

CS2302 Data Structures

Fall 2017

Lab 1

Due Friday, September 8, 11:59 p.m.

1. Fibonacci numbers and complexity

Fibonacci numbers are defined recursively as follows:

$$F(0) = 1, F(1) = 1$$

$$F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2) \text{ for } n > 1$$

Write the following methods to compute $F(n)$:

- A $O(2^n)$ method based on the recursive definition
- A $O(n)$ method that uses a loop
- A $O(1)$ method that uses the closed form solution (feel free to look online for the formula)

Run experiments with various values of n and determine if their analytical running times agree with what you see in practice. Use graphs or plots to illustrate this

2. Sudoku

Sudoku is a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle. The objective is to fill an $n \times n$ grid with numbers so that each column, each row, and each of the $\sqrt{n} \times \sqrt{n}$ sub-grids that compose the main grid contain all the digits from 1 to n .

This is an example of a traditional 9×9 grid in Sudoku (notice how each row, each column, and each 3×3 sub-grid contain all the numbers from 1 to 9).

3	9	1	2	8	6	5	7	4
4	8	7	3	5	9	1	2	6
6	5	2	7	1	4	8	3	9
8	7	5	4	3	1	6	9	2
2	1	3	9	6	7	4	8	5
9	6	4	5	2	8	7	1	3
1	4	9	6	7	3	2	5	8
5	3	8	1	4	2	9	6	7
7	2	6	8	9	5	3	4	1

Solving a Sudoku game requires you to find the missing numbers of a partially completed grid. In this lab, we will only consider Sudoku grids where **each row and column** in the grid is missing **exactly one** value. This is an example of this particular set of grids:

■	9	1	2	8	6	5	7	4
4	8	7	3	5	■	1	2	6
6	5	■	7	1	4	8	3	9
8	7	5	4	3	1	6	■	2
2	1	3	9	■	7	4	8	5
9	■	4	5	2	8	7	1	3
1	4	9	6	7	3	2	5	■
5	3	8	1	4	2	■	6	7
7	2	6	■	9	5	3	4	1

There are multiple algorithms that can be employed to solve this type of Sudoku grids.

Naïve Algorithm

1. Assume that S is a 2-D array where a Sudoku grid is stored.
2. for r = 0 to S.length-1
3. for num = 1 to S.length
4. isNumPresent = false
5. for i = 0 to S.length-1
6. if (S[r][i] == num)
7. isNumPresent = true;
8. break;
9. if (! isNumPresent)
10. print("The missing number in row: " + r + " is " + num)

Not-so-Naïve Algorithm

1. Assume that S is a 2-D array where a Sudoku grid is stored.
2. for r = 0 to S.length-1
3. for num = 1 to S.length
4. isNumPresent[num] = false;
5. for i = 0 to S.length - 1
6. if (S[r][i] contains a known value)
7. isNumPresent[S[r][i]] = true;
8. for i = 1 to S.length
9. if (!isNumPresent[i])
10. print("The missing number in row: " + r + " is " + i)

Not-Naïve Algorithm

1. Assume that S is a 2-D array where a Sudoku grid is stored.
2. sum = S.length * (S.length + 1) / 2;
3. for r = 0 to S.length - 1

4. missingNum = sum;
5. for i = 0 to S.length - 1
6. if (S[r][i] contains a known value)
7. missingNum -= S[r][i];
8. print("The missing number in row: " + r + " is " + missingNum)

Your main task for this lab is to write a program that does the following:

1. Generate an $n \times n$ solved Sudoku game and remove one random element from every row. A simple way of generating a solved Sudoku puzzle is as follows:

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for r = 0 to n-1
  startNum = sqrt(n) * (r % sqrt(n)) + (r/sqrt(n));
  for c = 0 to n-1
    S[r][c] = ((startNum + c) % n) + 1;

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2. Prompt the user to choose an algorithm (Naïve, Not-so-Naïve, Not Naïve)
3. Solve the Sudoku using the selected algorithm
4. Display the time it took the algorithm to complete

Implement the algorithms described above and perform experiments on 9×9 , 25×25 , $2,500 \times 2,500$, and $10,000 \times 10,000$ Sudoku grids. Remember that we are only considering Sudoku games where **each row and column** in the grid is missing **exactly one** value. Prepare a report describing your work as explained in the syllabus. Determine the running times for each algorithm, compare them, and show your results using tables and/or plots.