount}(e) - 1$

**Show**  $\forall e \in E, P(e)$

**Base Case:** **Show**  $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}, P(x_i)$ :  $\text{OperatorCount}(x_i) = \text{VariableCount}(x_i) - 1$

**Let**  $i \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\text{OperatorCount}(x_i) = 0 = 1 - 1 = \text{VariableCount}(x_i) - 1$$

**Inductive Step:** **Show**  $\forall e_1, e_2 \in E, P(e_1) \wedge P(e_2) \Rightarrow P((e_1 + e_2)) \wedge P((e_1 \times e_2))$

**Let**  $e_1, e_2 \in E$

**Assume**  $P(e_1)$ :  $\text{OperatorCount}(e_1) = \text{VariableCount}(e_1) - 1$

**Assume**  $P(e_2)$ :  $\text{OperatorCount}(e_2) = \text{VariableCount}(e_2) - 1$

**Show**  $P((e_1 + e_2))$ :  $\text{OperatorCount}((e_1 + e_2)) = \text{VariableCount}((e_1 + e_2)) - 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OperatorCount}((e_1 + e_2)) &= \text{OperatorCount}(e_1) + 1 + \text{OperatorCount}(e_2) \\ &= (\text{VariableCount}(e_1) - 1) + 1 + (\text{VariableCount}(e_2) - 1) \\ &= \text{VariableCount}(e_1) + \text{VariableCount}(e_2) - 1 \\ &= \text{VariableCount}((e_1 + e_2)) - 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Show**  $P(e_1 \times e_2)$ :  $\text{OperatorCount}(e_1 \times e_2) = \text{VariableCount}(e_1 \times e_2) - 1$

*By literally the same steps as above, you can show this.*

## Correctness

**Preconditions:** A predicate that's true before a function executes. Ideally, weak constraints.

**Postconditions:** A predicate that's true after a function executes. Ideally, strong constraints.

**Loop Invariant (LI):** A predicate that's true for every iteration of a loop before that iteration executes

- Must be separately claimed & proven via induction on iteration number
- Might need expressed as  $LI_k$  or  $LI(k)$  in terms of  $k$ , the iteration number.

**Partially Correct:** A program where, if preconditions hold and the program terminates, postconditions hold

➤ *To Prove It:* Assume preconditions, assume termination, show postconditions

**Totally Correct:** A partially correct program that terminates.

➤ *To Prove It:* Show partial correctness, show termination

<i>Precondition:</i>	$x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{N}$		<code>pow(x, y):</code>
<i>Loop Precondition:</i>	$x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{N}, z = 1, m = 0$	(simple explanation)	1. <code>z = 1</code>
<i>Loop Invariant:</i>	$z = x^m, m \leq y, m \in \mathbb{N}$	(prove this)	2. <code>m = 0</code>
<i>Loop Condition:</i>	$x < y$		3. <code>while m &lt; y:</code>
<i>Loop Postcondition:</i>	$z = x^m, m \leq y, m \in \mathbb{N}, m \geq y$	(simple explanation)	4. <code>z = z * x</code>
<i>Postcondition:</i>	<code>return <math>x^y</math></code>	(prove this)	5. <code>m = m + 1</code>
			6. <code>return z</code>

*Proof Techniques:*

No recursion/loops	Analyze code line-by-line.
Recursion	<p>Show preconditions hold on recursive call</p> <p>Proceed via induction (even if there are loops inside)</p> <p>Show input size of recursive call is smaller than that of original call</p> <p>Thus postconditions for the recursive call hold</p>
Loops	<p>Prove a LI exists (For nested loops, outer, inner LIs. For consecutive loops, multiple LIs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show LI holds before loop executes</li> <li>• Assume LI holds at iteration start, show LI holds before next iteration (via induction)</li> <li>• Assume LI holds at loop end, show LI postconditions hold</li> </ul> <p>Prove loop termination (when proving termination)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>While Loop:</u> Find a decreasing sequence <math>E_k \subseteq \mathbb{N}</math> where <math>k</math> = iteration count and <math>E_k</math> = upper bound on remaining iterations. By WOP, <math>E_k</math> has a minimum, therefore it is finite, so the loop has finitely many iterations and terminates</li> <li>• <u>For Loop:</u> By definition, for loops terminate. Can be written as a while loop. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For a loop from <math>a</math> to <math>b</math>, choose <math>E = b + 1 - x</math> to prove termination (since <math>b, x \in \mathbb{N}, x \leq b + 1</math>)</li> <li>○ Element-based for loops can be written as looping over indices.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Thus postconditions for loop hold</p>

Show  $\text{pow}(x, y)$  is partially correct

Assume preconditions,  $x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{N}$

Assume program terminates

Show postcondition,  $x^y$  is returned

Claim LI:  $z = x^m \wedge m \leq y \wedge m \in \mathbb{N}$

Show  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{LI}_k$  holds

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

**Base Case:** Show  $\text{LI}_0: z = x^m \wedge m \leq y \wedge m \in \mathbb{N}$

At line 3, before the loop starts, we know  $z = 1, m = 0$

$$z = 1 = x^0 = x^m$$

$$m = 0 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } 0 < y \text{ (since } y \in \mathbb{N})$$

**Inductive Step:** Show  $\text{LI}_k \Rightarrow \text{LI}_{k+1}$

Assume at least  $k + 1$  iterations (otherwise,  $\text{LI}_{k+1} = \text{LI}_k$  via the IH, a trivial result), therefore loop condition is true,  $m_k < y$

Assume  $\text{LI}_k: z_k = x^{m_k} \wedge m_k \leq y \wedge m_k \in \mathbb{N}$

Show  $\text{LI}_{k+1}: z_{k+1} = x^{m_{k+1}} \wedge m_{k+1} \leq y \wedge m_{k+1} \in \mathbb{N}$

By line 5,

$$m_{k+1} = m_k + 1 \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Since  $m_k < y$ , and  $m_k, y \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$m_k + 1 \leq y$$

By line 4,

$$z_{k+1} = z_k x$$

Since  $z_k = x^{m_k}$ ,

$$z_{k+1} = x^{m_k} x = x^{m_k+1}$$

Then by induction,  $\text{LI}_k$  holds for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since the program terminates, the loop terminates.

At loop termination, the LI is true and the loop condition is false, so  $z = x^m, m \leq y, m \geq y$ .

Since  $m \leq y$  and  $m \geq y$ , then  $m = y$ .

Then  $z = x^m = x^y$  is returned, as required by the postcondition.

Show  $\text{pow}(x, y)$  terminates

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  be the number of iterations of the while loop

Pick  $E_k = y - m_k$

Show  $E$  is finite

By preconditions,  $m, y \in \mathbb{N}$ , we know  $E \in \mathbb{Z}$

By LI, which has  $m \leq y$ , we know  $E = y - m \geq 0$

**Case 1:** There're at most  $k$  iterations

Then  $E$  is finite, as  $E_k$  is the last value.

**Case 2:** There're at least  $k + 1$  iterations

$$\begin{aligned} E_{k+1} &= y - m_{k+1} \\ &= y - (m_k + 1) \\ &= (y - m_k) - 1 \\ &= E_k - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$E$  is decreasing and  $E \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ , so by PWO,  $E$  has a minimum.

Then  $E$  is finite.

Since  $E_k$  is finite, then there are finitely many iterations, meaning the loop terminates.

The rest of the code terminates trivially.

Then the function as a whole terminates.

- Variables that don't change throughout iterations shouldn't have subscripts.
- You can just say "assume there are  $k + 1$ " iterations in proving partial correctness and termination.
- You can move the LI claim outside of the partial correctness proof for clearness

<i>Precondition:</i>	lst is a sortable list	<code>select_sort(lst: list):</code>
<i>Outer LI:</i>	lst[0: i] is sorted, $\text{lst}[0: i] \leq \text{lst}[i:]$ (and $i \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \leq i \leq \text{len}(\text{lst}) - 1$ )	1. <code>for i in range(0, len(lst) - 1):</code>
<i>Inner LI:</i>	lst[m] = min(lst[i: j]) (and $j \in \mathbb{N}, 1 + i \leq j \leq \text{len}(\text{lst}) - 1$ )	2. <code>m = i</code>
<i>Postcondition:</i>	lst is sorted in nondecreasing order (and contains the same elements)	3. <code>for j in range(i + 1, len(lst) - 1):</code>
		4. <code>if lst[j] &lt; lst[m]:</code>
		5. <code>m = j</code>
		6. <code>lst[i], lst[m] = lst[m], lst[i]</code>

**Claim** ILI:  $\text{lst}[m] = \min(\text{lst}[i: j])$

**Show**  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ILI}_k$  holds

**Let**  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

**Base Case:** **Show**  $\text{LI}_0$ :  $\text{lst}[m_0] = \min(\text{lst}[i: j_0])$

At line 2, before the loop starts, we know  $m_0 = i$ .

