CS350 - Fall 2018

Homework 1

Due Thursday, October 11^{th} , hard copy in class or alternatively you can submit it as a pdf on D2L. Please make sure you write/print your name in the document, otherwise the homework will not be graded.

1. For each of the following pairs of functions f(n) and g(n), state whether $f(n) \in O(g(n))$, $f(n) \in O(g(n))$, or none of the above. Briefly explain your reasoning.

(a)
$$f(n) = 2n^3 + 3n + 4$$
, $g(n) = 57n + 75$
(b) $f(n) = \lg(2n+1)$, $g(n) = 3\sqrt{n}$
(c) $f(n) = \frac{n^2 + 2}{7 + 3^{-n}}$, $g(n) = n(2n+1)$
(d) $f(n) = \frac{2^n - n^2}{100}$, $g(n) = 5n^4 + 3n^2 + 7$

2. What is the worst-case running time of the following function? Use $\operatorname{big-}O$ notation and show your work.

$$\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{pesky}\left(n\right) \colon \\ & r \leftarrow 0 \\ & \operatorname{for} \ i \leftarrow 1 \ \operatorname{to} \ n \ \operatorname{do} \colon \\ & \operatorname{for} \ j \leftarrow 1 \ \operatorname{to} \ i \ \operatorname{do} \colon \\ & \operatorname{for} \ k \leftarrow j \ \operatorname{to} \ (i + j) \ \operatorname{do} \colon \\ & & r \leftarrow r + 1 \end{array}$$

3. Consider the following eighteen functions:

$$\sqrt{n}$$
 n 2^n
 $n \log n$ $n - n^3 + 7n^5$ $n^2 + \log n$
 n^2 n^3 $\log n$
 $n^{1/3} + \log n$ $(\log n)^2$ $n!$
 $\ln n$ $\frac{n}{\log n}$ $\log \log n$
 $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n$ $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n$ 6

Group these functions so that any two functions f and g are in the same group if and only if f and g have the same rate of growth, that is, iff $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ and $g(n) \in O(f(n))$. List the groups in increasing order.

4. Solve the following recurrences exactly.

(a)
$$T(1) = 8$$
, and for all $n \ge 2$, $T(n) = 3T(n-1) - 15$

(b)
$$T(1) = 3$$
, and for all $n \ge 2$, $T(n) = T(n-1) + 2n - 3$

- (c) T(1)=1, and for all $n \ge 2$ such that n is a power of 2, $T(n)=2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)+6n-1$ (d) T(1)=1, and for all $n \ge 2$ such that n is a power of 3, $T(n)=4T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right)+n^2-7n+5$