TND004: Lab 1

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Exercise 3

Iterative

Time complexity

If we only consider the most costly aspects of our implementation the time complexity T(n) depends on the body of the loop, how many times the loop is executed and the reverse function. The body of the loop consists of one function call to function even(). The function makes a simple calculation and returns a bool i.e. it's of constant time complexity: $\mathcal{O}(1)$. The std::reverse function is equivalent to a while loop and a call to a swap function and is therefore linear i.e $\mathcal{O}(n)$. Regarding the numbers of iterations in the for loop, it doesn't matter what elements the sequence consists of it will run n-1 times anyway, giving a linear time complexity. Hence the total time complexity becomes: $T(n) = \mathcal{O}(n)$.

Space complexity

The space complexity S(n) is determined by the most costly parts of the code. In this case it's when allocating memory for the std::vector tempVec. The space complexity for the allocation is linear, i.e $S(n) = \mathcal{O}(n)$.

Divide-and-conquer

Time complexity

The time complexity for the recursive function is defined by the most costly aspects of the code, i.e the function calls: The call to the function even(), the recursive calls to TND004::stable_partition() and the call to std::rotate(). even() have constant time complexity, $T(n) = \mathcal{O}(1)$. TND004::stable_partition() have $T(n) = \mathcal{O}(\frac{n}{2})$ since it's two calls each time for half the sequence. std::rotate() have linear time complexity, $T(n) = \mathcal{O}(n)$. We get the following expression:

$$\begin{cases} T(n) = 1 & , if n = 1 \\ T(n) = 3 + 2T(n/2) + \mathcal{O}(n) & , if n > 1 \end{cases}$$

Using the master theorem gives the following:

$$a = 3, b = 2, c = 2$$

$$f(n) = 3 + \mathcal{O}(n) = \mathcal{O}(n) \Rightarrow k = 1$$

We get:

$$T(n) = f(n) + T(n/b)$$

$$b = c^k \Rightarrow k = 1.$$

Hence:

$$\mathcal{O}(n^k \log(n)) \Rightarrow T(n) = \mathcal{O}(n \log(n))$$

Space complexity

The space complexity S(n) is defined by the most costly aspects of the code, i.e when initialising the mid iterator and when the recursive calls are made. Initialising has a space complexity of S(n) = 1 and the recursive calls $S(n) = \frac{n}{2}$, since the sequence is split into half before the recursive calls. Resulting in: $S(n) = 1 + S(\frac{n}{2})$ where n > 1, otherwise S(n) = 0. Applying the master theorem:

$$a = 0, b = 1, c = 2$$

$$f(n) = 1 = \mathcal{O}(1) = \mathcal{O}(n^k) \Rightarrow k = 0$$

Hence:

$$b = c^k \Rightarrow k = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\mathcal{O}(n^k \log(n)) \Rightarrow S(n) = \mathcal{O}(\log(n))$$

Conclusion

The time and space complexity for the functions are presented in table 1. Conclusions that can be determined are: The iterative function preform better regarding time complexity, but the recursive function is better regarding space complexity.

Table 1: Results.

	Iterative	Divide-and-conquer
Time complexity $T(n)$	$\mathcal{O}(n)$	$\mathcal{O}(n\log(n))$
Space Complexity $S(n)$	$\mathcal{O}(n)$	$\mathcal{O}(\log(n))$