

The algorithms of the real cube root, the positive fourth root, the real fifth root and the real seventh root of a positive number

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In this paper we give the algorithms of the real cube root, the positive fourth root, the real fifth root and the real seventh root of a positive number. Each of the four algorithms starts with a positive number in decimal notation, then, for a non negative integer p , it writes $p + 1$ integers g_i and it goes through $p + 1$ steps in each of which it compares at most 10 pairs of integers and calculates two integers r_i and d_i , increasing (if necessary) p until $r_p = 0$.

The real cube root of a positive number

Let $x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 10^{N-n} a_{N-n}$ be a positive real number, where $N \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a_{N-n} \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$ for all n and $a_N \neq 0$. By the division algorithm there exist unique integers q and r such that $N = 3q + r$ and $0 \leq r < 3$, then

$$x = \sum_{k=0}^r 10^{3q+k} a_{3q+k} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^2 10^{3(q-i)+j} a_{3(q-i)+j}.$$

Let p be a non negative integer and g_0, \dots, g_p be the integers

$$g_0 = \sum_{k=0}^r 10^k a_{3q+k},$$

and

$$g_s = \sum_{k=0}^2 10^k a_{3(q-s)+k},$$

for each s such that $0 < s \leq p$.

At the first step, find

$$y_0 = \max\{y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} : y^3 \leq g_0\},$$

and write

$$r_0 = g_0 - y_0^3$$

and

$$d_0 = 10^3 r_0 + g_1.$$

After find

$$y_1 = \max\{y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} : y(y^2 + 30(10y_0 + y)y_0) \leq d_0\},$$

and write

$$r_1 = d_0 - y_1(y_1^2 + 30(10y_0 + y_1)y_0)$$

and

$$d_1 = 10^3 r_1 + g_2.$$

At the s -th step, find

$$y_s = \max\{y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} : y(y^2 + 30(\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-t} y_t + y)(\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-1-t} y_t)) \leq d_{s-1}\},$$

and write

$$r_s = d_{s-1} - y_s(y_s^2 + 30(\sum_{t=0}^s 10^{s-t} y_t)(\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-1-t} y_t))$$

and

$$d_s = 10^3 r_s + g_{s+1}.$$

If the decimal expansion of the real cube root is finite, increase (if necessary) p until $r_p = 0$. Finally, the real cube root z of x is

$$z = \sum_{s=0}^p 10^{q-s} y_s.$$

The positive fourth root of a positive number

Let $x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 10^{N-n} a_{N-n}$ be a positive real number, where $N \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a_{N-n} \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$ for all n and $a_N \neq 0$. By the division algorithm there exist unique integers q and r such that $N = 4q + r$ and $0 \leq r < 4$, then

$$x = \sum_{k=0}^r 10^{4q+k} a_{4q+k} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^3 10^{4(q-i)+j} a_{4(q-i)+j}.$$

Let p be a non negative integer and g_0, \dots, g_p be the integers

$$g_0 = \sum_{k=0}^r 10^k a_{4q+k},$$

and

$$g_s = \sum_{k=0}^3 10^k a_{4(q-s)+k},$$

for all $0 < s \leq p$.

At the first step, find

$$y_0 = \max\{y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} : y^4 \leq g_0\},$$

and write

$$r_0 = g_0 - y_0^4$$

and

$$d_0 = 10^4 r_0 + g_1.$$

After find

$$y_1 = \max\{y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} : y(y^3 + 10(40(10y_0 + y)y_0^2 + 2y(2y + 10y_0)y_0)) \leq d_0\},$$

and write

$$r_1 = d_0 - y_1(y_1^3 + 10(40(10y_0 + y_1)y_0^2 + 2y_1(2y_1 + 10y_0)y_0))$$

and

$$d_1 = 10^4 r_1 + g_2.$$

At the s -th step, find

$$y_s = \max\{y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} : y(y^3 + 10(40(\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-t} y_t + y)(\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-1-t} y_t)^2 + 2y(2y + \sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-t} y_t)(\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-1-t} y_t))) \leq d_{s-1}\},$$

and write

$$r_s = d_{s-1} - y_s(y_s^3 + 10(40(\sum_{t=0}^s 10^{s-t} y_t)(\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-1-t} y_t)^2 + 2y_s(2y_s + \sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-t} y_t)(\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-1-t} y_t))),$$

and

$$d_s = 10^4 r_s + g_{s+1}.$$

If the decimal expansion of the positive fourth root is finite, increase (if necessary) p until $r_p = 0$. Finally, the positive fourth root z of x is

$$z = \sum_{s=0}^p 10^{q-s} y_s.$$

The real fifth root of a positive number

Let $x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 10^{N-n} a_{N-n}$ be a positive real number, where $N \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a_{N-n} \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$ for all n and $a_N \neq 0$. By the division algorithm there exist unique integers q and r such that $N = 5q + r$ and $0 \leq r < 5$, then

$$x = \sum_{k=0}^r 10^{5q+k} a_{5q+k} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^4 10^{5(q-i)+j} a_{5(q-i)+j}.$$

Let p be a non negative integer and g_0, \dots, g_p be the integers

$$g_0 = \sum_{k=0}^r 10^k a_{5q+k},$$

and

$$g_s = \sum_{k=0}^4 10^k a_{5(q-s)+k},$$

for all $0 < s \leq p$.

