

## Assignment #1

**Deadline: Thursday, October 1st, 2020  
before 10:00 AM (to be delivered in BrightSpace)**

*Note: Make sure your handwriting is readable, otherwise your assignment will not be marked.*

1. (10 marks) Assume that  $n = 5^k$ , where  $k$  is a positive integer, and solve the following recurrence by unfolding.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 10T\left(\frac{1}{5}n\right) + \frac{1}{2}n & \text{if } n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Your final answer must be an exact formula in terms of  $n$  (do not use  $O$ -notation). Your final answer must be simplified as much as possible. You must provide all details of your solution.

Solution: Assuming that  $n = 5^k$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 10T\left(\frac{1}{5}n\right) + \frac{1}{2}n \\ &= 10\left(10T\left(\frac{1}{5^2}n\right) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{n}{5}\right) + \frac{1}{2}n \\ &= 10^2 T\left(\frac{1}{5^2}n\right) + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}n + \frac{1}{2}n \\ &= 10^2 \left(10T\left(\frac{1}{5^3}n\right) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{n}{5^2}\right) + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}n + \frac{1}{2}n \\ &= 10^3 T\left(\frac{1}{5^3}n\right) + 2^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}n + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}n + \frac{1}{2}n \\ &= 10^3 \left(10T\left(\frac{1}{5^4}n\right) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{n}{5^3}\right) + 2^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}n + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}n + \frac{1}{2}n \\ &= 10^4 T\left(\frac{1}{5^4}n\right) + 2^3 \cdot \frac{1}{2}n + 2^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}n + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}n + \frac{1}{2}n \\ &= 10^4 T\left(\frac{1}{5^4}n\right) + (2^3 + 2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0) \cdot \frac{1}{2}n \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 10^k T\left(\frac{1}{5^k}n\right) + \frac{1}{2}n \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 2^i \\
&= 10^k T\left(\frac{1}{5^k}n\right) + \frac{1}{2}n(2^k - 1) && \text{since } \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 2^i = 2^k - 1, \\
&= 2 \cdot 10^k + \frac{1}{2}n(2^k - 1) && \text{since } T\left(\frac{1}{5^k}n\right) = T(1) = 2, \\
&= 2 \cdot 2^k \cdot 5^k + \frac{1}{2}n(2^k - 1) \\
&= 2n \cdot 2^k + \frac{1}{2}n(2^k - 1) && \text{since } n = 5^k, \\
&= \frac{5}{2}n \cdot 2^k - \frac{n}{2} \\
&= \frac{5}{2}n(5^{\log_5(2)})^k - \frac{n}{2} \\
&= \frac{5}{2}n(5^k)^{\log_5(2)} - \frac{n}{2} \\
&= \frac{5}{2}n \cdot n^{\log_5(2)} - \frac{n}{2} && \text{since } n = 5^k, \\
&= \frac{5}{2}n^{1+\log_5(2)} - \frac{n}{2} \\
&= \frac{5}{2}n^{\log_5(10)} - \frac{n}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

2. (10 marks) Design a deterministic algorithm to solve the following problem.

**input:** An array  $A[1..n]$  of  $n$  integers.

**output:** Two different indices  $i$  and  $j$  such that  $A[i] + A[j] = 2020$ , if such indices exist. Otherwise, return **NONE**.

Your algorithm must take  $O(n \log(n))$  time. You must describe your algorithm in plain English (no pseudocode) and you must explain why the running time of your algorithm is  $O(n \log(n))$ .

Solution: Be careful: we need to return the indices  $i$  and  $j$ , not the numbers  $A[i]$  and  $A[j]$ . Moreover, when we sort  $A$ , we destroy the original indices.

So first, scan  $A$  and replace each number  $x \in A$  by a pair  $(x, k)$ , where  $k$  is the index of  $x$  in  $A$ . To do that, we have to visit each position in  $A$  once. This takes  $O(n)$  time. For instance,  $\{17, 2, -140, 2028, 42, -8\}$  becomes  $\{(17, 1), (2, 2), (-140, 3), (2028, 4), (42, 5), (-8, 6)\}$ .

Second, sort  $A$  (with respect to the first number in each pair) using Merge sort. This takes  $O(n \log(n))$  time. For instance,  $\{(17, 1), (2, 2), (-140, 3), (2028, 4), (42, 5), (-8, 6)\}$  becomes  $\{(-140, 3), (-8, 6), (2, 2), (17, 1), (42, 5), (2028, 4)\}$ .

Finally, we scan  $A$  and for each number  $x \in A$ , we want to know whether  $2020 - x$  is in  $A$ . We can search for  $2020 - x$  in  $A$  by doing binary search. If we find  $2020 - x$  in  $A$  (with an index different than that of  $x$ ), we return its index, together with the index of  $x$  and we stop. If all binary searches were unsuccessful, we return **NONE** and we stop. Binary search takes  $O(\log(n))$  time and we run it at most once for each of the  $n$  numbers in  $A$ . This makes  $O(n \log(n))$  time for this part of the algorithm. In our example, we first consider the pair  $(-140, 3)$ . We do binary search with  $2020 - (-140) = 2140$ , which is unsuccessful. Then, we get to the pair  $(-8, 6)$ . We do binary search with  $2020 - (-8) = 2028$  and we find it! So we return 4 and 6.

In total, this algorithm takes  $O(n) + O(n \log(n)) + O(n \log(n)) = O(n \log(n))$  time.