

EECE.3220: Data Structures

Homework 1 Solution

1. (25 points) Assume each expression listed below represents the execution time of a program. Express the order of magnitude for each time using big O notation.

Solutions: In each case, the fastest growing term (which determines order of magnitude) is in **bold**.

a. $T(n) = \mathbf{n^3} + 100n \cdot \log_2 n + 5000 = \mathbf{O(n^3)}$

b. $T(n) = \mathbf{2^n} + n^{99} = \mathbf{O(2^n)}$

c. $T(n) = \frac{n^2-1}{n+1} + 8 \log_2 n = \mathbf{O(n)}$

Note: $n^2 - 1 = (n + 1) * (n - 1)$, so that first term is simply $(n - 1)$.

d. $T(n) = 1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + \mathbf{2^{n-1}} = \mathbf{O(2^n)}$

Note: The answer here is $O(2^n)$ and not $O(2^{n-1})$ because $2^{n-1} = 2^n / 2 = 0.5 * 2^n$.

2. (75 points) For each of the code segments below, determine an equation for the worst-case computing time $T(n)$ (expressed as a function of n , i.e. $2n + 4$) and the order of magnitude (expressed using big O notation, i.e. $O(n)$).

Solutions: In each case, the number of times each line is executed is written to the right in red. Also, for simplicity's sake, a for loop is treated as a single statement, despite the fact that a for loop is really a collection of three statements. If you analyzed each for loop as a set of three statements, we'll account for that when grading your submissions.

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a. // Calculate mean
   n = 0;           1
   sum = 0;        1
   cin >> x;       1
   while (x != -999) n + 1
   {
       n++;         n
       sum += x;    n
       cin >> x;    n
   }
   mean = sum / n; 1
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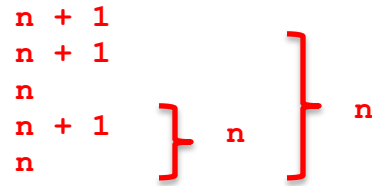
$$T(n) = 1 + 1 + 1 + (n+1) + n + n + n + 1 = 4n + 5 = O(n)$$

Note: While the value of x controls the number of loop iterations, n counts the number of iterations, as it's incremented in every loop iteration. You can therefore express the execution time as a function of n .

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b. // Matrix addition
   for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {           n + 1
       for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {       n + 1
           c[i][j] = a[i][j] + b[i][j];   n
       }                                   } n times
   }
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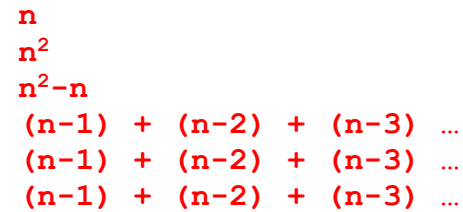
$$T(n) = (n + 1) + n * ((n + 1) + n) = 2n^2 + 2n + 1 = O(n^2)$$

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c. // Matrix multiplication
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
        c[i][j] = 0;
        for (int k = 0; k < n; k++) {
            c[i][j] += a[i][k] * b[k][j];
        }
    }
}
```



$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= (n+1) + n * [(n+1) + n + n * ((n+1) + n)] \\ &= (n+1) + n * [(n+1) + n + 2n^2 + n] \\ &= (n+1) + 2n^3 + 3n^2 + n = \mathbf{2n^3 + 3n^2 + 2n + 1 = O(n^3)} \end{aligned}$$

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d. // Bubble sort
for (int i = 0; i < n - 1; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < n - 1; j++) {
        if (x[j] > x[j + 1]) {
            temp = x[j];
            x[j] = x[j + 1];
            x[j + 1] = temp;
        }
    }
}
```



$$T(n) = n + n^2 + (n^2 - n) + n*(n-1)/2 = \mathbf{2.5n^2 - 0.5n = O(n^2)}$$

Note: The worst case for a bubble sort is that the array is initially sorted from largest to smallest value. So, the body of the if statement executes (n-1) times the first time through the inner loop, (n-2) times the second time, and so on, executing just 1 time in the last inner loop iteration. As shown in our discussion of selection sort, that sum is equal to $n*(n-1)/2$.

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e. while (n >= 1)    log2n + 2
    n /= 2;          log2n + 1
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$$T(n) = (\log_2 n + 2) + (\log_2 n + 1) = \mathbf{2 \log_2 n + 3 = O(\log_2 n)}$$

Note: The analysis here is similar to the analysis of binary search, in which the loop test executes $(\log_2 n + 2)$ times. A few examples will show this analysis to be true—for example, say $n = 8 = 2^3$. It takes 4 (which is $\log_2 n + 1$) iterations for $n /= 2$ to produce the value 0, and the loop condition must therefore be tested a 5th time for the loop to end.

f. (extra credit—5 points)

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x = 1;
for (int i = 1; i <= n - 1; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; j <= x; j++)
        cout << j << endl;
    x *= 2;
}

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1
n
2 + 3 + 5 + ... + (2ⁿ⁻²+1)
1 + 2 + 4 + ... + 2ⁿ⁻²
n-1

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= 1 + n + (2^{n-1} + n - 2) + (2^{n-1} - 1) + (n - 1) \\
 &= 2*2^{n-1} + 3n - 3 = \mathbf{2^n + 3n - 3 = O(2^n)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: To derive the formula for T(n) shown above, I went through the following analysis:

The number of inner loop iterations is based on the value of x—the for loop condition is always tested (x + 1) times, and the body of the loop executes x times. x doubles every time you go through the outer loop, and the body of that loop executes n-1 times. So, the last time you execute the inner loop, x = 2ⁿ⁻², then x is doubled one last time to 2ⁿ⁻¹.

After about 10 minutes of Google searching (I wish that was a joke), I was able to find the following formula that helped me determine a simple value for the sum 1 + 2 + 4 + ... + 2ⁿ⁻²:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} r^k = \frac{1 - r^N}{1 - r}$$

Therefore, the body of the inner loop executes 2ⁿ - 1 times, as shown by evaluating that formula for r = 2 and N = (n-1):

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-2} 2^k = \frac{1 - 2^{n-1}}{1 - 2} = 2^{n-1} - 1$$

The inner loop condition is tested 1 more time than the loop body executes. The number of terms in the sum 1 + 2 + 4 + ... + 2ⁿ⁻² is n-1. So, the third line executes 2ⁿ⁻¹ - 1 + (n-1) = 2ⁿ⁻¹ + n - 2 times.