At line 3, the first value of  $j$  is  $j_0 = i + 1$

$$\min(\text{lst}[i: j_0]) = \min(\text{lst}[i: i + 1]) = \min(\text{lst}[i]) = \text{lst}[i] = \text{lst}[m_0]$$

**Inductive Step:** **Show**  $\text{LI}_k \Rightarrow \text{LI}_{k+1}$

**Assume** at least  $k + 1$  iterations (otherwise,  $\text{LI}_{k+1} = \text{LI}_k$  via the IH, a trivial result)

**Assume**  $\text{LI}_k$ :  $\text{lst}[m_k] = \min(\text{lst}[i: j_k])$

**Show**  $\text{LI}_{k+1}$ :  $\text{lst}[m_{k+1}] = \min(\text{lst}[i: j_{k+1}])$

**Case 1:**  $\text{lst}[j_{k+1}] \geq \text{lst}[m_k]$

Lines 4-5 don't activate, so  $m_{k+1} = m_k$

**Then**  $\min(\text{lst}[i: j_{k+1}]) = \min(\text{lst}[i: j_k]) = \text{lst}[m_k] = \text{lst}[m_{k+1}]$

**Case 2:**  $\text{lst}[j_{k+1}] < \text{lst}[m_k]$

Lines 4-5 activate, so  $m_{k+1} = j_{k+1}$

Since  $\text{lst}[m_{k+1}] = \text{lst}[j_{k+1}] < \text{lst}[m_k] = \min(\text{lst}[i: j_k])$ ,

**Then**  $\text{lst}[m_{k+1}] = \min(\text{lst}[i: j_{k+1}])$

**Then** by induction,  $\text{LI}_k$  holds for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Claim** OLI:  $\text{lst}[0: i]$  is sorted  $\wedge \text{lst}[0: i] \leq \text{lst}[i:]$

**Show**  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{LI}_k$  holds

**Let**  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

**Base Case:** **Show**  $\text{LI}_0$ :  $\text{lst}[0: i_0]$  is sorted  $\wedge \text{lst}[0: i_0] \leq \text{lst}[i_0:]$

The loop starts at  $i_0 = 0$ , making both statements vacuously true.

**Inductive Step:** **Show**  $\text{LI}_k \Rightarrow \text{LI}_{k+1}$

**Assume** at least  $k + 1$  iterations (otherwise,  $\text{LI}_{k+1} = \text{LI}_k$  via the IH, a trivial result)

**Assume**  $\text{LI}_k$ :  $\text{lst}[0: i_k]$  is sorted  $\wedge \text{lst}[0: i_k] \leq \text{lst}[i_k:]$

**Show**  $\text{LI}_{k+1}$ :  $\text{lst}[0: i_{k+1}]$  is sorted  $\wedge \text{lst}[0: i_{k+1}] \leq \text{lst}[i_{k+1}:]$

By line 2,  $m_{k+1} = i_{k+1}$

Since the program terminates, the inner loop terminates at  $j = \text{len}(\text{lst}) - 1$

By ILI,  $\text{lst}[m_{k+1}] = \min(\text{lst}[i_{k+1}: j]) = \min(\text{lst}[i_{k+1}:])$

After line 6,  $\text{lst}[i_{k+1}] = \text{lst}[m_{k+1}]$

**Then**  $\text{lst}[i_{k+1}] = \min(\text{lst}[i_{k+1}:])$ , so  $\text{lst}[i_{k+1}] \leq \text{lst}[i_{k+1}:]$

From IH,  $\text{lst}[0: i_k] \leq \text{lst}[i_{k+1}]$  and  $\text{lst}[0: i_k]$  is sorted

**Then**  $\text{lst}[0: i_{k+1}]$  is sorted

**Then** by induction,  $\text{LI}_k$  holds for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Show** SelectSort(lst) is partially correct

**Assume** precondition, lst is a sortable list

**Assume** program terminates

**Show** postcondition, lst is sorted in nondecreasing order, elements are the same

Since the program terminates, both loops terminate. Outer loop terminates at  $i = \text{len}(\text{lst}) - 1$ .

Since OLI is true,  $\text{lst}[0:\text{len}(\text{lst}) - 1]$  is sorted  $\wedge \text{lst}[0:\text{len}(\text{lst}) - 1] \leq \text{lst}[\text{len}(\text{lst}) - 1:]$

Since  $\text{lst}[0:\text{len}(\text{lst}) - 1] \leq \text{lst}[\text{len}(\text{lst}) - 1:] = \text{lst}[\text{len}(\text{lst}) - 1]$ ,

**Then**  $\text{lst}[0:\text{len}(\text{lst})] = \text{lst}$  is sorted.

Line 6 is the only mutating operation, and it switches the positions of two list items

**Then** list returns all of its original elements.

**Show** SelectSort(lst) terminates

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  be the number of iterations of the inner loop

**Pick**  $E_k = \text{len}(\text{lst}) - 1 - j_k$

**Show**  $E$  is finite

*(We need the LI that I put in brackets; they're easy to prove, just time-taking and annoying)*

Since  $i + 1 \leq j_k \leq \text{len}(\text{lst}) - 1$ , we know  $E \geq 0$

Since  $i, j_k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we know  $E = \text{len}(\text{lst}) - 1 - j_k \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Case 1:** There're at most  $k$  iterations

**Then**  $E$  is finite, as  $E_k$  is the last value.

**Case 2:** There're at least  $k + 1$  iterations

$$\begin{aligned} E_{k+1} &= \text{len}(\text{lst}) - 1 - j_{k+1} \\ &= \text{len}(\text{lst}) - 1 - (j_k + 1) \text{ (as inner for loop steps by 1)} \\ &= (\text{len}(\text{lst}) - 1 - j_k) - 1 \\ &= E_k - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$E$  is decreasing and by PWO,  $E$  has a minimum.

**Then**  $E$  is finite.

Since  $E_k$  is finite, then there are finitely many iterations, meaning the loop terminates.

The same thing can be done to show the outer loop terminates. *(Usually, if you're not specifically told to prove a for loop terminates, you can just say it terminates)*

The rest of the code terminates trivially.

**Then** the function as a whole terminates.

*Preconditions:*  $b, e \in \mathbb{N}$

$A$ 's elements comparable with  $x$

$A[b:e]$  is sorted

$0 \leq b < e \leq \text{len}(A)$

*Postconditions:* Returns  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$b \leq p \leq e$

$p > b \Rightarrow A[p-1] < x$

$p < e \Rightarrow A[p] \geq x$

RECBINSEARCH( $x, A, b, e$ ):

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1.  if e == b + 1:
2.      if x ≤ A[b]:
3.          return b
4.      else:
5.          return e
6.  else:
7.      m = ⌊(b + e)/2⌋
8.      if x ≤ A[m-1]:
9.          return RECBINSEARCH(x, A, b, m)
10.     else:
11.         return RECBINSEARCH(x, A, m, e)

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**Show** RecBinSearch( $x, A, b, e$ ) is correct

**Let**  $P(n)$ : For all inputs of size  $n = e - b$  satisfying preconditions, RecBinSearch( $x, A, b, e$ ) terminates and satisfies postconditions

**Show**  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$  holds

**Let**  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Base Case:** **Show**  $P(1)$

**Assume**  $n = e - b = 1$ , so  $e = b + 1$

**Assume** all input satisfy preconditions

**Show** RecBinSearch( $x, A, b, e$ ) terminates and satisfies postconditions

Since  $e = b + 1$ , we pass into the if branch of line 1.

