

CSCE 222: Discrete Structures for Computing  
Section 503  
Fall 2016

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**Problem Set 2**

**Due: 11 September 2016 (Sunday) before 11:59 p.m.** on eCampus ([ecampus.tamu.edu](http://ecampus.tamu.edu)).

**Problem 1.** (20 points)

For each of the following functions, determine whether that function is of the same order as  $n^2$  either by finding witnesses or showing that sufficient witnesses do not exist:

1.  $13n + 12$   
 $13n$  is  $O(n)$
2.  $n^2 + 1000n \log n$
3.  $3^n$
4.  $3n^2 + n - 5$
5.  $\frac{n^3 + 2n^2 - n + 3}{4n}$

**Solution.**

1.  $13n + 12$

Is  $13n + 12$   $O(n^2)$ ?

Is  $13n + 12$   $\Omega(n^2)$ ?

$13n + 12 \leq C(n^2)$

$13n + 12 \geq C(n^2)$

$13n + 12 \leq C(13n^2 + 12)$

$13n + 12 \not\geq n^2$  for all values of  $C$  and  $k$

$13n + 12 \leq 25n^2$   $C = 25; k \geq 0$

$13n + 12$  is  $O(n^2)$  with  $C = 25$  and  $k \geq 0$  as witnesses but  $13n + 12$  is not  $\Omega(n^2)$  because there are no witnesses that satisfy that. Thus  $13n + 12$  is not  $\Theta(n^2)$  and therefore  $13n + 12$  is not of the same order as  $n^2$

2.  $n^2 + 1000n \log n$

Is  $n^2 + 1000n \log n$   $O(n^2)$ ?

Is  $n^2 + 1000n \log n$   $\Omega(n^2)$ ?

$n^2 + 1000n \log n \leq C(n^2)$

$n^2 + 1000n \log n \geq C(n^2)$

$n^2 + 1000n \log n \leq C(n^2 + 1000n^2)$

$n^2 + 1000n \log n \geq C(\frac{1}{2}n^2 + 0n^2)$

$n^2 + 1000n \log n \leq 1001n^2$   $C = 1001; k \geq 1$   $n^2 + 1000n \log n \geq \frac{1}{2}n^2$   $C = \frac{1}{2}; k \geq 1$

$n^2 + 1000n \log n$  is  $O(n^2)$  with  $C = 1001$  and  $k \geq 1$  as witnesses and  $n^2 + 1000n \log n$  is  $\Omega(n^2)$  with  $C = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $k \geq 1$  as witnesses. Thus  $n^2 + 1000n \log n$  is  $\Theta(n^2)$  and therefore  $n^2 + 1000n \log n$  is of the same order as  $n^2$

3.  $3^n$

Is  $3^n O(n^2)$ ?

Is  $3^n \Omega(n^2)$ ?

$$3^n \leq C(n^2)$$

$$3^n \geq C(n^2)$$

$$3^n \not\leq n^2 \text{ for all values of } C \geq 0 \text{ and } k \geq 0 \quad 3^n \geq n^2 \quad C = 1; k \geq 0$$

$3^n$  is not  $O(n^2)$  because there are no witnesses that satisfy that but  $3^n$  is  $\Omega(n^2)$  with  $C = 1$  and  $k \geq 0$  as witnesses. Thus  $3^n$  is not  $\Theta(n^2)$  and therefore  $3^n$  is not of the same order as  $n^2$

4.  $3n^2 + n - 5$

Is  $3n^2 + n - 5 O(n^2)$ ?

Is  $3n^2 + n - 5 \Omega(n^2)$ ?

$$3n^2 + n - 5 \leq C(n^2)$$

$$3n^2 + n - 5 \geq C(n^2)$$

$$3n^2 + n - 5 \leq C(3n^2 + n^2 + n^2)$$

$$3n^2 + n - 5 \geq C\left(\frac{1}{2}n^2 + 0n^2 + 0n^2\right)$$

$$3n^2 + n - 5 \leq 5n^2 \quad C = 5; k \geq 1 \quad 3n^2 + n - 5 \geq \frac{1}{2}n^2 \quad C = \frac{1}{2}; k \geq 1$$

$3n^2 + n - 5$  is  $O(n^2)$  with  $C = 5$  and  $k \geq 1$  as witnesses and  $3n^2 + n - 5$  is  $\Omega(n^2)$  with  $C = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $k \geq 1$  as witnesses. Thus  $3n^2 + n - 5$  is  $\Theta(n^2)$  and therefore  $3n^2 + n - 5$  is of the same order as  $n^2$

5.  $\frac{n^3 + 2n^2 - n + 3}{4n}$

Is  $\frac{n^3 + 2n^2 - n + 3}{4n} O(n^2)$ ?