At the first step, find

$$y_0 = \max\{y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} : y^5 \leq g_0\},$$

and write

$$r_0 = g_0 - y_0^5$$

and

$$d_0 = 10^5 r_0 + g_1.$$

After find

$$y_1 = \max\{y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} : y(y^4 + 50(100(10y_0 + y)y_0^3 + (10y_0 + y)^2 y_0 y)) \leq d_0\},$$

and write

$$r_1 = d_0 - y_1(y_1^4 + 50(100(10y_0 + y_1)y_0^3 + (10y_0 + y_1)^2 y_0 y_1))$$

and

$$d_1 = 10^5 r_1 + g_2.$$

At the s -th step, find

$$y_s = \max\{y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} : y(y^4 + 50(100(\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-t} y_t + y)(\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-1-t} y_t)^3 + (\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-t} y_t + y)^2(\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-1-t} y_t)y)) \leq d_{s-1}\},$$

and write

$$r_s = d_{s-1} - y_s(y_s^4 + 50(100(\sum_{t=0}^s 10^{s-t} y_t)(\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-1-t} y_t)^3 + (\sum_{t=0}^s 10^{s-t} y_t)^2(\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-1-t} y_t)y_s))$$

and

$$d_s = 10^5 r_s + g_{s+1}.$$

If the decimal expansion of the real fifth root is finite, increase (if necessary) p until $r_p = 0$. Finally, the real fifth root z of x is

$$z = \sum_{s=0}^p 10^{q-s} y_s.$$

The real seventh root of a positive number

Let $x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 10^{N-n} a_{N-n}$ be a positive real number, where $N \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a_{N-n} \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$ for all n and $a_N \neq 0$. By the division algorithm there exist unique integers q and r such that $N = 7q + r$ and $0 \leq r < 7$, then

$$x = \sum_{k=0}^r 10^{7q+k} a_{7q+k} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^6 10^{7(q-i)+j} a_{7(q-i)+j}.$$

Let p be a non negative integer and g_0, \dots, g_p be the integers

$$g_0 = \sum_{k=0}^r 10^k a_{7q+k},$$

and

$$g_s = \sum_{k=0}^6 10^k a_{7(q-s)+k},$$

for all $0 < s \leq p$.

At the first step, find

$$y_0 = \max\{y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} : y^7 \leq g_0\},$$

and write

$$r_0 = g_0 - y_0^7$$

and

$$d_0 = 10^7 r_0 + g_1.$$

After find

$$y_1 = \max\{y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} : y(y^6 + 70(100(10y_0 + y)^3 y_0^3 + 100(10y_0 + y)y_0^3 y^2 + (10y_0 + y)^3 y_0 y^2)) \leq d_0\},$$

and write

$$r_1 = d_0 - y_1(y_1^6 + 70(100(10y_0 + y_1)^3 y_0^3 + 100(10y_0 + y_1)y_0^3 y_1^2 + (10y_0 + y_1)^3 y_0 y_1^2))$$

and

$$d_1 = 10^7 r_1 + g_2.$$

At the s -th step, find

$$y_s = \max\{y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} : y(y^6 + 70(100(\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-t} y_t + y)^3 (\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-1-t} y_t)^3 + 100(\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-t} y_t + y)(\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-1-t} y_t)^3 y^2 + (\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-t} y_t + y)^3 (\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-1-t} y_t) y^2)) \leq d_{s-1}\},$$

and write

$$r_s = d_{s-1} - y_s(y_s^6 + 70(100(\sum_{t=0}^s 10^{s-t} y_t)^3 (\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-1-t} y_t)^3 + 100(\sum_{t=0}^s 10^{s-t} y_t)(\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-1-t} y_t)^3 y_s^2 + (\sum_{t=0}^s 10^{s-t} y_t)^3 (\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} 10^{s-1-t} y_t) y_s^2))$$

and

$$d_s = 10^7 r_s + g_{s+1}.$$

If the decimal expansion of the real seventh root is finite, increase (if necessary) p until $r_p = 0$. Finally, the real seventh root z of x is

$$z = \sum_{s=0}^p 10^{q-s} y_s.$$

Time complexity of the four algorithms

The four algorithms are of polynomial time complexity because for an input number in decimal notation with length $n = \eta p + r + 1$ where $\eta = 3, 4, 5, 7$, after writing the $p + 1$ numbers g_i in time $O(p)$, at the i -th of the $p + 1$ steps the corresponding algorithm compares at most 10 pairs of numbers calculated in time $O(p^2)$ and it calculates the numbers r_i and d_i in time $O(p^2)$, therefore, since $O(p^3) = O(n^3)$, the time complexity of the four algorithms is $T(n) = O(n^3)$.