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Problem 6: (8 points)

Designers of algorithms are often interested to compute the number of computation steps $T(n)$ of their algorithm, where n is an indicator of the input size. $T(n)$ is called the time of the algorithm.

- a) Consider an algorithm that computes *polynomials*, that is an algorithm that takes as input an array of numbers $a[0], a[1], a[2], \dots, a[n]$ and a number x , and computes the value:

$$a[0] + a[1]x^1 + a[2]x^2 + \dots + a[n]x^n$$

as output. Let $T(n)$ be the time of the algorithm. One naïve way to compute the output is to first compute “recursively” the value $a[0] + a[1]x^1 + a[2]x^2 + \dots + a[n-1]x^{n-1}$ (in time $T(n-1)$), and then compute $a[n]x^n$ (using n steps), and finally add the two values in one step. The total time is then:

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + n + 1 \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

Note that when $n = 0$, the value to be returned is simply $a[0]$ which does not need any computation; therefore, $T(0) = 0$.

Prove by induction on n that $T(n) = \frac{n(n+3)}{2}$.

- b) A more clever algorithm will first compute the sequence x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n by computing each x^k as $x^{k-1} \times x$, making use of the value x^{k-1} computed earlier. Afterwards, it computes the products $a[1]x^1, a[2]x^2, \dots, a[n]x^n$ in n steps, and finally computes the sum $a[0] + a[1]x^1 + a[2]x^2 + \dots + a[n]x^n$ in n steps. What is the time of this algorithm?

Bonus Problem: (5 points)

Let A be a set of n element, and let $P(A)$ be the power set of A . Prove by induction on n that $|P(A)| = 2^n$. (Do not look up the solution anywhere. It has to be your work.)