

4. Analysis of an Algorithm (20 points)

You are given an array A , which stores n distinct numbers ($n \geq 2$). There is a mystery function called $\text{Mystery}(A, n)$ that works on the array. The pseudocode of the algorithm is shown as below.

Please analyze the worst-case asymptotic execution time of this algorithm. (1) List the cost for executing each line of code and the number of executions for each line; and then derive a recurrence of the running time; (2) solve the recurrence by using one of the methods we have learned; must show your work clearly.

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Mystery(A, n)
    return Mystery_helper(A, 1, n)

Mystery_helper(A, p, r)
    if p == r - 1
        if A[p] > A[r]
            return p
        else return r
    q = ⌊ (p+r)/2 ⌋
    if A[q] < A[q+1]
        return Mystery_helper(A, q+1, r)
    else
        return Mystery_helper(A, p, q)
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