

MATH/CSE 1019 Test 3

1. (5 points) Use mathematical induction to prove that

$$1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n - 1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}n(4n^2 - 1)$$

whenever n is a positive integer.

Proof:

Basis Step: $n=1$. L.H.S. $= 1^2 = 1$. R.H.S. $= \frac{1}{3} * 1 * (4 * 1^2 - 1) = 1$. L.H.S. = R.H.S. The statement is True.

Inductive Step: Assume the statement is true when $n=k$. Then

$$1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k - 1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}k(4k^2 - 1).$$

Prove the statement is true when $n=k+1$, i.e.

$$1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2(k + 1) - 1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}(k + 1)(4(k + 1)^2 - 1)$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2(k + 1) - 1)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}k(4k^2 - 1) + (2(k + 1) - 1)^2 \quad \text{by the assumption}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}(4k^3 - k) + (2k + 1)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}(4k^3 - k) + (4k^2 + 4k + 1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}(4k^3 - k + 12k^2 + 12k + 3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}(4k^3 + 12k^2 + 11k + 3)$$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = \frac{1}{3}(k + 1)(4(k + 1)^2 - 1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}(k + 1)(4(k^2 + 2k + 1) - 1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}(k + 1)(4k^2 + 8k + 3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}(4k^3 + 8k^2 + 3k + 4k^2 + 8k + 3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}(4k^3 + 12k^2 + 11k + 3) = \text{L.H.S.}$$

By mathematical induction, the statement is true for all positive integers.

2. (5 points) Use strong induction to prove that every positive integer n can be written as a sum of distinct powers of two, that is, as a sum of a subset of the integers $2^0 = 1$, $2^1 = 2$, $2^2 = 4$, and so on. (For example, $5 = 2^0 + 2^2$. Hint: For the inductive step, separately consider the case where $k+1$ is even and where it is odd.)

Proof:

If n can be written as a sum of distinct powers of two, let us denote this sum as $f(n)$.

Basis Step: When $n=1$, $1 = 2^0$. The statement is true.

Inductive Step: Assume the statement is true when $n=j$, for $1 \leq j \leq k$. Then j can be written as a sum of distinct powers of two.

Prove the statement is true when $n=k+1$, i.e. $(k+1)$ can be written as a sum of distinct powers of two.

- (1) Case 1: $k+1$ is an odd positive integer.

Then k is an even positive integer.

By the assumption, k can be written as sum of distinct powers of two.

Since k is even, 2^0 is not included (otherwise k will be odd.)

Then $k+1$ can be written as $f(k+1) = f(k) + 2^0$, which is sum of distinct powers of two.

- (2) Case 2: $k+1$ is even.

Then $(k+1)/2$ is a positive integer, and $1 \leq (k+1)/2 \leq k$.

By the assumption, $(k+1)/2$ can be written as sum of distinct powers of two.

Then $k+1$ can be written as $f(k+1) = 2 * f((k+1)/2)$.

Since all the powers in $f((k+1)/2)$ are distinct, then all the powers in $2 * f((k+1)/2)$ are distinct too.

By strong induction, the statement is true.

3. (5 points) Use the definition of big-O and big- Ω to prove that $2n^3 + 7n^2 + 5$ is $\Theta(n^3)$.

Proof:

$2n^3 + 7n^2 + 5$ is $\Theta(n^3) \equiv 2n^3 + 7n^2 + 5$ is $O(n^3)$ and $2n^3 + 7n^2 + 5$ is $\Omega(n^3)$.

- (1) Prove $2n^3 + 7n^2 + 5$ is $O(n^3)$.

We need to find a pair of witnesses C_1 and k_1 , such that $\forall n > k_1$,

$$|2n^3 + 7n^2 + 5| \leq C_1 |n^3|.$$

Notice that when $n > 1$, $n^3 > n^2 > 1$.

$$\text{Then } |2n^3 + 7n^2 + 5| = 2n^3 + 7n^2 + 5 < 2n^3 + 7n^3 + 5n^3 = 14n^3 = 14|n^3|$$

Let $C_1 = 14$ and $k_1 = 1$, then $\forall n > k_1, |2n^3 + 7n^2 + 5| \leq C_1|n^3|$ is always true.
 (2) Prove $2n^3 + 7n^2 + 5$ is $\Omega(n^3)$.

