

Foundations of Algorithms

Homework 2

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$$\begin{aligned}F_0 &= 0 \\F_1 &= 1 \\F_n &= F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f(0; a, b) &= a \\f(1; a, b) &= b \\f(n; a, b) &= f(n-1; b, a+b)\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1 For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ if $n > 1$ then $f(n; a, b) = f(n-1; a, b) + f(n-2; a, b)$.

Theorem 2 For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $F_n = f(n; 0, 1)$.

1. The function `fibItHelper` implemented the recurrence $f(n; a, b)$. What is the time complexity of `fibItHelper`? Write down a recurrence relation $T_f(n)$ that characterizes the time complexity in terms of the number of additions performed; then solve the recurrence.
2. Notice that f is repeatedly operating on the numbers a and b . Let $L : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^2$ be defined by $L(a, b) = (b, a + b)$. Then $f(n; a, b)$ can be understood as $(L^n(a, b))_1$. Prove this assertion by using mathematical induction to prove that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $L^n(a, b) = (f(n; a, b), f(n+1; a, b))$.
3. **(project)** Write a function `fibPow` that takes a natural number n , and returns $(L^n(0, 1))_1$.
 - (a) First choose a representation for L . (HINT: The variable L is used because the function is a linear operator. Functional programmers beware!)
 - (b) Then implement an algorithm to raise objects of that type to the n th power that requires only $\mathcal{O}(\log(n))$ “iterations.”
 - (c) Finally, implement `fibPow` using the representation of L and the power algorithm.
 - (d) What is the time complexity of `fibPow`?
4. Look up the definition of *pseudo-polynomial time*.
 - (a) Write down the definition.
 - (b) Is `fib` a pseudo-polynomial time algorithm? Explain.
 - (c) Is `fibIt` a pseudo-polynomial time algorithm? Explain.
 - (d) Is `fibPow` a pseudo-polynomial time algorithm? Explain.

5. Solve the following recurrences using the iteration method and express the answer using \mathcal{O} -notation. In all cases, $T(1) = 1$, and a , b , and c are constants greater than or equal to one.

(a) $T(n) = aT(n-1) + bn$

(b) $T(n) = aT(n-1) + bn \log(n)$

(c) $T(n) = aT(n-1) + bn^c$

(d) $T(n) = aT(n/2) + bn^c$