**Then** either  $b$  or  $e$  is returned, terminating the program.

**Then** for  $p \in \{b, e\}$ ,  $b \leq p \leq e$  holds; other 2 postconditions vacuously true.

**Inductive Step:** **Show**  $(\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, k < n \Rightarrow P(k)) \Rightarrow P(n)$  (assume  $n \geq 2$ )

**Assume**  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, k < n \Rightarrow P(k)$

**Show**  $P(n)$

Since  $n = e - b \geq 2$ , then  $e \neq b + 1$ , so we pass into the else branch of line 1.

By line 5,  $m = \lfloor \frac{b+e}{2} \rfloor$

Since  $b < e$ , then  $m = \lfloor \frac{b+e}{2} \rfloor \leq \frac{b+e}{2} < \frac{2e}{2} = e$

Since  $e > b$ , then  $m = \lfloor \frac{b+e}{2} \rfloor > \lfloor \frac{2b}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor b \rfloor = b$

**Case 1:**  $x \leq A[m-1]$

The if branch of line 6 activates.

Since  $\lfloor \frac{b+e}{2} \rfloor \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $m = \lfloor \frac{b+e}{2} \rfloor \in \mathbb{N}$

Since  $b < m < e$  and  $A[b:e]$  is sorted, then  $A[b:m]$  is sorted

Since  $0 \leq b < m < e \leq \text{len}(A)$ , then  $0 \leq b < m \leq \text{len}(A)$

Since  $b < m < e$ , then  $n = e - b > m - b > 0$

**Then** by IH, for  $P(m - b)$ , since preconditions are satisfied, then recursive call will terminate and its postconditions will hold.

Recursive Call	Want to Show
$b \leq p \leq m$	$b \leq p \leq e$
$p > b \Rightarrow A[p-1] < x$	$p > b \Rightarrow A[p-1] < x$
$p < m \Rightarrow A[p] \geq x$	$p < e \Rightarrow A[p] \geq x$

#1 is true as  $b \leq p \leq m < e$ , while #2 is true trivially. #3 is also true:

If  $p < m$ , then conditional holds and  $A[p] \geq x$ .

If  $p = m$ , then  $x \leq A[m-1] \leq A[m] = A[p]$  (as  $A$  sorted)

By #1,  $p > m$  is impossible

**Then** all postconditions are satisfied

**Case 2:**  $x > A[m-1]$

The else branch of line 6 activates.

Since  $\lfloor \frac{m+e}{2} \rfloor \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $m = \lfloor \frac{b+e}{2} \rfloor \in \mathbb{N}$

Since  $b < m < e$  and  $A[b:e]$  is sorted, then  $A[m:e]$  is sorted

Since  $0 \leq b < m < e \leq \text{len}(A)$ , then  $0 \leq m < e \leq \text{len}(A)$

Since  $b < m < e$ , then  $n = e - b > e - m > 0$

Then by IH, for  $P(e - m)$ , since preconditions are satisfied, then recursive call will terminate and its postconditions will hold.

<i>Recursive Call</i>	<i>Want to Show</i>
$m \leq p \leq e$	$b \leq p \leq e$
$p > m \Rightarrow A[p-1] < x$	$p > b \Rightarrow A[p-1] < x$
$p < e \Rightarrow A[p] \geq x$	$p < e \Rightarrow A[p] \geq x$

#1 is true as  $b < m \leq p \leq e$ , while #3 is true trivially. #2 is also true:

If  $p > m$ , then conditional holds and  $A[p-1] < x$ .

If  $p = m$ , then  $x > A[m-1] = A[p-1]$

By #1,  $p < m$  is impossible

Then all postconditions are satisfied

## Running-Time Analysis

**Step:** A sequence of code that execute in constant time

**Running-Time Analysis:** Analyzing number of steps as a function of input size

- Focus on worst-case measure,  $T(n)$ .
- Often, no simple expression for  $T(n)$ , prove bounds using asymptotic notation

**Big-O:** A running-time has an upper bound,  $T(n) \in \mathcal{O}(f(n)) \Leftrightarrow \exists n_0, c \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall n \geq n_0, T(n) \leq c \cdot f(n)$

**Omega:** A running-time has a lower bound,  $T(n) \in \Omega(f(n)) \Leftrightarrow \exists n_0, c \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall n \geq n_0, T(n) \geq c \cdot f(n)$

**Theta:** A running-time has a tight bound,  $T(n) \in \Theta(f(n)) \Leftrightarrow T(n) \in \mathcal{O}(f(n))$  and  $T(n) \in \Omega(f(n))$

**Master Theorem:** For  $a, n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}^+, b, k \in \mathbb{R}, b > 1, k \geq 0$ , we can solve recurrences relations of the form

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n \leq n_0 \\ aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + n^k & n > n_0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \Theta(n^k) & a < b^k \text{ } (\log_b a < k) \\ \Theta(n^k \log n) & a = b^k \text{ } (\log_b a = k) \\ \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) & a > b^k \text{ } (\log_b a > k) \end{cases}$$

Requires recursive call input sizes to be roughly  $T(\frac{n}{b})$ , but we can ignore floors/ceilings and small constants.

**Repeated Substitution:** Technique to guess a tight bound before formally proving it.

Find worst-case running-time  $T(n)$  recursively, where  $n$  is the input size.

**Base Case:**  $n \leq 1$

Then line 1 (constant-time) and 2 (constant-time) run. Thus there is 1 step.

**Recursive Case:**  $n > 1$

Then lines 1 (constant-time, 1 step) and 3 run. Then input size for line 3 is  $n - 1$ , so there are  $T(n - 1)$  steps.

$$\therefore T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 1 \\ 1 + T(n - 1) & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

Find a tight bound for  $T(n)$ . Use **repeated substitution**.

$$T(n) = 1 + T(n - 1)$$

$$= 1 + (1 + T(n - 2)) = 2 + T(n - 2)$$

$$= 2 + (1 + T(n - 3)) = 3 + T(n - 3)$$

$$= \dots$$

$$= k + T(n - k)$$

Make  $T(n) = k + T(n - k)$  not a recurrence relation by getting rid of  $T(n - k)$  with a value of  $k$ . Try  $k = n - 1$ :

$$T(n) = (n - 1) + T(n - (n - 1))$$

$$= n - 1 + T(1)$$

$$= n$$

We can then formally prove  $T(n) = n$  using induction on  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Base Case:** Show  $P(1)$ :

$T(1) = 1$  by definition so this is trivial.

**Inductive Step:** Show  $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n + 1)$

Assume  $T(n) = n$

Show  $T(n + 1) = n + 1$

$$T(n + 1) = 1 + T((n + 1) - 1)$$

$$= T(n) + 1$$

$$= n + 1$$

Therefore,  $T(n) = n \in \Theta(n)$

FACT(n):

1. **if**  $n \leq 1$ :
2.     **return** 1
3. **return**  $n \times \text{FACT}(n - 1)$



Find worst-case running-time  $T(n)$  where  $n = e - b$  is input size.

**Base Case:**  $T(1)$

Then  $n = e - b = 1$ , so  $e = b + 1$ .

Lines 1-4 are constant-time, so 1 step.

$$\therefore T(1) = 1$$

**Recursive Case:**  $T(n)$  for  $n > 1$

Lines 1, 5, 6 are constant-time, so 1 step.

