

Data Structures and Algorithms - Homework #2

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Question 1.

$$a) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n^2 - 3n)^2}{5n^3 + n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^4 - 6n^3 + 9n^2}{5n^3 + n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3(n - 6 + \frac{9}{n})}{n^3(5 + \frac{1}{n^2})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n - 6 + \frac{9}{n}}{5 + \frac{1}{n^2}} = \frac{\infty - 6 + \frac{9}{\infty}}{5 + \frac{1}{\infty}} = \frac{\infty}{5} = \infty \Rightarrow f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$$

$$b) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3}{\log_2 n^4} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3}{4 \cdot \log_2 n} = \frac{1}{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3}{\log_2 n} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

Using L'Hospital rule

$$\frac{1}{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dn}(n^3)}{\frac{d}{dn}(\log_2 n)} = \frac{1}{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n^2}{\frac{1}{\ln(2) \cdot n}} = \frac{1}{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3n^3 \ln(2)$$

$$= \frac{3 \ln(2)}{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^3 = \infty \Rightarrow f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$$

$$c) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5n \cdot \log_2(4n)}{n \cdot \log_2(5^n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5n \log_2(4n)}{n^2 \log_2(5)} = \frac{5}{\log_2(5)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_2(4n)}{n} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

Using L'Hospital rule

$$\frac{5}{\log_2(5)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dn}(\log_2(4n))}{\frac{d}{dn}(n)} = \frac{5}{\log_2(5)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{\ln(2) \cdot n}}{1}$$

$$= \frac{5}{\log_2(5)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln(2) \cdot n} = 0 \Rightarrow f(n) \in O(g(n))$$

$$d) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^n}{10^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{10}\right)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{10} = \frac{1}{10} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n = \infty \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n = \infty \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{10}\right)^n = \infty^\infty = \infty \Rightarrow f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$$

$$e) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8n^{\sqrt{2}n}}{n^{\sqrt[3]{n}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8(2n)^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}}{n^{\frac{1}{3}}} = 8 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} n^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}}{n^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2} \cdot 8 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[15]{n^2}} = 0 \Rightarrow f(n) \in O(g(n))$$

Question 2

① static void methodA(String str_array[]) {
 for(int i=0; i < str_array.length; i++)
 str_array[i] = "";
 }

→ Declaration of method is constant complexity, $O(1)$.
 → This loop iterates over each element and it will run "n" iterations. So, complexity is $O(n)$.
 → Assigning an element is constant complexity, $O(1)$ but inside the loop it is implemented "n" times, so complexity is $O(n)$.

⇒ Time complexity of this method is $O(1) + O(n) = O(n+1)$ or by simplifying it is $O(n)$

② static void methodB(String str_array[]) {
 for(int i=0; i < str_array.length; i++)
 methodA(str_array);
 for(int j=0; j < str_array.length; j++)
 System.out.println(str_array[j]);
 }

→ Declaration of method is constant complexity, $O(1)$.
 → This loop iterates over each element and it will run "n" iteration. So, complexity is $O(n)$.
 → The complexity of methodA is $O(n)$ and it will be called n times inside the loop. So, complexity is $O(n^2)$.
 → Printing an element has constant complexity, $O(1)$ but within the loop, it will be implemented n times. So, complexity is $O(n)$.
 → This loop iterates over each element and it will run "n" iteration. So, complexity is $O(n)$.

⇒ Time complexity of this method is $O(1) + O(n^2) + O(n) = O(n^2+n+1)$. Then, we can simplify it as $O(n^2)$ which is fastest growing part.

③ static void methodC(String str_array[]) {
 for(int i=0; i < str_array.length; i++)
 for(int j=0; j < str_array.length; j++)
 methodB(str_array);
 }

→ Declaration of method is constant complexity, $O(1)$.
 → This loop iterates over each element and it will run "n" iterations. So, complexity is $O(n)$.
 → This loop iterates over each element and it will run "n" iterations. So, complexity is $O(n)$ but this loop is a nested loop and it will be called n times. So, total complexity is $O(n \cdot n) = O(n^2)$.
 → The complexity of methodC is $O(n^2)$ and within the nested loop, it will be called n^2 times. Then, the complexity is $O(n^2 \cdot n^2) = O(n^4)$.

⇒ Time complexity of this method is $O(1) + O(n^4) = O(n^4+1)$. By simplifying, the complexity of methodC is $O(n^4)$.

d) static void methodD (String str_array[]) {
 for (int i=0; i < str_array.length; i++) {
 System.out.println (str_array[i]);
 str_array[i--] = "";
 }
 }

→ Declaration of method is constant complexity, $O(1)$.
 → This loop iterates over each element and it will run "n" iterations. So, complexity is $O(n)$.
 → Printing an element is constant complexity, $O(1)$.
 This line cause an infinite loop because as a loop condition "i" is incremented each iteration but in this line, "i" is decremented. So, this loop will not reach ending condition and it has no meaningful time complexity.

⇒ Time complexity of this method cannot be calculated due to infinite loop problem.

e) static void methodE (String str_array[]) {
 for (int i=0; i < str_array.length; i++) {
 if (str_array[i] == "") {
 break;
 }
 }
 }

→ Declaration of method is constant complexity, $O(1)$.
 → This loop iterates over each element in the worst-case which means there isn't any empty string within the "str_array". So, it iterates "n" times and the complexity is $O(n)$.
 Checking for empty string and "break" has constant complexity, $O(1)$ but in worst-case scenario, there wouldn't be an empty string. So, loop continues the iteration and each iteration checks the if condition. So, the worst-case complexity is $O(n)$.

⇒ Time complexity of this method in worst case is $O(n)$.

Question 3

⑤ METHOD FindMaxDifference(A)

IF A.length < 2

RETURN

ENDIF

RETURN A[A.length-1] - A[0]

ENDMETHOD

- Method declaration has constant complexity, $O(1)$.
- Checking the length of "A" for validity using if statement has constant complexity, $O(1)$.
- Returning the difference and subtracting two integers has both constant complexity, $O(2.1) = O(1)$.

⇒ The time complexity of this method is $O(1)$ as the dominant factor in the worst-case scenario.

⑥ METHOD FindMaxDifference(A)

IF A.length < 2

RETURN

ENDIF

maxInt = A[0]

minInt = A[0]

FOR i from 0 to A.length-1

IF A[i] > maxInt

maxInt = A[i]

ELSE IF A[i] < minInt

minInt = A[i]

ENDIF

ENDFOR

RETURN maxInt - minInt

ENDMETHOD

- Declaration of the method has constant complexity, $O(1)$.
- Checking the length of "A" for validity using if statement has constant complexity, $O(1)$.
- Initializing "maxInt" and "minInt" as "A[0]" is constant complexity, $O(1)$.
- The for loop that is used for finding the greatest and the smallest integer iterates over every element within the "A" and it has linear complexity, $O(n)$.
- The if statements which controls the "A[i]" for "maxInt" and "minInt" have constant complexity, $O(1)$ but within the loop, the conditions checked "n" times. So, the total complexity is linear, $O(n)$.
- Returning the difference and subtracting "maxInt" and "minInt" has both constant complexity, $O(1)$.

⇒ The time complexity of this method is $O(n)$ as the dominant factor in the worst case scenario.