

CS211: Algorithms & Data structures

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Assignment 2 Solution

1. Calculate the total number of primitive operations executed for the following algorithm?

Algorithm 1: Computing the power of a number

Input: x , is a real number $x \in \mathbf{R}$, n is an integer number, $n \in \mathbf{Z}$

Output: x^n

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1:  $p \leftarrow 1$ 
2: for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
3:    $p \leftarrow p \times x$ 
4: end for
5: return  $p$ 
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$T(n) = cn$, where c is some constant and n is the size of the input. At line (1), we count one unit for initialising p and it executed 1 time, so the total of the first line is $1 \times 1 = 1$. At line (2), we count one unit for initialising i (1×1) at the beginning of the for-loop, one unit for testing $i \leq n$ each time we go around the loop $+1$. In addition, two units for incrementing i each time we go around the for-loop ($2n$). Therefore, the total of the second line is $1 + (n + 1) + 2n = 3n + 2$. At line (3), we count two units for each time we go around the loop ($2n$). At line(5), we count one unit for returning statement.

$$\mathbf{T(n)} = 1 + 3n + 2 + 2n + 1 = \mathbf{5n+4}$$

Since $5n$ is the highest term in the function we can say $T(n)$ grows at the order of n and we write: $\mathbf{T(n)} = \mathcal{O}(n)$.