

# CSE 20 Lecture 13: Analysis of Recursive Functions

CK Cheng

# 3. Analysis

- 3.1 Introduction
- 3.2 Homogeneous Linear Recursion

# 3.1 Introduction

Derive the bound of functions or recursions  
Estimate CPU time and memory allocation

Eg.

PageRank calculation

Allocation of memory, CPU time,  
Resource optimization

MRI imaging

Real time?

VLSI design

Design automation flow to meet the deadline  
for tape out?

**Further Study**

**Algorithm, Complexity**

# 3.1 Introduction

- Derive the bound of functions or recursions
- Estimate CPU time and memory allocation
- Example on Fibonacci Sequence: Estimate  $f_n$ .

– Index: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

–  $f_n$ : 0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34

$$f_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$$

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^0 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^0 = 0$$

$$f_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) = 1$$

# Example: Fibonacci Sequence

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34

$$f_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2.236} (1.618^n - 0.618^n)$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2.236} \bullet 1.618^n \qquad f_9 \approx \frac{1}{2.236} \bullet 1.618^9 = 33.98$$

# Example: Fibonacci Sequence, iClicker

Suppose  $g_0=0$  and  $g_1=2$ ,  $g_n=g_{n-1}+g_{n-2}$  what is  $g_n$

- A.  $g_n=f_n$
- B.  $g_n=2f_n$
- C.  $g_n=3f_n$
- D. None of the above

$$f_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$$

## 3.2 Homogeneous Linear Recursion

- (1) Arithmetic Recursion

$$a, a+d, a+2d, \dots, a+kd$$

- (2) Geometric Recursion

$$a, ar, ar^2, \dots, ar^k$$

- (3) Linear Recursion

$$a_n = e_1 a_{n-1} + e_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + e_k a_{n-k} + f(n)$$

# Linear Recursion and Homogeneous Linear Recursion

- Linear Recursion: There are no powers or products of  $a_j$ 's
- Homogenous Linear Recursion: A linear recursion with  $f(n)=0$ .



# Solving Linear Recursion

Input: Formula  $a_n = e_1 a_{n-1} + e_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + e_k a_{n-k}$   
and k initial values  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}$

Output:  $a_n$  as a function of n

1. Set characteristic polynomial:

$$x^k = e_1 x^{k-1} + e_2 x^{k-2} + \dots + e_k$$

2. Find the root of the characteristic polynomial (assuming  $r_i$  are distinct)

$$(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k)$$

3. Express  $a_n = c_1 r_1^n + c_2 r_2^n + \dots + c_k r_k^n$

4. Determine  $c_i$  from k initial values

# Solving Linear Recursion

Input: Formula  $a_n = e_1 a_{n-1} + e_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + e_k a_{n-k}$   
and k initial values  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}$

1. Set characteristic polynomial:

Rewrite the formula with  $n=k$

$$a_k = e_1 a_{k-1} + e_2 a_{k-2} + \dots + e_k a_0$$

Replace  $a_i$  with  $x^i$

$$x^k = e_1 x^{k-1} + e_2 x^{k-2} + \dots + e_k$$

# Solving Linear Recursion

Input: Formula  $a_n = e_1 a_{n-1} + e_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + e_k a_{n-k}$   
and k initial values  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}$

2. Find the root of the  
polynomial

$$x^k = e_1 x^{k-1} + e_2 x^{k-2} + \dots + e_k$$

Or,

$$x^k - e_1 x^{k-1} - e_2 x^{k-2} - \dots - e_k = 0$$

$$(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k)$$

# Solving Linear Recursion

Input: Formula  $a_n = e_1 a_{n-1} + e_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + e_k a_{n-k}$   
and k initial values  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}$

3. Express (assuming that the roots are distinct.)

$$a_n = c_1 r_1^n + c_2 r_2^n + \dots + c_k r_k^n$$

4. Determine  $c_i$

from k initial values  $a_0 = c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_k$

$$a_1 = c_1 r_1 + c_2 r_2 + \dots + c_k r_k$$

... = ...

