

**Assignment 1:****Due Date: Friday January 14, 11:59 p.m.****Objectives:**

- Proof by Induction
- Asymptotic Notations
- Program Analysis

**Submission Instruction**

- **Start early**
- You are allowed to work in groups of at most two students. It is okay if you want to work on your own.
- Create one file named **theory.pdf**.
- Create one file name **code.py**: This file contains the code related to question 5. Note: question 5 is not just coding.
- Put the above two files in a folder named **a1\_x\_y** where x is your username and y is your assignment partner username (e.g., if I were to develop this assignment with my partner having username barn407, then I would name my project as **a1\_mrudafshani\_barn407**)
- Zip the above folder (e.g., a1\_mrudafshani\_barn407.zip) and submit the zip file to the appropriate dropbox folder
- Make sure to put your names (as well as your partner's name) at the top of both the theory.pdf and code.py
- **Make sure to have one submission per group**
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**Problems****Q1.** Prove by induction that for all  $n > 1$  the following inequality holds:

$$\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n} > \frac{13}{24}$$

**Q2.** Suppose we have  $n \geq 3$  lines so that no two lines are parallel and no three lines intersect at a common point. Prove that at least one of the regions they form is a triangle.**Hint:** You can use induction to prove that. The base case is the case where  $n=3$ .**Q3.** For each of the following pairs of functions  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$ , either  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  or  $g(n) = O(f(n))$ , but not both. Determine which is the case.

a)  $f(n) = (n^2 - n)/2$ ,  $g(n) = 6n$

b)  $f(n) = n + 2 \sqrt{n}$ ,  $g(n) = n^2$

- c)  $f(n) = n + \log n$ ,  $g(n) = n \downarrow n$   
d)  $f(n) = n^2 + 3n + 4$ ,  $g(n) = n^3$

**Q4. Prove the following:**

$$2n + 1 = O(2^n)$$

Is this the best upper-bound for the function on the left? In other words, is it a tight upper bound? If not, specify the tight upper bound?

**Q5.** For each of the following six code segments:

- Give Big-O analysis of the running time
- Run the code and give the running time for several values of  $n$
- Compare your analysis with the actual runtimes obtained

1)

```
sum = 0
for i in range(n):
    Sum += 1
```

2)

```
sum = 0
for i in range(n):
    for j in range(n):
        sum += 1
```

3)

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sum = 0;
for i in range(n):
    for j in range(n*n):
        sum += 1
```

4)

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sum = 0
for i in range(n):
    for j in range(i):
        sum += 1
```

5)

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sum = 0
for i in range(n):
    for j in range(i*i):
        for k in range(j):
            sum += 1
```

6)

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sum = 0
for i in range(n):
    for j in range(i*i):
        if (j%i == 0):
            for k in range(j):
                sum += 1
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Make sure you use a large number of values for n to see the effect of input size on the running time of an algorithm