We need to find a pair of witnesses C_2 and k_2 , such that $\forall n > k_2$,
 $|2n^3 + 7n^2 + 5| \geq C_2|n^3|$.

Notice that when $n > 0$, $7n^2 + 5 > 0$.

Then $|2n^3 + 7n^2 + 5| = 2n^3 + 7n^2 + 5 > 2n^3 = 2|n^3|$

Let $C_2 = 2$ and $k_2 = 0$, then $\forall n > k_2, |2n^3 + 7n^2 + 5| \geq C_2|n^3|$ is always true.

4. (5 points) Use the definition of big-O to prove $3n^2 - 10$ is not $O(n)$.

Proof by contradiction:

Assume $3n^2 - 10$ is $O(n)$.

Then $\exists C$ and k , such that $\forall n > k, |3n^2 - 10| \leq C|n|$.

Notice when $n > \sqrt{10}$, $0 < 2n^2 < 3n^2 - 10$.

If $|3n^2 - 10| \leq C|n|$, then $2n^2 < Cn$.

For any given C and k , let $n = \max\{C/2, k, \sqrt{10}\} + 1$, the statement $\forall n > k, |3n^2 - 10| \leq C|n|$ will be False.

This is a contradiction.

Then the original statement “ $3n^2 - 10$ is not $O(n)$ ” is true.

5. (5 points) What is the output of the following algorithm? What is the running time of this algorithm in big-O notation?

Input: $A = \begin{bmatrix} A[1,1] & A[1,2] & \dots & A[1,n] \\ A[2,1] & A[2,2] & \dots & A[2,n] \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ A[n,1] & A[n,2] & \dots & A[n,n] \end{bmatrix}$

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1.   for i ← 1 to n
2.       for j ← 1 to n
3.           dotmp ← A[i,j]
4.           A[i,j] ← A[j,i]
5.           A[j,i] ← tmp
6.   return(A)
    
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Solution:

Output: A

Note: The elements will be swapped twice.

Running Time: $O(n^2)$

6. (5 points) Using a loop invariant to prove that the following program for computing the factorials is correct. (Hint: $n! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times (n-1) \times n$)

Input: A positive integer y
Output: $y!$

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F(y)
1.   x ← 1
2.   z ← 1
3.   while x ≤ y
4.       do z ← z * x
5.       x ← x + 1
6.   return(z)
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Proof:

Loop invariant: Before the k th iteration, $x_k = k \leq (y + 1)$, and $z_k = (k-1)!$.

Note: Let us denote the values of x and z before the k th iteration as x_k and z_k .

Proof:

Basis Case: $k=1$. Before the 1st iteration, $x_1 = 1 \leq (y+1)$, and $z_1 = 0! = 1$. The loop invariant holds.

Inductive Step: Suppose the loop invariant holds before the k th iteration, i.e. before the

k th iteration, $x_k = k \leq (y + 1)$, and $z_k = (k-1)!$.

If the loop does not terminate before this iteration, prove the loop invariant holds before the $(k+1)$ th iteration, i.e. before the $(k+1)$ th iteration, $x_{k+1} = (k+1) \leq (y + 1)$, and $z_{k+1} = k!$.

In the 4th line, $z_{k+1} = z_k * x_k = (k-1)! * k = k!$

In the 5th line, $x_{k+1} = x_k + 1 = k + 1$

Since the loop does not terminate before this iteration, then $x_k = k \leq y$, according to line 3. Therefore, $x_{k+1} = k + 1 \leq y + 1$.

\therefore The loop invariant holds before the $(k+1)$ th iteration.

Termination: x starts from 1, and keeps incrementing by 1 each time. It will be

eventually greater than y . So the algorithm will terminate, and $k=y+1$ upon termination. By the loop invariant, $z_k = (k-1)! = y!$.

Therefore, we have proved the correctness of the given algorithm.