

**Problem 1.** (True or False): No comparison-based sorting algorithm can do better than  $\Omega(n \log n)$  in the worst-case

True

**Problem 2.** We can extend our notion to the case of two parameters  $n$  and  $m$  that can go to infinity independently at different rates.

For a given function  $g(n, m)$ , we denote by  $O(g(n, m))$  the set of functions:

$$O(g(n, m)) = \{f(n, m) : \text{there exist positive constants } c, n_0, \text{ and } m_0, \text{ such that } 0 \leq f(n, m) \leq c \cdot g(n, m) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0 \text{ or } m \geq m_0\}$$

Give corresponding definitions for  $\Omega(g(n, m))$  and  $\Theta(g(n, m))$ :

$$\Omega(g(n, m)) = \{f(n, m) : \text{there exists positive constants } c, n_0, m_0, \text{ such that } f(n, m) \geq c \cdot g(n, m) \geq 0 \text{ for all } n > n_0 \text{ and } m > m_0\}$$

$$\Theta(g(n, m)) = \{f(n, m) : \text{there exists positive constants } c, n_0, m_0, \text{ such that } f(n, m) \text{ is } O(g(n, m)) \text{ and } f(n, m) \text{ is } \Omega(g(n, m)) \text{ for all } n > n_0 \text{ and } m > m_0\}$$

**Problem 3.** Consider functions  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  as given below. Use the most precise asymptotic notation to show how function  $f$  is related to function  $g$  in each case ( i.e. ,  $f \in ?(g)$ ). For example, if you were given the pair of functions  $f(n) = n$  and  $g(n) = n^2$  then the correct answer would be:  $f \in o(g)$ . To avoid any ambiguity between  $O(g)$  and  $o(g)$  notations due to writing, use Big- $O(g)$  instead of  $O(g)$ .

$f(n)$	$g(n)$	Relation
$n^3 + 2n + 1$	$(1/100)n^3 + n \log n$	$f \in \Theta(g)$
$2^n$	$n^{1000}$	$f \in \Omega(g)$
$\log n$ (base 2)	$\log n$ (base 3)	$f \in \Theta(g)$
$2^n$	$3^n$	$f \in \Theta(g)$
$.5^n$	1	$f \in O(g)$

**Problem 4.** Indicate, for each pair of expressions (A, B) in the table below, whether A is O,  $\Omega$ ,  $\Theta$ , o,  $\omega$  of B. Assume that  $k \geq 1$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $c > 1$  are constant. Your answer should be in the form of the table with “yes” or “no” written in each box.

	A	B	O	o	$\Omega$	$\omega$	$\Theta$
a.	$lg^k n$	$n^\epsilon$					
b.	$n^k$	$c^n$					
c.	$\sqrt{n}$	$n^{\sin n}$					
d.	$2^n$	$2^{n/2}$					
e.	$n^{lg c}$	$c^{lg n}$					
f.	$lg(n!)$	$lg(n^n)$					

- a) No, no, yes, yes, no
- b) No, no, yes, yes, no
- c) Yes, yes, no, no, no
- d) Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes
- e) Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes
- f) No, no, yes, yes, no

**Problem 5.** In each of the pairs of the functions below, verify using the definition of “big Oh”, whether  $f(n) = O(g(n))$ ,  $g(n) = O(f(n))$  or both.

- a)  $f(n) = 20n^2 + 14n + 7$ ,  $g(n) = 50n \rightarrow g(n) = O(f(n))$
- b)  $f(n) = n^2$ ,  $g(n) = 2^n \rightarrow f(n) = O(g(n))$