

**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

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

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

$$g_i = \sum_{k=0}^2 10^k a_{3(q-i)+k}$$

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

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  $i$ -th step, find

$$y_i = \max\{y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} : y(y^2 + 30(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-j} y_j + y)(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-1-j} y_j)) \leq d_{i-1}\}$$

and write

$$r_i = d_{i-1} - y_i(y_i^2 + 30(\sum_{j=0}^i 10^{i-j} y_j)(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-1-j} y_j))$$

and

$$d_i = 10^3 r_i + g_{i+1}.$$

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

$$z = \sum_{i=0}^p 10^{q-i} y_i.$$

### 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

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

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

$$g_i = \sum_{k=0}^3 10^k a_{4(q-i)+k}$$

for all  $0 < i \leq p$ .

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  $i$ -th step, find

$$y_i = \max\{y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} : y(y^3 + 10(40(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-j} y_j + y)(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-1-j} y_j)^2 + 2y(2y + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-j} y_j)(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-1-j} y_j))) \leq d_{i-1}\}$$

and write

$$r_i = d_{i-1} - y_i(y_i^3 + 10(40(\sum_{j=0}^i 10^{i-j} y_j)(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-1-j} y_j)^2 + 2y_i(2y_i + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-j} y_j)(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-1-j} y_j)))$$

and

$$d_i = 10^4 r_i + g_{i+1}.$$

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

$$z = \sum_{i=0}^p 10^{q-i} y_i.$$

## 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

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

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

$$g_i = \sum_{k=0}^4 10^k a_{5(q-i)+k}$$

for all  $0 < i \leq p$ .

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  $i$ -th step, find

$$y_i = \max\{y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} : y(y^4 + 50(100(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-j} y_j + y)(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-1-j} y_j)^3 + (\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-j} y_j + y)^2 (\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-1-j} y_j) y)) \leq d_{i-1}\}$$

and write

$$r_i = d_{i-1} - y_i(y_i^4 + 50(100(\sum_{j=0}^i 10^{i-j}y_j)(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-1-j}y_j)^3 + (\sum_{j=0}^i 10^{i-j}y_j)^2(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-1-j}y_j)y_i))$$

and

$$d_i = 10^5 r_i + g_{i+1}.$$

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

$$z = \sum_{i=0}^p 10^{q-i} y_i.$$

### 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

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

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

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

for all  $0 < i \leq p$ .

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

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

and

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

At the  $i$ -th step, find

$$y_i = \max\{y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} : y(y^6 + 70(100(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-j} y_j + y)^3 (\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-1-j} y_j)^3 + 100(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-j} y_j + y)(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-1-j} y_j)^3 y^2 + (\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-j} y_j + y)^3 (\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-1-j} y_j) y^2)) \leq d_{i-1}\}$$

and write

$$r_i = d_{i-1} - y_i(y_i^6 + 70(100(\sum_{j=0}^i 10^{i-j} y_j)^3 (\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-1-j} y_j)^3 + 100(\sum_{j=0}^i 10^{i-j} y_j)(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-1-j} y_j)^3 y_i^2 + (\sum_{j=0}^i 10^{i-j} y_j)^3 (\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 10^{i-1-j} y_j) y_i^2))$$

and

$$d_i = 10^7 r_i + g_{i+1}.$$

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

$$z = \sum_{i=0}^p 10^{q-i} y_i.$$

### 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 which calculates in time  $O(p^2)$  as does 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  $T(n) = O(n^3)$ .