Input size for line 7 is  $m - b = \lfloor \frac{b+e}{2} \rfloor - b = \lfloor \frac{b+e-2b}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{e-b}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$

Input size for line 8 is  $e - m = e + \lceil -\frac{b+e}{2} \rceil = \lceil \frac{2e-b-e}{2} \rceil = \lceil \frac{e-b}{2} \rceil = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$

We take the worst-case running-time, the max of these values:

$$\therefore T(n) = 1 + \max \left\{ T \left( \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \right), T \left( \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \right) \right\} \left( = 1 + T \left( \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \right) \right)$$

RECBINSEARCH( $x, A, b, e$ ):

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1.  if e == b + 1:
2.      if x ≤ A[b]:
3.          return b
4.      else:
5.          return e
6.  else:
7.      m = ⌊(b + e)/2⌋
8.      if x ≤ A[m - 1]:
9.          return RECBINSEARCH(x, A, b, m)
10.     else:
11.         return RECBINSEARCH(x, A, m, e)

```

First, let's show  $\max\{T(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor), T(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil)\} = T(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil)$ . This is true if  $T$  is non-decreasing,

**Show**  $T$  is non-decreasing, meaning  $\forall n_0, n_1 \in \mathbb{N}, n_0 < n_1 \Rightarrow T(n_0) \leq T(n_1)$

**Let**  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$

**Let**  $P(n_1): \forall n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, n_0 < n_1 \Rightarrow T(n_0) \leq T(n_1)$

**Base Cases:**  $P(1), P(2)$

**Show**  $P(1): \forall n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, n_0 < 1 \Rightarrow T(n_0) \leq T(1)$

Vacuously true;  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, n_0 < 1$  impossible

**Show**  $P(2): \forall n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, n_0 < 2 \Rightarrow T(n_0) \leq T(2)$

**Let**  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$

**Assume**  $n_0 < 2$ , so  $n_0 = 1$

**Show**  $T(n_0) \leq T(2)$

$$\therefore T(1) = 1 \leq 1 + \max\{T(\lfloor \frac{2}{2} \rfloor), T(\lceil \frac{2}{2} \rceil)\} = T(2)$$

**Inductive Step:** **Show**  $\forall k > 2, (\forall k' < k, P(k')) \Rightarrow P(k)$

**Let**  $k > 2$

**Assume**  $\forall k' < k, P(k'): \forall n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, n_0 < k' \Rightarrow T(n_0) \leq T(k')$

**Show**  $P(k): \forall n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, n_0 < k \Rightarrow T(n_0) \leq T(k)$

**Let**  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$

**Assume**  $n_0 < k$

**Show**  $T(n_0) \leq T(k)$

Since  $\lfloor \frac{n_0}{2} \rfloor < \lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil < k$ , by IH,  $T(\lfloor \frac{n_0}{2} \rfloor) \leq T(\lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n_0) &= 1 + \max \left\{ T \left( \left\lfloor \frac{n_0}{2} \right\rfloor \right), T \left( \left\lceil \frac{n_0}{2} \right\rceil \right) \right\} \\
 &\leq 1 + \max \left\{ T \left( \left\lceil \frac{k}{2} \right\rceil \right), T \left( \left\lceil \frac{k}{2} \right\rceil \right) \right\} \\
 &= 1 + T \left( \left\lceil \frac{k}{2} \right\rceil \right) \\
 &= T(k)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, we simplify the expression and apply repeat substitution.

$$T(n) \approx \begin{cases} 1 & n = 1 \\ 1 + T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &\approx 1 + T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \\
 &= 1 + \left(1 + T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right)\right) = 2 + T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) \\
 &= 2 + \left(1 + T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right)\right) = 3 + T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) \\
 &= \dots \\
 &= k + T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

To remove  $T(\frac{n}{2^k})$ , we can set  $2^k = n$  or  $k = \log_2 n$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &\approx k + T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) \\
 &= \log_2 n + T(1) \\
 &= \log_2 n + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

While the answer is not necessarily true, our tight bound is probably  $\Theta(\log n)$ , which we will now prove formally.

**Show**  $T(n) \in \mathcal{O}(\log_2(n-1) + 2)$ , meaning  $\exists c, n_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow T(n) \leq \log_2(n-1) + 2$

**Pick**  $c = 1$

**Pick**  $n_0 = 2$

**Let**  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Let**  $P(n): n \geq 2 \Rightarrow T(n) \leq \log_2(n-1) + 2$

**Base Case:** **Show**  $P(2) \quad \therefore T(2) = 1 + T(1) = 2 = \log_2(2-1) + 2$

**Inductive Step:** **Show**  $\forall k > 2, (\forall k' < k, P(k')) \Rightarrow P(k)$

**Let**  $k > 2$

**Assume**  $\forall k' < k, P(k'): k' \geq 2 \Rightarrow T(k') \leq \log_2(k' - 1) + 2$

**Show**  $P(k): k \geq 2 \Rightarrow T(k) \leq \log_2(k-1) + 2$

$$\begin{aligned} T(k) &= 1 + T\left(\left\lceil \frac{k}{2} \right\rceil\right) \\ &\leq 1 + \log_2\left(\left\lceil \frac{k}{2} \right\rceil - 1\right) + 2 \\ &\leq 3 + \log_2\left(\frac{k+1}{2} - 1\right) \\ &= 3 + \log_2\left(\frac{k-1}{2}\right) \\ &= 3 + \log_2(k-1) - 1 \\ &= 2 + \log_2(k-1) \end{aligned}$$

**Show**  $T(n) \in \Omega(\log_2 n)$ , meaning  $\exists c, n_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow T(n) \geq \log_2 n$

**Pick**  $c = 1$

**Pick**  $n_0 = 1$

**Let**  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Let**  $P(n): n \geq 1 \Rightarrow T(n) \geq \log_2 n$

**Base Case:** **Show**  $P(1) \quad \therefore T(1) = 1 \geq 0 = \log_2 1$

**Inductive Step:** **Show**  $\forall k > 1, (\forall k' < k, P(k')) \Rightarrow P(k)$

**Let**  $k > 1$

**Assume**  $\forall k' < k, P(k'): k' \geq 1 \Rightarrow T(k') \geq \log_2 k'$

**Show**  $P(k): k \geq 1 \Rightarrow T(k) \geq \log_2 k$

$$T(k) = 1 + T\left(\left\lceil \frac{k}{2} \right\rceil\right) \geq 1 + \log_2 \left\lceil \frac{k}{2} \right\rceil \geq 1 + \log_2 \frac{k}{2} = 1 + \log_2 k - 1 = \log_2 k$$

We know  $T(n) \in \Omega(\log_2 n) = \Omega(\log n)$

We know  $T(n) \in \mathcal{O}(\log_2(n-1) + 2) = \mathcal{O}(\log n)$

Therefore  $T(n) \in \Theta(\log n)$

Find worst-case running-time  $T(n)$ ,  $n = \text{len}(A)$  is input size.

**Base Case:**  $T(1)$

Then nothing happens, 1 step.

$$\therefore T(1) = 1$$

**Recursive Case:**  $T(n)$  for  $n > 1$

Line 1 is 1 step.

Lines 2, 4 are a recursive call of input size  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$

Lines 3, 5 are a recursive call of input size  $\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$

Line 6 is  $n$  steps (since in Merge,  $k = i + j$  increases by 1 each iteration until  $k \geq n$ )

$$\therefore T(n) = T\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil\right) + T\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right) + n + 1$$

Now, we apply repeated substitution...

$$T(n) \approx 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n + 1$$

**MERGESORT(A):**

```
1.  if len(A) > 1:
2.      F = A[ : len(A)//2 ]
3.      S = A[len(A)//2 : ]
4.      MERGESORT(F)
5.      MERGESORT(S)
6.      MERGE(F, S, A)
```

**MERGE(F, S, A):**

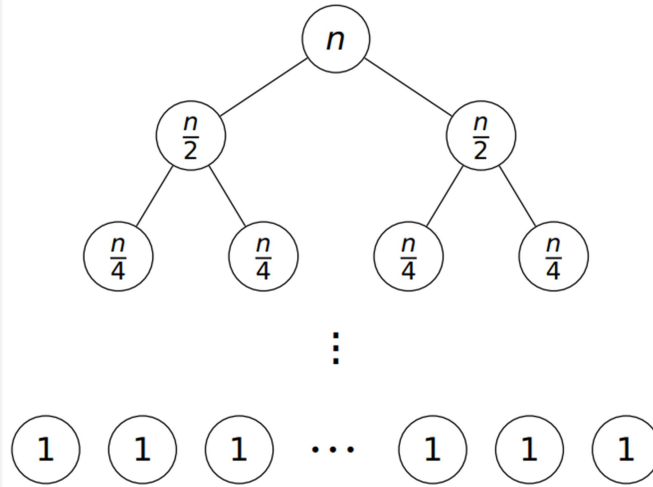
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1.  i = j = 0
2.  while i + j < len(A):
3.      if i == len(F) or (j < len(S) and S[j] < F[i]):
4.          A[i+j] = S[j]
5.          j = j + 1
6.      else: # i < len(F) and (j == len(S) or S[j] >= F[i])
7.          A[i+j] = F[i]
          i = i + 1
```

