

A. Written Questions (50 marks):

QA.1

- a) Using the relationship among typical growth-rate functions seen in class, order the following functions in non-decreasing order.

$2n \log(n^2), 5n^6, 2^{2013}, 2.5^n, 2 \cdot 2^n, 2n^{6.5}, \log(n^{10}), 4 \cdot \log(n), 2^{100}, n^{1.03}, 70n, n \log n, 8n^6 + 5n^2$

Ans: $2^{100}, 2^{2013}, 4 \cdot \log(n), \log(n^{10}), 70n, n \log n, 2n \log(n^2), n^{1.03}, 5n^6, 8n^6 + 5n^2, 2n^{6.5}, 2 \cdot 2^n, 2.5^n$.

- b) Indicate those functions that are "big-Theta" of each other.

Ans: 2^{100} and 2^{2013} are "big-Theta" of each other
 $4 \cdot \log(n)$ and $\log(n^{10})$ are "big-Theta" of each other
 $n \log n$ and $2n \log(n^2)$ are "big-Theta" of each other
 $5n^6$ and $8n^6 + 5n^2$ are "big-Theta" of each other
 $2 \cdot 2^n$ and 2.5^n are "big-Theta" of each other

QA.2

What is the *big-O* ($O(n)$) and *Big-Omega* ($\Omega(n)$) time complexity of the *Count*(A, B, n) algorithm below in terms of n ? Show all necessary steps of how you computed the complexity.

Algorithm *Count*(A, B, n)

Input: Arrays A and B of size n , where n is even.

A, B store integers.

$i \leftarrow 0$

$sum \leftarrow 0$

while $i < \frac{n}{2}$ **do**

if $A[i + \frac{n}{2}] < 0$ **then**

for $j \leftarrow i + \frac{n}{2}$ **to** n **do**

$sum \leftarrow sum + B[j] \cdot \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)$

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

return sum

* $\frac{n}{2}$ is used everywhere
 n is never used

Ans: $\frac{n}{2} \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right) = \frac{\frac{n^2}{4} + \frac{n}{2}}{2} = \frac{n^2}{2} + n = \frac{1}{2}n^2 + n \Rightarrow O(n^2)$ since n^2 is the highest
 order of $\frac{1}{2}n^2 + n$

therefore, the big O is $O(n^2)$ and the big Ω is $\Omega(n^2)$.

QA.3

In this question part (a) and (b) are independent.

- a) For each of the following pairs of functions, either $f(n)$ is in $O(g(n))$, $f(n)$ is in $\Omega(g(n))$, or $f(n)$ is in $\Theta(g(n))$. For each pair, determine which relationship is correct. Justify your answer.

- i) $f(n) = \log n^2$; $g(n) = \log n + 5$.

Ans: $f(n) = 2 \log(n) = O(g(n)) = O(\log(n))$

$f(n) = 2 \log(n)$ is $O(\log(n))$ if $c > 0$ and $n_0 \geq 1$ such that $2 \log(n) \leq c \log(n)$
 for $n \geq n_0$.

\Rightarrow this is true for $c = 2$ and $n_0 = 2$.

$f(n) = 2 \log(n)$ is $\Omega(\log(n))$ if $c > 0$ and $n_0 \geq 1$ such that $2 \log(n) \geq c \log(n)$
 for $n \geq n_0$.

\Rightarrow this is true for $c = 2$ and $n_0 = 2$.

$f(n) = 2 \log(n)$ is $\Theta(\log(n))$ since $f(n)$ is $\Omega(\log(n))$ and $O(\log(n))$.

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ii) $f(n) = \sqrt{n}$; $g(n) = \log n^2$.

Ans:

$$f(n) = n^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad - \quad g(n) = 2 \log(n)$$

$$O(f(n)) = O(n^{\frac{1}{2}}) \quad - \quad O(g(n)) = O(\log(n))$$

$$\Omega(f(n)) = \Omega(n^{\frac{1}{2}}) \quad - \quad \Omega(g(n)) = \Omega(\log(n))$$

$$O(\log(n)) \subset O(n^{\frac{1}{2}}) \therefore f(n) = n^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ is in } O(g(n)) = O(\log(n)).$$

$$O(\log(n)) \subset O(n^{\frac{1}{2}}) \text{ but they have different orders.}$$

This means that $\Omega(\log(n)) \not\subset \Omega(n^{\frac{1}{2}})$ since the order of the elements of the Big Ω hierarchy is the reverse of that of Big O .

$\therefore f(n)$ is not $\Theta(g(n))$ since $f(n)$ is not in $\Omega(g(n))$.

iii) $f(n) = \log^2 n$; $g(n) = \log n$.

Ans:

$$O(f(n)) = O(\log^2 n) \quad - \quad O(g(n)) = O(\log(n))$$

$$\Omega(f(n)) = \Omega(\log^2 n) \quad - \quad \Omega(g(n)) = \Omega(\log(n))$$

To determine the order of $\log^2 n$ let $m = \log(n)$,

this means that $m^2 = (\log(n))^2 = \log^2 n$ and is of higher order than $m = \log(n)$.

