Asymptotics, Disjoint Sets

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1 Asymptotics

(a) Order the following big-O runtimes from smallest to largest.

```
O(2 \log n), O(100000000000), O(n^n), O(n^3 + 4), O(n \log n), O(0.0005n), O(n!), O(2^n), O(n^2 \log n)
```

- (b) Say we have a function findMax that iterates through an unsorted int array one time and returns the maximum element found in that array. Give the tightest lower and upper bounds $(\Omega(\cdot))$ and $O(\cdot)$ of findMax in terms of N, the length of the array. Is it possible to define a $\Theta(\cdot)$ bound for findMax?
- (c) Give the worst case and best case runtime in terms of M and N. Assume ping is in $\Theta(1)$ and returns an int.

```
for (int i = N; i > 0; i--) {
    for (int j = 0; j <= M; j++) {
        if (ping(i, j) > 64) { break; }
}
```

(d) Below we have a function that returns true if every int has a duplicate in the array, and false if there is any unique int in the array. Assume sort(array) is in $\Theta(N \log N)$ and returns array sorted.

```
public static boolean noUniques(int[] array) {
        array = sort(array);
2
        int N = array.length;
3
        for (int i = 0; i < N; i += 1) {
5
            boolean hasDuplicate = false;
            for (int j = 0; j < N; j += 1) {
6
                if (i != j && array[i] == array[j]) {
                    hasDuplicate = true;
8
                }
            }
10
            if (!hasDuplicate) return false;
11
        }
12
        return true;
13
14
   }
```

Give the worst case and best case runtime where N = array.length.

2 Disjoint Sets, a.k.a. Union Find

In lecture, we discussed the Disjoint Sets ADT. Some authors call this the Union Find ADT. Today, we will use union find terminology so that you have seen both.

(a) Assume we have nine items, represented by integers 0 through 8. All items are initially unconnected to each other. Draw the union find tree, draw its array representation after the series of connect() and find() operations, and write down the result of find() operations using **WeightedQuickUnion** without path compression. Break ties by choosing the smaller integer to be the root.

Note: find(x) returns the root of the tree for item x.

```
connect(2, 3);
connect(1, 2);
connect(5, 7);
connect(8, 4);
connect(7, 2);
find(3);
connect(0, 6);
connect(6, 4);
connect(6, 3);
find(8);
find(6);
```

4 Asymptotics, Disjoint Sets

Below is an implementation of the find function for a Disjoint Set. Given an integer val, find(val) returns the root value of the set val is in. The helper method parent(int val) returns the direct parent of value in the Disjoint Set representation. Assume that this implementation does not use WeightedQuickUnion.

```
public int find(int val) {
       int p = parent(val);
2
3
       if (p == val) {
            return val;
4
       } else {
5
            int root = find(p);
6
            return root;
       }
8
9
   }
```

- (b) If N is the number of nodes in the set, what is the runtime of find in the worst case? Draw out the structure of the Disjoint Set representation for this worst case.
- (c) Using a function setParent(int val, int newParent), which updates the value of val's parent to newParent, modify find to achieve a faster runtime using path compression. You may add at most one line to the provided implementation.