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2 \left( 2T \left( \frac{n}{2^2} \right) + \frac{n}{2} + 1 \right) + n + 1 = 2^2 T \left( \frac{n}{2^2} \right) + 2n + (1 + 2) \\
&= 2^2 \left( 2T \left( \frac{n}{2^3} \right) + \frac{n}{2^2} + 1 \right) + 2n + (1 + 2) = 2^3 T \left( \frac{n}{2^3} \right) + 3n + (1 + 2 + 2^2) \\
&= \dots \\
&= 2^k T \left( \frac{n}{2^k} \right) + kn + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 2^i
\end{aligned}$$

Set  $k = \log_2 n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
&= nT(1) + n \log_2 n + \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n - 1} 2^i \\
&= n \log_2 n + n + (2^{\log_2 n} - 1) \\
&= n \log_2 n + 2n - 1
\end{aligned}$$

We can alternatively visualize  $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + n + 1$  like:



Nodes	RT/Node	Total RT
1	$n + 1$	$n + 1$
2	$\frac{n}{2} + 1$	$n + 2$
4	$\frac{n}{4} + 1$	$n + 4$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\frac{n}{2}$	$2 + 1$	$n + \frac{n}{2}$
$n$	1	$n$

Height is  $n = 2^h$ , or  $h = \log_2 n$

Thus RT is  $hn + \sum_{i=0}^{h-1} 2^i = n \log_2 n + 2n - 1$

eg. Integer multiplication,  $X \times Y$ , treat  $X, Y$  as lists of base 2 numbers, add 0s in front to equalize list lengths.

**Iterative Approach:** We multiply each digit of  $X$  with each digit of  $Y$ , multiply by 10, collect results:  $\Theta(n^2)$

**Divide-and-Conquer Approach:**

If  $X, Y$  are not oddly-lengthed, pad them with a 0 in front.

Bisect  $X$  into  $X_0 = [x_0, \dots, x_{\frac{n}{2}-1}]$ ,  $X_1 = [x_{\frac{n}{2}}, \dots, x_{n-1}]$

Bisect  $Y$  into  $Y_0 = [y_0, \dots, y_{\frac{n}{2}-1}]$ ,  $Y_1 = [y_{\frac{n}{2}}, \dots, y_{n-1}]$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
XY &= (X_1(2^{\frac{n}{2}}) + X_0)(Y_1(2^{\frac{n}{2}}) + Y_0) \\
&= X_1Y_1(2^n) + (X_0Y_1 + X_1Y_0)(2^{\frac{n}{2}}) + X_0Y_0
\end{aligned}$$

**MULT( $X, Y, n$ ):**

1. **if**  $n == 1$ :
2.     **return**  $XY$  # product of 1-bit numbers
3.     split  $X, Y$  into  $X_1, X_0, Y_1, Y_0$  as described above
4.      $P_1 = \text{MULT}(X_1, Y_1, \lceil n/2 \rceil)$  #  $\lceil n/2 \rceil$  because of...
5.      $P_2 = \text{MULT}(X_1, Y_0, \lceil n/2 \rceil)$  # ...the extra 0 added...
6.      $P_3 = \text{MULT}(X_0, Y_1, \lceil n/2 \rceil)$  # ...when  $n$  is odd
7.      $P_4 = \text{MULT}(X_0, Y_0, \lceil n/2 \rceil)$
8.     **return**  $2^{2\lceil n/2 \rceil} \cdot P_1 + 2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} \cdot P_2 + 2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} \cdot P_3 + P_4$

Running-time of such an algorithm is  $T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 1 \\ 4T(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil) + n & n > 1 \end{cases}$

By Master Theorem,  $a = 4, b = 2, k = 1$ , since  $4 > 2^1$ , we have  $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_2 4}) = \Theta(n^2)$ , no better?

But wait, realize that

$$\begin{aligned}
XY &= (X_0 + X_1)(Y_0 + Y_1) \\
&= X_0Y_0 + X_0Y_1 + X_1Y_0 + X_1Y_1 \\
X_0Y_1 + X_1Y_0 &= (X_0 + X_1)(Y_0 + Y_1) - X_0Y_0 - X_1Y_1 \\
\therefore XY &= X_1Y_1(2^n) - ((X_0 + X_1)(Y_0 + Y_1) - X_0Y_0 - X_1Y_1)(2^{\frac{n}{2}}) - X_0Y_0
\end{aligned}$$

We have to compute  $(X_0 + X_1)(Y_0 + Y_1)$ , but we don't need to find  $X_0Y_1$  and  $X_1Y_0$  anymore.

Running-time is now

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 1 \\ 2T\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil\right) + T\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + 1\right) + n & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

(I don't know why there's the +1)

Accept that  $T(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 1) \approx T(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil)$  from the POV of Master Theorem, then  $a = 3, b = 2, k = 1$ .

Since  $4 > 2^1$ , then  $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_2 3}) \approx \Theta(n^{1.58})$

MULT2( $X, Y, n$ ):

1. **if**  $n == 1$ :
2.     **return**  $XY$    # product of 1-bit numbers
3.   split  $X, Y$  into  $X_1, X_0, Y_1, Y_0$  as described above
4.    $P_1 = \text{MULT2}(X_1, Y_1, \lceil n/2 \rceil)$
5.    $P_2 = \text{MULT2}(X_1 + X_0, Y_1 + Y_0, \lceil n/2 \rceil + 1)$
7.    $P_4 = \text{MULT2}(X_0, Y_0, \lceil n/2 \rceil)$
8.   **return**  $2^{2\lceil n/2 \rceil} \cdot P_1 + 2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} \cdot (P_2 - P_1 - P_4) + P_4$

# Formal Language Theory

**Alphabet ( $\Sigma$ ):** Finite set of symbols

**String:** Over alphabet  $\Sigma$ , finite sequence of symbols from  $\Sigma$ .

- **Empty String:** The string of length 0, denoted  $\epsilon$

**Language ( $L$ ):** Over alphabet  $\Sigma$ , a set  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ .

- $L_1 + L_2 = L_1 \cup L_2$
- $L_1 - L_2 = L_1 \setminus L_2$
- $L_1 \times L_2 = L_1 \cdot L_2 = L_1 L_2$   
 $= \{s_1 s_2 \in \Sigma^* : s_1 \in L_1, s_2 \in L_2\}$

**Length:** Of string  $s$ , number of symbols in  $s$ , denoted  $|s|$

- $\Sigma^n = \{s \text{ over } \Sigma : |s| = n\}$
- $\Sigma^* = \{s \text{ over } \Sigma\} = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} \Sigma^i$

- $L^k = \{s_1 \cdots s_k \in \Sigma^* : s_1, \dots, s_k \in L\}$
- $L^* = \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} L^k$  ("Kleene Star")
- $L^+ = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} L^k$
- $\bar{L} = \Sigma^* - L$  ("Complement")

**Regular Expression ( $\mathcal{R}_\Sigma$ , "regex"):** Over alphabet  $\Sigma$ , the smallest set containing

- $\emptyset$
- $\epsilon$
- $x$ , for all  $x \in \Sigma$
- $(R)^*$ , for all  $R \in \mathcal{R}_\Sigma$
- $(R_1 R_2)^*$ , for all  $R_1, R_2 \in \mathcal{R}_\Sigma$
- $(R_1 + R_2)^*$ , for all  $R_1, R_2 \in \mathcal{R}_\Sigma$

**Matched Language ( $\mathcal{L}$ ):** A language  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{R}_\Sigma)$  matched by a regular expression  $\mathcal{R}_\Sigma$

