

Lecture Notes
on
Analysis of an Algorithm



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(Be safe and stay at home)

Recurrence

- When an algorithm contains a recursive call to itself, its running time can be described by a recurrence or recurrence equation.
- $T(n) = \begin{cases} O(1); & \text{if } n < 1 \\ 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + n; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Solving Recurrence Relations

- 1 Substitution Method
- 2 Master's Method
- 3 Recurrence-tree Method

Substitution Method: Problem 01

$$T(n) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} O(1); \text{ if } n \leq 1 \\ T(n-1) + n; \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right\} \quad T(n) = T(n-1) + n$$

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

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

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$$= 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$= (n^2)$$

Problem 02:

$$T(n) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} O(1); \text{ if } n \leq 1 \\ n * T(n-1); \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right\} \quad T(n) = n * T(n-1)$$

$$= n * [(n-1) * T(n-2)]$$

$$= n * [(n-1) * (n-2) * T(n-3)]$$

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: Repeat (n-1) times

$$= n * (n-1) * (n-2) * \dots * T(n-(n-1))$$

$$= n * (n-1) * (n-2) * \dots * 2 * 1$$

$$= O(n^n)$$

Problem 03:

$$T(n) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} O(1); \text{ if } n \leq 1 \\ T(\frac{n}{2}) + c; \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right\}$$

assume $n = 2^k$

$$\log_2 n = k$$

$$= [T(\frac{n}{2^2}) + c] + c$$

$$= [T(\frac{n}{2^3}) + c] + 2c$$

$$= T(\frac{n}{2^4}) + 4c$$

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: Repeat ' k ' times

$$= T(\frac{n}{2^k}) + k.c$$

$$= T(\frac{n}{n}) + \log_2 n.c$$

$$= 1 + c.\log_2 n$$

$$= O(\log_2 n)$$

Practice Questions:

$$1. T(n) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} O(1); \text{ if } n \leq 1 \\ 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + n; \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$2. T(n) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} O(1); \text{ if } n \leq 1 \\ 8T(\frac{n}{2}) + n^2; \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$3. T(n) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} O(1); \text{ if } n \leq 1 \\ 7T(\frac{n}{2}) + n^2; \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$4. T(n) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} O(1); \text{ if } n \leq 1 \\ 3T(\frac{n}{2}) + n^2; \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right\}$$

Q & A?

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