Theoretical Computer Science

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Exercise for Analysis of Algorithms

Exercise 14

Given an array a of length n, an algorithm compares all pairs (a[i], a[j]) for all $i < j \le n$, and then calls itself recursively on all proper prefixes of a.

How often does the algorithm compare two pairs? Use the repertoire method!

Exercise 15

Use the repertoire method to find a closed form for the following recurrence:

$$a_0 = 5$$

 $a_1 = 9$
 $a_n = na_{n-1} + n^2 a_{n-2} - n^4 - 3n^2 + 5$ for $n \ge 2$

Exercise 16

Use summation factors to solve the following recurrence:

$$a_0 = 0$$
 $a_n = \frac{a_{n-1}}{n} + \frac{1}{(n-1)!}$ for $n \ge 1$