- $\mathcal{L}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$
- $\mathcal{L}(\epsilon) = \{\epsilon\}$
- $\mathcal{L}(x) = \{x\}$ , for all  $x \in \Sigma$
- $\mathcal{L}(R^*) = (\mathcal{L}(R))^*$ , for all  $R \in \mathcal{R}_\Sigma$
- $\mathcal{L}(R_1 R_2) = \mathcal{L}(R_1) \times \mathcal{L}(R_2)$ , for all  $R_1, R_2 \in \mathcal{R}_\Sigma$
- $\mathcal{L}(R_1 + R_2) = \mathcal{L}(R_1) \cup \mathcal{L}(R_2)$ , for all  $R_1, R_2 \in \mathcal{R}_\Sigma$

eg. Prove  $b^*a(a+b)^* \equiv (a+b)^*ab^*$

**Show**  $\mathcal{L}(b^*a(a+b)^*) \subseteq \mathcal{L}((a+b)^*ab^*)$

Let  $s \in \mathcal{L}(b^*a(a+b)^*)$

Thus  $s = s_1 \cdot s_2 \cdot s_3$  for some  $s_1 \in \mathcal{L}(b^*)$ ,  $s_2 \in \mathcal{L}(a)$ ,  $s_3 \in \mathcal{L}((a+b)^*)$

Thus  $s = b^k \cdot a \cdot u$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $u \in \{a, b\}^*$

**Case 1:**  $u$  contains  $a$

Thus  $u$  contains a last  $a$ , so  $u = u' \cdot a \cdot b^l$  for some  $u' \in \{a, b\}^*$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{N}$

Thus  $s = b^k \cdot a \cdot (u' \cdot a \cdot b^l)$

We know  $b^k \cdot a \cdot u' \in \mathcal{L}((a+b)^*)$ ,  $a \in \mathcal{L}(a)$ ,  $b^l \in \mathcal{L}(b^*)$

**Then**  $s \in \mathcal{L}((a+b)^*ab^*)$

**Case 2:**  $u$  has no  $a$

Thus  $s = b^k \cdot a \cdot b^l$  for some  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$

We know  $b^k \in \mathcal{L}((a+b)^*)$ ,  $a \in \mathcal{L}(a)$ ,  $b^l \in \mathcal{L}(b^*)$

**Then**  $s \in \mathcal{L}((a+b)^*ab^*)$

**Show**  $\mathcal{L}((a+b)^*ab^*) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(b^*a(a+b)^*)$

Let  $s \in \mathcal{L}((a+b)^*ab^*)$

Thus  $s = s_1 \cdot s_2 \cdot s_3$  for some  $s_1 \in \mathcal{L}((a+b)^*)$ ,  $s_2 \in \mathcal{L}(a)$ ,  $s_3 \in \mathcal{L}(b^*)$

Thus  $s = u \cdot a \cdot b^k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $u \in \{a, b\}^*$

**Case 1:**  $u$  contains  $a$

Thus  $u$  contains a first  $a$ , so  $u = b^l \cdot a \cdot u'$  for some  $u' \in \{a, b\}^*$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{N}$

Thus  $s = (b^l \cdot a \cdot u') \cdot a \cdot b^k$

We know  $b^l \in \mathcal{L}(b^*)$ ,  $a \in \mathcal{L}(a)$ ,  $u' \cdot a \cdot b^k \in \mathcal{L}((a+b)^*)$

**Then**  $s \in \mathcal{L}(b^*a(a+b)^*)$

**Case 2:**  $u$  has no  $a$

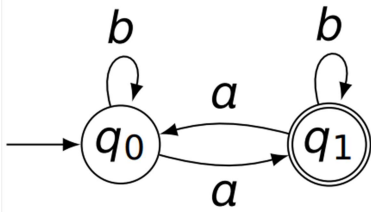
Thus  $s = b^l \cdot a \cdot b^k$  for some  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$

We know  $b^l \in \mathcal{L}(b^*)$ ,  $a \in \mathcal{L}(a)$ ,  $b^k \in \mathcal{L}((a+b)^*)$

**Then**  $s \in \mathcal{L}(b^*a(a+b)^*)$

**Deterministic Finite-State Automaton (DFSA):** A flow-chart of “states”. Formally, a tuple  $\mathcal{D} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, F)$

- $Q$  is a set of all states in  $\mathcal{D}$
- $\Sigma$  is the alphabet of symbols used by  $\mathcal{D}$
- $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$  where is a transition function between states
  - $\delta(q_1, x) = q_2$  means start with state  $q_1$ , after processing  $x$ , move to state  $q_2$
  - $\delta^*(q_1, x) = q_2$  means do  $\delta(q_1, x)$  for every character of  $x$  one-by-one
- $$\delta^*(q, x) = \begin{cases} q & \text{if } x = \epsilon \\ \delta(\delta^*(q, x_1), x_2) & \text{if } x = x_1 x_2 \text{ for some } x_1 \in \Sigma^*, x_2 \in \Sigma \end{cases}$$
- $s \in Q$  is the initial/start state
- $F \subseteq Q$  is a set of accepting/final states



eg. DFSA on the left.

$Q = \{q_0, q_1\}$	$\delta(q_0, a) = q_1$	$\delta^*(q_1, ab) = \delta(\delta^*(q_1, a), b)$
$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$	$\delta(q_0, b) = q_0$	$= \delta(\delta(\delta^*(q_1, \epsilon), a), b)$
$s = q_0$	$\delta(q_1, a) = q_0$	$= \delta(\delta(q_1, a), b)$
$F = \{q_1\}$	$\delta(q_1, b) = q_1$	$= \delta(q_0, b)$
		$= q_0$

\*In diagrams, we omit **dead states**, “dead end” states that can’t reach an accepting state

\*In diagrams, if  $\delta(q, a) = \delta(q, b)$ , we use one arrow with  $a, b$  instead of two arrows.

**Accepts:** For a DFSA  $\mathcal{D}$ , string  $s$  if  $\delta^*(s, x) \in F$

**Rejects:** For a DFSA  $\mathcal{D}$ , string  $s$  if  $\delta^*(s, x) \notin F$

**Language:** Accepted/recognized by a DFSA  $\mathcal{D}$ , the language  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}) = \{x \in \Sigma^*: \delta^*(s, x) \in F\}$

**State Invariant:** Predicate for a state,  $P_q(x): \delta^*(s, x) = q$

- To prove state invariants, use a variant of induction
  - Show  $P_s(\epsilon)$
  - Show  $P_q(x) \Rightarrow P_q(xx')$  for all  $x' \in \Sigma$

eg. Show for the DFSA above,  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}) = \{x: x \text{ has odd } a's\}$ .

**Claim**  $P_{q_0}(x): \delta^*(q_0, x) = \begin{cases} q_0 & x \text{ has even } a's \\ q_1 & x \text{ has odd } a's \end{cases}$

**Basis:**  $P_s(\epsilon)$

$\epsilon$  has 0 (even)  $a$ 's,

By definition,  $\delta^*(s, \epsilon) = s = q_0$ .

**Recursive Case:**  $P_{q_0}(x) \Rightarrow P_{q_0}(xx')$  for all  $x' \in \Sigma$

**Assume**  $P_{q_0}(x)$

**Let**  $x' \in \Sigma$

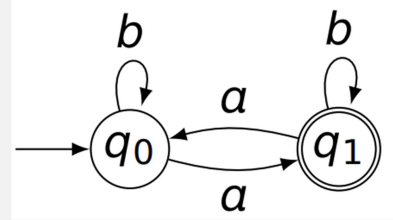
**Show**  $P_{q_0}(xx')$

**Case 1:**  $x' = a$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^*(q_0, xa) &= \delta(\delta^*(q_0, x), a) \\ &= \begin{cases} \delta(q_0, a) & x \text{ has even } a's \\ \delta(q_1, a) & x \text{ has odd } a's \end{cases} \quad (\text{from IH}) \\ &= \begin{cases} \delta(q_0, a) & xa \text{ has odd } a's \\ \delta(q_1, a) & xa \text{ has even } a's \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} q_1 & xa \text{ has odd } a's \\ q_0 & xa \text{ has even } a's \end{cases} \quad (\text{from } \delta \text{ def.}) \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2:**  $x' = b$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^*(q_0, xb) &= \delta(\delta^*(q_0, x), b) \\ &= \begin{cases} \delta(q_0, b) & x \text{ has even } a's \\ \delta(q_1, b) & x \text{ has odd } a's \end{cases} \quad (\text{from IH}) \\ &= \begin{cases} \delta(q_0, b) & xb \text{ has even } a's \\ \delta(q_1, b) & xb \text{ has odd } a's \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} q_0 & xb \text{ has even } a's \\ q_1 & xb \text{ has odd } a's \end{cases} \quad (\text{from } \delta \text{ def.}) \end{aligned}$$



