

## Instructions

Answer all questions on paper or a tablet using your own handwriting. Put your name, student ID number and page number at the top of each page. If you use paper make a photo of each page and upload your solutions to crowdmark. If you use a tablet, export your assignment to .pdf and upload the .pdf to crowdmark.

### Textbook Reading

- Sections: 10.2, 10.3
- DivAndConq.pdf notes (under Lecture Notes on Canvas)

### Definitions, Concepts & Keywords

- Solve first order non-homogenous recurrences.
- Solve some second order non-homogenous recurrences.
- Understand the Mergesort algorithm.
- Solve recurrences arising from divide-and-conquer algorithms.

### Exercises

#### A. Textbook Questions

Section 10.2 Exercises 1(a+b+d), 4, 24.

Section 10.3 Exercises 1(b+d), 8.

#### B. Questions

1. Second order homogenous recurrence question.
2. John takes out a bank loan for \$20,000 to buy a car. If the bank charges interest at 10% per year, and John has to pay back the loan over 5 years, how much does he have to pay every year? Use a recurrence. See example 10.29.
3. Consider the complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,n}$  with  $2n$  vertices. Let  $k_n$  be the number of edges in  $K_{n,n}$ . Draw  $K_{1,1}$ ,  $K_{2,2}$  and  $K_{3,3}$  and determine  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ,  $k_3$ . Give a recurrence relation for  $k_n$  and solve it using an initial value.
4. Calculate a formula for  $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 3i^2$  and  $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k2^k$ .
5. Solve the recurrence  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 4^{n-1}$  with  $a_1 = 3$ .
6. Below is C code and Python code for an algorithm.

C code:

```
1: long crazy(long A[], long n) {
2:     long i, s, t;
3:     if( n <= 1 ) return A[0];
4:     s = crazy(A, n-1);
5:     for( i=1; i<n; i++ )
6:         A[i-1] += A[i];
7:     t = crazy(A, n-1);
8:     return s+t;
9: }
```

Python code:

```
1: def crazy(A, n):
2:     if n <= 1:
3:         return A[0]
4:     s = crazy(A, n-1)
5:     for i in range(1, n):
6:         A[i-1] += A[i]
7:     t = crazy(A, n-1)
8:     return s+t
```

Let  $c_n$  be the number of times line 6 is executed. Assume  $n = 2^k$  and  $k \geq 0$ . Give a recurrence equation and an initial value for  $c_n$  and solve it. Check that  $c_4 = 11$ . Note, you do not need to know what the code is doing to answer this question.

7. Consider the recurrence  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} = n$ .
  - (a) Find the general solution to the associated homogenous recurrence.
  - (b) Find a particular solution.
  - (c) Find the solution for  $a_0 = a_1 = 1$ .
8. Consider the recurrence  $a_n - a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2} = 5 \cdot 3^n$ .
  - (a) Find the general solution to the associated homogenous recurrence.
  - (b) Find a particular solution.
  - (c) Find the solution for  $a_0 = 7$  and  $a_1 = 5$ .
9. The recurrence for number of comparisons that the Mergesort algorithm does, assuming  $n = 2^k$ , is  $C(n) \leq 2C(n/2) + n - 1$  and  $C(1) = 0$ . If the input array  $A$  is already sorted, give a recurrence for the number of comparisons Mergesort does and solve it. Hint: how many comparisons does the merging algorithm do?
10. Below is C code and Python code for an algorithm.

C code

```

1: int locate(int A[],int s,int n,int x)
2: {   if( n==1 )
3:       if( A[s]==x ) return s;
4:       else return -1;
5:   int j,k,m = n/2;
6:   j = locate(A,s,m,x);
7:   k = locate(A,s+m,n-m,x);
8:   return j>=0 ? j : k;
9: }
```

Python code

```

1: def locate(A,s,n,x):
2:     if n==1:
3:         if A[s]==x: return s
4:         else: return -1
5:     m = n/2;
6:     j = locate(A,s,m,x);
7:     k = locate(A,s+m,n-m,x);
8:     if j>=0: return j
9:     else: return k
```

Let  $a_n$  be the number of times the comparison  $A[s]==x$  is executed in line 3. For  $n = 2^k$  with  $k \geq 0$  give a recurrence equation and initial value for  $a_n$  and solve it. Note, you do not need to know what the code is doing to answer this question.

11. For  $n = 2^k$  the recurrence for a divide-and-conquer algorithm is

$$T_n = 4T_{n/2} + 2n \text{ for } n > 1.$$

Solve it for the initial value  $T_1 = 1$ . Check that  $T_4 = 40$ .

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n}{2} 2^n \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k 2^{k-1} = (n-1)2^n + 1.$$

Table 1: Some useful sums