INFO2050 - Advanced computer programming

Exercise session 2: Recurrence and summation

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Exercise 1

Find an analytic solution for:

(a)
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k+1)x^{2k} \text{ (with } |x| < 1);$$

(b)
$$\sum_{i=x}^{y} (2i+1);$$

(c)
$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left(\frac{j}{j+2}\right)^{i}.$$

(d)
$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} k^{2}4^{k} \text{ (tips: use the perturbation method)}$$

Exercise 2

Find an analytic solution for:

$$T(0) = 2$$

$$T(n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{p=0}^{n-1} T(n-1-p)T(p) \quad \forall n > 0$$

Exercise 3

Find an analytic solution for:

$$T(1) = 1$$
$$nT(n) = (n-2)T(n-1) + 2 \quad \forall n > 1$$

Exercise 4

Find an analytic solution for:

$$T(1) = 13$$
$$T(n) = 2T(n/8) + 21n \quad \forall n > 1$$

Exercise 5

Consider the following recurrence (where n > 1 is a power of 3):

$$T(1) = 0$$
$$T(n) = 6T(n/3) + 2n$$

- (a) Without solving the recurrence, show that $T(n) \in O(n^2)$ (tips: refer to the master theorem).
- (b) Find an analytic solution.

Exercise 6

For each of the following pseudo-codes, determine what is doing the algorithm and its asymptotic complexity (be precise with the notations).

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CODE2(n)
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CODE3(A, k)

Bonus

Bonus 1

In a machine learning application, we would like to extract contiguous substrings from a reference string A of length n. How many substrings of length k, at most k and between lengths k_1 and k_2 are there? How many in total?

Bonus 2

The first Euler project (https://projecteuler.net) does not require a computer:

"If we list all the natural numbers below 10 that are multiples of 3 or 5, we get 3, 5, 6 and 9. The sum of these multiples is 23. Find the sum of all the multiples of 3 or 5 below 1000."