CSCE 330 Fall 2023

Quiz 4

Assigned Wednesday, 2023-10-10

Consider the following recursive program to compute powers of 2.

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% pow(N,P) holds when P=2^N. pow(0,1). pow(N,P) :- N>0, N1 is N-1, pow(N1,P1), P is 2*P1.
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Briefly explain how this program can be made more efficient without using divide-and-conquer.

Write a program to implement your solution. The first clause is given for you.

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powA(N,P) := powA(N,1,P).
```

Answer Use an accumulator and make the program tail-recursive.

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\begin{array}{c} {\rm powA}\,({\rm O},{\rm A},{\rm A})\,.\\ {\rm powA}\,({\rm N},{\rm A},{\rm P})\,:-\,{\rm N}\,>\,{\rm O},\,\,{\rm N1}\,\,{\rm is}\,\,{\rm N}\text{--}1,\,\,{\rm A1}\,\,{\rm is}\,\,\,2\text{*-}{\rm A},\\ {\rm powA}\,({\rm N1},{\rm A1},{\rm P})\,. \end{array}
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