Is  $\frac{n^3 + 2n^2 - n + 3}{4n} \Omega(n^2)$ ?

$$\frac{n^3 + 2n^2 - n + 3}{4n} \leq C(n^2)$$

$$\frac{n^3 + 2n^2 - n + 3}{4n} \geq C(n^2)$$

$$\frac{n^2}{4} + \frac{n}{2} + \frac{3}{4n} \leq C(n^2 + n^2 + n^2)$$

$$\frac{n^2}{4} + \frac{n}{2} + \frac{3}{4n} \geq C\left(\frac{1}{5}n^2 + 0n^2 + 0n^2\right)$$

$$\frac{n^2}{4} + \frac{n}{2} + \frac{3}{4n} \leq 3n^2 \quad C = 3; k \geq 1$$

$$\frac{n^2}{4} + \frac{n}{2} + \frac{3}{4n} \geq \frac{1}{5}n^2 \quad C = \frac{1}{5}; k \geq 1$$

$\frac{n^3 + 2n^2 - n + 3}{4n}$  is  $O(n^2)$  with  $C = 3$  and  $k \geq 1$  as witnesses and  $\frac{n^3 + 2n^2 - n + 3}{4n}$  is  $\Omega(n^2)$  with  $C = \frac{1}{5}$  and  $k \geq 1$  as witnesses. Thus  $\frac{n^3 + 2n^2 - n + 3}{4n}$  is  $\Theta(n^2)$  and therefore  $\frac{n^3 + 2n^2 - n + 3}{4n}$  is of the same order as  $n^2$

**Problem 2.** (20 points)

Do Supplementary Exercise 29 of Chapter 3 (page 234).

a) Use pseudocode to specify a brute-force algorithm that determines when given as input a sequence of  $n$  positive integers whether there are two distinct terms of the sequence that have as sum a third term. The algorithm should loop through all triples of terms of the sequence, checking whether the sum of the first two terms equals the third. b) Give a big-O estimate for the complexity of the brute-force algorithm from part (a).

**Solution.**

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procedure brute-force( $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$ )  
  for  $i = 1$  to  $n$   $O(n)$   
    for  $j = i + 1$  to  $n$   $O(n)$   
      for  $k = 1$  to  $n$   $O(n)$   
        if  $a_i + a_j = a_k$  then  $O(1)$   
          return true  
        else  
          return false
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The complexity for the algorithm is  $O(n^3)$

**Problem 3.** (20 points)

Do Exercise 31 of Chapter 1.1 (page 15).

**Solution.**

a)

$p$	$\neg p$	$p \text{ and } \neg p$
0	1	0
1	0	0

b)

$p$	$\neg p$	$p \text{ or } \neg p$
0	1	1
1	0	1

c)

$p$	$q$	$(p \text{ or } \neg q) \rightarrow q$
1	1	1
1	0	0
0	1	1
0	0	0

d)

$p$	$q$	$(p \text{ or } \neg q) \rightarrow (p \text{ and } q)$
1	1	1
1	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	1

e)

$p$	$q$	$(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (\neg p \rightarrow \neg q)$
1	1	1
1	0	1
0	1	1
0	0	1

f)

$p$	$q$	$(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)$
1	1	1
1	0	1
0	1	0
0	0	1

**Problem 4.** (20 points)

Do Exercises 19, 21, and 23 of Chapter 1.2 (page 23).

**Solution.**

- 19) A is a knight and B is a knave
- 21) A is a knight and B is a knight
- 23) A is a knave and B is a knight

**Problem 5.** (20 points)

Do Exercises 50 and 51 of Chapter 1.3 (page 36).

**Solution.** 50)

a)

$p$	$p$	$\neg p$	$p \downarrow p$
1	1	0	0
1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	0	1	1

 $\neg p$  and  $p \downarrow p$  have the same truth values

b)

$p$	$q$	$p \downarrow q$	$(p \downarrow q) \downarrow (p \downarrow q)$	$p \text{ or } q$
1	1	0	1	1
1	0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	0

 $(p \downarrow q) \downarrow (p \downarrow q)$  and  $p \text{ or } q$  have the same truth values.c)  $p \downarrow q$  is the same as  $\neg(p \text{ or } q)$ . Also, the logical operators  $\neg$  and  $\text{or}$  can be used to express any logical expression,  $\downarrow$  is logically complete.

51)

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \downarrow q$	$(p \downarrow p) \downarrow q$	$((p \downarrow p) \downarrow q) \downarrow ((p \downarrow p) \downarrow q)$
1	1	1	0	0	1
1	0	0	0	1	0
0	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	0	0

Thus  $((p \downarrow p) \downarrow q) \downarrow ((p \downarrow p) \downarrow q)$  is the same as  $p \rightarrow q$

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