

More recursive algorithms

Computing factorial

Input:

n // factorial function
argument

Output:

// n!

Factorial(n)

if n == 1

return 1

endif

return n***Factorial**(n-1)

endMinimum

Finding minimum in array

Input:

A // array of integers
n // number of elements in array (array size)

Output:

Min // value of element with smallest value

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Minimum(A, n) // non-recursive version
Min = A[0] // initialize min. as first element
for i = 1 to n-1 // look at remaining elements
    if A[i] < Min then
        Min = A[i]
    endif
endfor
return Min
endMinimum
```

Input:

A // array of integers
n // number of elements in array (array size)
i₀ // consider elements from i₀ onwards

Output:

Min // value of element with smallest value

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MinR(A, n, i0) // recursive version
if i0 == n-1 // last element
    return A[i0]
endif
tmp = MinR(A, n, i0+1) // min(A[i0+1], ..., A[n-1])
// min(A[i0], ..., A[n-1]) is min(A[i0], tmp)
if A[i0] < tmp
    return A[i0]
else
    return tmp
endMinR
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Recursive sorting: *merge sort*

Input:

A // array of integers
l // the index of the first element of A to be considered
r // the index of the last element of A to be considered

Output:

B // array with elements of A in ascending order

MergeSortR(A, l, r) // initial call **MergeSortR**(A, 0, n-1)

if l == r // termination condition (subarray with 1 el.)

 B[l] = A[l]

return B

endif

 m = (l+r)/2 // midpoint

 Bl = **MergeSortR**(A, l, m) // sort left subarray

 Br = **MergeSortR**(A, m+1, r) // sort right subarray

 B = **MergeSorted**(Bl, Br) // merge subarrays

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endMergeSortR

Merge sort trace

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A:

0	1	2	3	4	5
9	1	0	8	2	4

Call	Return
MergeSortR (A, 0, 5)	
MergeSortR (A, 0, 2)	
MergeSortR (A, 0, 1)	
MergeSortR (A, 0, 0)	{9}

Merge sort trace

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MergeSortR (A, 0, 2)	
MergeSortR (A, 0, 1)	{1, 9}
MergeSortR (A, 0, 0)	{9}
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MergeSortR (A, 0, 2)	
MergeSortR (A, 0, 1)	{1, 9}
MergeSortR (A, 2, 2)	{0}

Merge sort trace

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endMergeSortR

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MergeSortR (A, 0, 2)	{0, 1, 9}

Merge sort trace

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MergeSortR (A, 0, 2)	{0, 1, 9}
MergeSortR (A, 3, 5)	

Merge sort trace

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MergeSortR (A, 0, 5)	
MergeSortR (A, 0, 2)	{0, 1, 9}
MergeSortR (A, 3, 5)	
MergeSortR (A, 3, 4)	

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Call	Return
MergeSortR (A, 0, 5)	
MergeSortR (A, 0, 2)	{0, 1, 9}
MergeSortR (A, 3, 5)	
MergeSortR (A, 3, 4)	
MergeSortR (A, 3, 3)	{8}

Merge sort trace

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endMergeSortR

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MergeSortR (A, 0, 5)	
MergeSortR (A, 0, 2)	{0, 1, 9}
MergeSortR (A, 3, 5)	
MergeSortR (A, 3, 4)	
MergeSortR (A, 3, 3)	{8}
MergeSortR (A, 4, 4)	{2}

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B = **MergeSorted**(Bl, Br) // merge subarrays

return B // return merged subarrays

endMergeSortR

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Call	Return
MergeSortR (A, 0, 5)	
MergeSortR (A, 0, 2)	{0, 1, 9}
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MergeSortR (A, 0, 5)	
MergeSortR (A, 0, 2)	{0, 1, 9}
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MergeSortR (A, 3, 4)	{2, 8}
MergeSortR (A, 5, 5)	{4}

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endMergeSortR

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MergeSortR (A, 0, 5)	
MergeSortR (A, 0, 2)	{0, 1, 9}
MergeSortR (A, 3, 5)	{2, 4, 8}
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endMergeSortR

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Call	Return
MergeSortR (A, 0, 5)	{0, 1, 2, 4, 8, 9}
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endMergeSortR

A:

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Call	Return
MergeSortR (A, 0, 5)	{0, 1, 2, 4, 8, 9}

Recursive sorting: *merge sort*

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endMergeSortR
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Input:

A, n // sorted array of n integers
B, m // sorted array of m integers

Output:

C // sorted array with elements of A and B

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MergeSorted(A, n, B, m)
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i = 0; j = 0; k = 0
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while k < m+n
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    if i < n and (j == m or A[i] < B[j])
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        C[k] = A[i]; i = i+1
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    else
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        C[k] = B[j]; j = j+1
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    endif
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```
    k = k+1
```

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endwhile
```

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endMergeSorted
```

Merge sorted trace

A:

0	1	2
0	8	9

 n = 3

B:

0	1	2
2	4	7

 m = 3

i	i < n	j	j == m	A[i] < B[j]	k
0	true	0	false	True	0

C:

0	1	2	3	4	5
0					

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endif

k = k+1

endwhile

endMergeSorted

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1	true	2	false	false	3

C:

0	1	2	3	4	5
0	2	4	7		

Input:

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Output:

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MergeSorted(A, n, B, m)

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1	true	1	false	false	2
1	true	2	false	false	3
1	true	3	true		4
2	true	3	true		5

C:

0	1	2	3	4	5
0	2	4	7	8	9

Input:

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MergeSorted(A, n, B, m)

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endwhile

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1	true	1	false	false	2
1	true	2	false	false	3
1	true	3	true		4
2	true	3	true		5
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C:

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endif

 k = k+1

endwhile

endMergeSorted

Merge sorted running time: $n+m$

- The while loop is executed $n+m$ times
 - k starts at 0
 - k is incremented every time
- The while loop body takes constant time
 - 3 logical expressions + assignment + increment + increment

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MergeSorted(A, n, B, m)

$i = 0; j = 0; k = 0$

while $k < m+n$

if $i < n$ **and** ($j == m$ **or** $A[i] < B[j]$)

$C[k] = A[i]; i = i+1$

else

$C[k] = B[j]; j = j+1$

endif

$k = k+1$

endwhile

endMergeSorted

Merge sort: running time

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l // the index of the first element of A to be considered
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Output:

B // array with elements of A in ascending order

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if l == r // termination condition (subarray with 1 el.)

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return B

endif

m = (l+r)/2 // midpoint

Bl = **MergeSortR**(A, l, m) // sort left subarray

Br = **MergeSortR**(A, m+1, r) // sort right subarray

B = **MergeSorted**(Bl, Br) // merge subarrays

return B // return merged subarrays

endMergeSortR

1 + 1 + ... + 1 n “ones”

2 + 2 + ... + 2 n/2 “twos”

4 + 4 + ... + 4 n/4 “fours”

...

n/2 + n/2 2 “n-over-two’s”

$n \log_2 n$ (each row totals n, there are $\log n$ rows)

It has been shown that one cannot sort faster than $n \log n$.