

Solution to Assignment I

Finding Unknown U

- Find the range of U : Low and High, from two consecutive power terms from $k^1, k^2, k^3, \dots, k^n$; k can be 2, 3, ... any 10; complexity of finding range will be $\text{ceil}(\log_k U)$; in order notation $\log_2 U, \log_k U$ and $\log_{10} U$ have same order
- After finding range do a binary search for the number; $\text{ceil}(\log_2 U)$ time

Square Root

- Finding root of $X^2 - N = 0$ using newton raphson method : $X_{k+1} = X_k - f(X_k)/f'(X_k)$
$$= X_k - (X_k^2 - N)/2X_k = (X_k + N/X_k)/2$$
 - do $X_{k+1} = (X_k + N/X_k)/2$ until $\text{abs}(X_{k+1} - X_k) > \text{accuracy}$
- Take initial guess between 0 to N/2; suppose y;
 - Root will be between 0 to y if $N/y < y$;
 - Root will be between y to N if $N/y > y$;
 - Approximate using Bisection method :

$y' = \text{any number between 0 to } N/2;$
Repeat {
$y = y'$;
$y' = (y + N/y)/2$
} until $\text{abs}(y - y') < \text{accuracy};$
- which turn out to be same as newton raphson method.

Finding your friend

- Searching all the directions one after another sequentially in order upto limit distance $L=1$
 - Searching Circularly : After finishing all the directions
 - Incrementing the limit L by $L=L+1$;
 - Result in worst cover distance which is $8(1+2+3+\dots+D) = 8 * D * (D+1)/2 = 4(D^2 + D) = O(D^2)$
 - Incrementing the limit L by $L=2*L$;
 - Total cover distance will be $8*(1+2+4+8+\dots+D+2D) = 32*D = O(D)$;
 - Good solution
 - Searching Spirally: After finishing a direction increment $L=L*2$;
 - Distance will be $2(1+2+4+8+\dots+D+2D+4D+8D) = 32D$;
 - Worst case scenario chances is below average.