Show  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}) \subseteq \{x: x \text{ has odd } a's\}$

Let  $x \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D})$

Since  $F = \{q_1\}$ , then  $\delta^*(s, x) = \delta^*(q_0, x) = q_1$

Recall the state invariant,  $\delta^*(q_0, x) = \begin{cases} q_0 & x \text{ has even } a's \\ q_1 & x \text{ has odd } a's \end{cases}$

Since  $\delta^*(q_0, x) = q_1$ , then  $x$  has odd number of  $a$ 's

Then  $x \in \{x: x \text{ has odd } a's\}$

Show  $\{x: x \text{ has odd } a's\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D})$

Let  $x \in \{x: x \text{ has odd } a's\}$ , so  $x$  has odd  $a$ 's

By state invariant,  $\delta^*(q_0, x) = q_1$ , and  $q_1 \in F$

Then  $x \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D})$

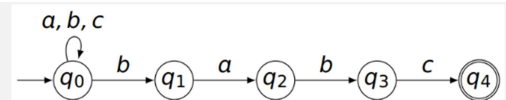
**Non-Deterministic Finite-State Automaton (NFSA):** A DSFA that redefines  $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^Q$  (all subsets of  $Q$ )

- In other words,  $\delta(q, x)$  can have multiple results; NSFAs can be in any number of states simultaneously
- NSFAs accept if some choice of transitions leads to an accepting state

eg. The NSFA for  $\{x \in \{a, b, c\}^*: x \text{ ends with } abac\}$

$x = ababa$

$q_0 \xrightarrow{a} q_0$	$\rightarrow q_1$	$\rightarrow q_2$	$\rightarrow q_3$	$\rightarrow \text{N/A}$	✗
$\searrow q_0$	$\rightarrow q_0$	$\rightarrow q_1$	$\rightarrow q_2$	$\notin F$	✗
	$\searrow q_0$	$\rightarrow q_0$	$\rightarrow q_0$	$\notin F$	✗



Then  $x = ababa \notin \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D})$  is rejected by the NFSA.

If any paths lead to something in  $F$ , the string is accepted.

**$\epsilon$ -Transition:** Transitions of the form  $\delta(q, \epsilon)$ , allowing multiple states without a new symbol

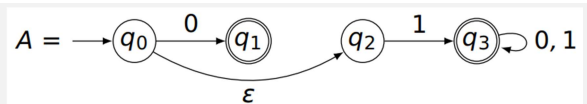
- $\epsilon$  is notational, don't treat it like an empty string (eg. do not do  $0 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 0 \cdot \epsilon \cdot 1 \cdot 1$ )

eg. The NSFA for  $\{x \in \{0,1\}^*: x = 0 \text{ or } x \text{ starts with } 1\}$

$x = 011$

$q_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} q_1$	$\rightarrow \text{N/A}$	$\rightarrow \text{N/A}$	✗
$\searrow q_2$	$\rightarrow \text{N/A}$	$\rightarrow \text{N/A}$	✗

Then  $x = 011 \notin \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D})$  is rejected by the NFSA.

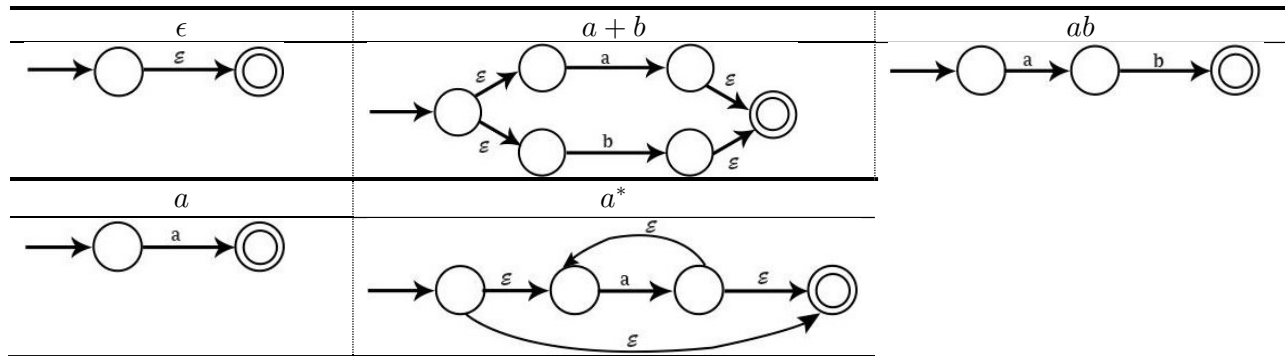


$x = 110$

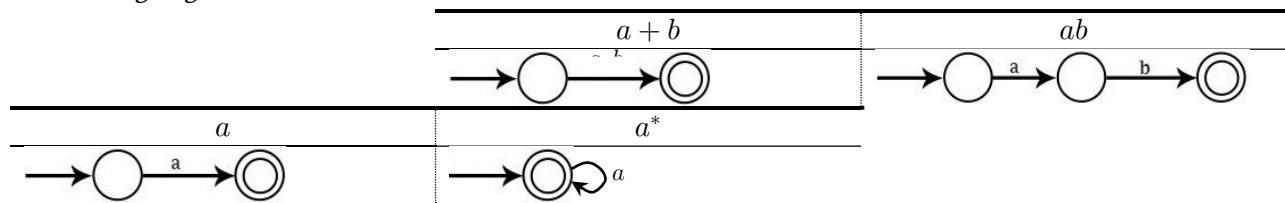
$q_0$	$\rightarrow \text{N/A}$	$\rightarrow \text{N/A}$	$\rightarrow \text{N/A}$	✗
$\epsilon$				
$\searrow q_2$	$\rightarrow q_3$	$\rightarrow q_3$	$\rightarrow q_3 \in F$	✓

Then  $x = 110 \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D})$  is accepted by the NFSA.

### Converting Regex to NFSA



### Converting Regex to DFSA

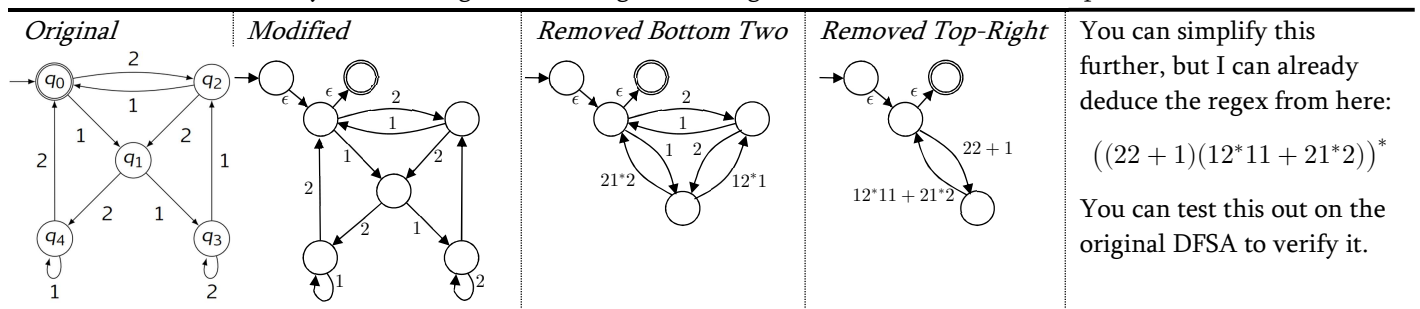


### Converting DFSA to RE

Add  $\epsilon$  transitions and modify the DFSA such that:

- 1) Nothing points to the initial state
- 2) There is 1 accepting state
- 3) The accepting state does not point anywhere

Remove states one-by-one, turning them into regex. The Regex to DFSA table can also help here





**Regular:** Language  $L$ , if (three equivalent definitions)

- $L = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D})$  for some DFSA  $\mathcal{D}$
- $L = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D})$  for some NFSA  $\mathcal{D}$
- $L = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{R}_\Sigma)$  for some regex  $\mathcal{R}_\Sigma$

Regular languages over alphabet  $\Sigma$  include:

- $\emptyset$
- $\{\epsilon\}$
- $\{x\}$ , for any  $x \in \Sigma$
- $L_1 \cup L_2, L_1 L_2, L^*, \bar{L}$  for regular languages  $L_1, L_2$

**Closed:** An operation  $\star$  such that if  $L_1, L_2$  are regular, then  $L_1 \star L_2$  is also regular

**Closure:** Property of set to be closed under certain operations (eg. intersection, Kleene star, prefix, reversal)

- $L_1 \cap L_2, L_1 \cup L_2, L_1 \setminus L_2, L_1 \times L_2, L^*, \bar{L}$

eg. Let  $L \subseteq \{0,1,2\}^*$  be regular, let  $L' = \{x \in \{0,1,2\}^* : x = 1x' \text{ for some } x' \in L \text{ or } x = 0x' \text{ for some } x' \in \bar{L}\}$ . Show  $L'$  is regular.