$$a_{k-1} = c_1 r_1^{k-1} + c_2 r_2^{k-1} + \dots + c_k r_k^{k-1}$$

# Solving Linear Recursion

Input: Formula  $a_n = e_1 a_{n-1} + e_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + e_k a_{n-k}$   
and  $k$  initial values  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}$

3. Set (when the roots are not distinct.)  $(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_u)$

$$a_n = \sum_{i=1}^u g_i(r_i)$$

$$g_i(r_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{w_i} c_{ij} n^{j-1} r_i^n$$

where  $r_i$  is a root of multiplicity  $w_i$

# Example on Fibonacci sequence

Input: initial values  $a_0=0$  and  $a_1=1$ ; and recursion formula  $a_n=a_{n-1}+a_{n-2}$ .

Rewrite recursion:  $a_n - a_{n-1} - a_{n-2} = 0$ .

Or  $a_2 - a_1 - a_0 = 0$ .

1. Characteristic polynomial:  $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$ .

2. Roots of the polynomial:  $r_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ ,  $r_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$

3. Set:  $a_n = c_1 r_1^n + c_2 r_2^n$ .

# Example on Fibonacci sequence

Input: initial values  $a_0=0$  and  $a_1=1$ ; and recursion formula  $a_n=a_{n-1}+a_{n-2}$ .

4. Determine  $c_i$  from  $k$  initial values

$$a_0=c_1r_1^0+c_2r_2^0 \Rightarrow c_1+c_2=0$$

$$a_1=c_1r_1^1+c_2r_2^1 \Rightarrow c_1r_1+c_2r_2=1.$$

Thus, we have  $a_n=c_1r_1^n+c_2r_2^n$ ,  
where

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, c_2 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \quad r_1 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \quad r_2 = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

# Example 2

**Given:**

Initial values  $a_0 = 1$  and  $a_1 = 1$

Recursion:  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2}$

**Rewrite Recursion:**  $a_n - a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2} = 0$

**Characteristic Polynomial:**  $x^2 - x - 2 = 0$

**Characteristic Roots:**  $r_1 = 2$  and  $r_2 = -1$

**Step 1:**  $a_n = c_1 r_1 + c_2 r_2$

Use initial values  $n = 0, n = 1$  for  $a_n$

$$a_0 = c_1 (2)^0 + c_2 (-1)^0$$

$$a_1 = c_1 (2)^1 + c_2 (-1)^1$$



## Example 2 (cont)

Two initial values

$$a_0 = c_1 + c_2: \quad c_1 + c_2 = 1$$

$$a_1 = 2c_1 + (-1)c_2: \quad 2c_1 - c_2 = 1$$

Thus, we have

$$c_1 = 2/3, \quad c_2 = 1/3.$$

Since  $a_n = c_1 r_1^n + c_2 r_2^n$ ,

we have  $a_n = 2/3 \times 2^n + 1/3 \times (-1)^n$ ,

# Example 3

For the case that root  $r$  is a root of multiplicity  $w$ :

$$a_n = c_1 r^n + c_2 n r^n + \dots + c_w n^{w-1} r^n$$

**Given:**

Initial values  $a_0 = 1$  and  $a_1 = 1$

Recursion:  $a_n = -2a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}$

**Rewrite Recursion:**  $a_n + 2a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} = 0$

**Characteristic Polynomial:**  $x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$

**Characteristic Roots:**  $r_1 = r_2 = -1$

**Step 1:**  $a_n = c_1 r^n + c_2 n r^n$

$$a_0 = c_1(-1^0) + c_2(0)(-1^0)$$

$$a_1 = c_1(-1^1) + c_2(1)(-1^1)$$

**Step 2:** Match initial values  $n = 0, n = 1$ , Solve for  $c_i$ 's

$$a_0 = c_1$$

$$c_1 = 0$$

$$a_1 = c_1 1 + c_2(-1)$$

$$1 = 0 + c_2(-1)$$

$$c_2 = -1$$

Substitute  $c_1 = 0, a_1 = 1$

Thus

$$a_n = c_2 r^n = n(-1)^{n+1}$$