**Method 1:** DFSAs

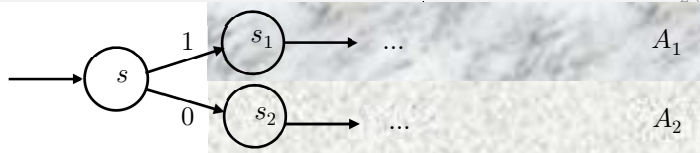
Since  $L$  is regular,  $\exists \mathcal{D}_1 = (Q_1, \{0,1,2\}, \delta_1, s_1, F_1), \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}_1) = L$

Since  $L$  is regular,  $\bar{L}$  is regular, so  $\exists \mathcal{D}_2 = (Q_2, \{0,1,2\}, \delta_2, s_2, F_2), \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}_2) = \bar{L}$

Define the DFA  $\mathcal{D} = (Q, \{0,1,2\}, \delta, s, F)$  such that

- $Q = \{s\} \cup Q_1 \cup Q_2$
- $F = F_1 \cup F_2$

$$\delta(q, x) = \begin{cases} s_1 & q = s, x = 1 \\ s_2 & q = s, x = 0 \\ \delta_1(q, x) & q \in Q_1, x \in \{0,1,2\} \\ \delta_2(q, x) & q \in Q_2, x \in \{0,1,2\} \end{cases}$$



If  $x = 1x'$  where  $x' \in L$ , then

$$\delta^*(s, 1x') = \delta^*(\delta(s, 1), x') = \delta^*(s_1, x') = \delta_1^*(s_1, x')$$

Since  $x' \in L$ ,  $x'$  is accepted by  $\mathcal{D}_1$ ,

Then  $\delta_1^*(s_1, x')$  will return an accepting state.

If  $x = 0x'$  where  $x' \in \bar{L}$ , then

$$\delta^*(s, 0x') = \delta^*(\delta(s, 0), x') = \delta^*(s_2, x') = \delta_2^*(s_2, x')$$

Since  $x' \in \bar{L}$ ,  $x'$  is accepted by  $\mathcal{D}_2$ ,

Then  $\delta_2^*(s_2, x')$  will return an accepting state.

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}) = L'$$

**Method 2:** Regexes

Since  $L$  is regular,  $\exists R_1$  over  $\{0,1,2\}, \mathcal{L}(R_1) = L$

Since  $L$  is regular,  $\bar{L}$  is regular, so  $\exists R_2$  over  $\{0,1,2\}, \mathcal{L}(R_2) = \bar{L}$

Define  $R = 1R_1 + 0R_2$  over  $\{0,1,2\}$ , so...

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \mathcal{L}(R) &= \mathcal{L}(1R_1) \cup \mathcal{L}(0R_2) \\ &= (1 \cdot \mathcal{L}(R_1)) \cup (0 \cdot \mathcal{L}(R_2)) \\ &= (1 \cdot L) \cup (0 \cdot \bar{L}) \\ &= L' \end{aligned}$$

eg. Find DFSA for  $L_1 \cap L_2$  with  $L_1 = \{x \in \{a,b\}^* : x \text{ contains } aaa\}$ ,  $L_2 = \{x \in \{a,b\}^* : x \text{ contains even } b\text{'s}\}$

Consider  $x = babaa$  for the two DFSAs  $\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2$  on the right

$q_0 \xrightarrow{b} q_0 \xrightarrow{a} q_1 \xrightarrow{b} q_0 \xrightarrow{a} q_1 \xrightarrow{a} q_2$	✗	$babaa \notin L_1$	Therefore
$r_0 \xrightarrow{b} r_1 \xrightarrow{a} r_1 \xrightarrow{b} r_0 \xrightarrow{a} r_0 \xrightarrow{a} r_0$	✓	$babaa \in L_2$	$babaa \notin L_1 \cap L_2$

Consider the DFA  $\mathcal{D} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, F)$  with

- $Q = Q_1 \times Q_2$
- $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$
- $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$  where  $\delta((q, r), x) = (\delta_1(q, x), \delta_2(r, x))$

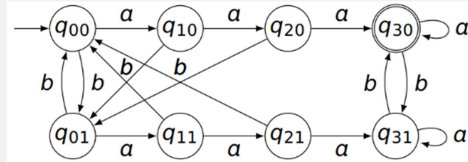
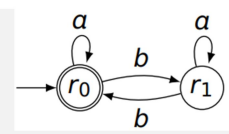
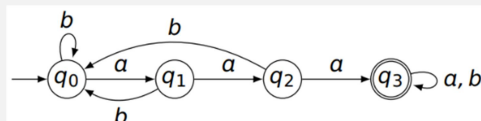
**Show**  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}) = L_1 \cap L_2$

$$\delta_1^*(q, x) = q_3 \Leftrightarrow x \text{ contains } aaa \Leftrightarrow x \in L_1 \text{ (to be proved)}$$

$$\delta_2^*(r, x) = r_0 \Leftrightarrow x \text{ contains even } b\text{'s} \Leftrightarrow x \in L_2 \text{ (to be proved)}$$

$$\therefore \delta^*((q, r), x) = (q_3, r_0) \Leftrightarrow x \in L_1 \cap L_2$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}) = L_1 \cap L_2$$



**Pumping Lemma:** For all regular languages  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ ,  $\exists p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\forall x \in L$  with  $|x| \geq p$ ,  $\exists i, j, k \in \Sigma^*$ ,

- $x = ijk$       ➤  $|ij| \leq p$       ➤  $|j| \geq 1$       ➤  $ij^n k \in L$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

eg. Show  $L = \{a^n b^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \{ab, aabb, aaabbb, aaaabbbb, \dots\}$  is not regular.

**Method 1:** Proof by contradiction

Suppose  $L$  is regular, then  $\exists \mathcal{D} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, F)$  where  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}) = L$

Consider  $x = a^{|Q|+1} b^{|Q|+1} \in L$ .

As  $|x| > |Q|$ , then the path for processing  $a^{|Q|+1}$  has a loop passing some state  $q$  twice.

Thus  $x = a^i a^j a^k b^{|Q|+1}$ , where  $\delta^*(s, a^i) = q = \delta^*(q, a^j)$

Thus  $\delta^*(s, a^i a^k b^{|Q|+1}) = \delta^*(s, a^i a^j a^k b^{|Q|+1})$  even though  $a^i a^k b^{|Q|+1} \notin L$ ,  $a^i a^j a^k b^{|Q|+1} \in L$ , a contradiction.

Therefore,  $L$  is not regular.

**Method 2:** Proof by contradiction, pumping lemma

Suppose  $L$  is regular

Show pumping lemma is false,  $\forall p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\exists x \in L$ ,  $|x| \geq p$ ,  $\forall i, j, k \in \Sigma^*$ ,  $x \neq ijk \vee |ij| > p \vee |j| < 1 \vee ij^n k \notin L$

Let  $p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Pick  $x = a^p b^p \in L$ , then  $|x| = 2p > p$

Let  $i, j, k \in \Sigma^*$

Assume  $x = ijk$ ,  $|ij| \leq p$ ,  $|j| \geq 1$  (ie. assume first three premises false, show last premise true)

Since  $x = a^p b^p$  and  $|ij| \leq p$ , then  $i = a^{|i|}$ ,  $j = a^{|j|}$ , meaning  $k = a^{p-|ij|} b^p$

Therefore for  $n = 1$ ,  $ijk = a^{|i|} a^{|j|} a^{p-|ij|} b^p = a^p b^p = x \in L$ , a contradiction.