$\therefore O(\log(n)) = O(g(n)) \subset O(f(n)) = O(\log^2 n)$ and $f(n)$ is in $O(g(n))$.

The order of the elements of the big Ω hierarchy is the reverse of that of big O .

This means that $\Omega(f(n)) = \Omega(\log^2 n) \not\subset \Omega(\log n) = \Omega(g(n))$.

$\therefore f(n)$ is not $\Theta(g(n))$ since $f(n)$ is not in $\Omega(g(n))$.

iv) $f(n) = n$; $g(n) = \log^2 n$.

Ans:

$$O(f(n)) = O(n) \quad - \quad O(g(n)) = O(\log^2 n)$$

let $n = 700000$ (large value) $\Rightarrow \log^2(700000) \approx 19.41$.

Clearly $g(n) = \log^2 n$ is more efficient than $f(n) = n$.

$\therefore O(\log^2 n) \subset O(n)$ and $f(n)$ is in $O(g(n))$.

$f(n)$ is not in $\Omega(g(n))$ because the order of the elements of the Ω hierarchy is the reverse of that of Big O .

$\therefore f(n)$ is not in $\Omega(g(n))$ and not in $\Theta(g(n))$.

v) $f(n) = n \log n + n$; $g(n) = \log n$.

Ans:

$$O(f(n)) = O(n \log(n)) \quad - \quad O(g(n)) = O(\log(n))$$

$f(n)$ is in $O(g(n))$ since $O(\log(n)) \subset O(n \log(n))$.

On the other hand, $f(n)$ is not in $\Omega(g(n))$ since $\Omega(\log(n)) \not\subset \Omega(n \log(n))$ as the order of the element of the Ω hierarchy is the reverse of that of Big O and based on that, we can conclude that $f(n)$ is not in $\Theta(g(n))$.

vi) $f(n) = \log n^2$; $g(n) = (\log n)^2$.

Ans:

$$f(n) = 2 \log(n)$$

$$O(f(n)) = O(\log(n)) \quad - \quad O(g(n)) = O(\log^2 n).$$

let $x = \log(n) \Rightarrow x^2 = \log^2 n$; $O(\log^2 n) = O(x^2) \not\subset O(x) = (\log(n))$.

$\therefore f(n)$ is not in $O(g(n))$ and $f(n)$ is not in $\Theta(g(n))$.

However, $\Omega(\log^2 n) = \Omega(x^2) \subset \Omega(\log(n)) = \Omega(x)$ and this indicates that $f(n)$ is in $\Omega(g(n))$.

vii) $f(n) = 10$; $g(n) = \log 10$.

Ans:

$$O(f(n)) = O(1) \quad - \quad O(g(n)) = O(1),$$

since both $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ are constant functions, they have $O(1)$ and $\Omega(1)$ and $\Theta(1)$.

$\therefore f(n)$ is in $\Theta(g(n))$ and this indicates that $f(n)$ is also in both $O(g(n))$ and $\Omega(g(n))$.

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viii) $f(n) = 2^n$; $g(n) = 10n^2$

Ans:

$O(f(n)) = O(2^n)$ and $O(g(n)) = O(n^2) \Rightarrow \Omega(f(n)) = \Omega(2^n)$ and $\Omega(g(n)) = \Omega(n^2)$.
 $f(n)$ is in $O(g(n))$ since $O(n^2) \subset O(2^n)$. But $f(n)$ is not in $\Omega(g(n))$ since $\Omega(n^2) \not\subset \Omega(2^n)$
 and based on that, $f(n)$ is not in $\Theta(g(n))$.

ix) $f(n) = 2^n$; $g(n) = n \log n$

Ans:

$O(f(n)) = O(2^n)$ and $O(g(n)) = O(n \log(n)) \Rightarrow \Omega(f(n)) = \Omega(2^n)$ and $\Omega(g(n)) = \Omega(n \log(n))$
 $f(n)$ is in $O(g(n))$ since $O(n \log(n)) \subset O(2^n)$.
 But $f(n)$ is not in $\Omega(g(n))$ since $\Omega(n \log(n)) \not\subset \Omega(2^n)$
 and based on that, $f(n)$ is not in $\Theta(g(n))$.

x) $f(n) = 2^n$; $g(n) = 3^n$

Ans:

$O(f(n)) = O(2^n)$ and $O(g(n)) = O(3^n) \Rightarrow \Omega(f(n)) = \Omega(2^n)$ and $\Omega(g(n)) = \Omega(3^n)$.
 2^n and 3^n are two exponential functions with different base numbers and therefore,
 are not of the same order since $2^n < 3^n$ for $n > 0$.
 Based on that $O(3^n) \not\subset O(2^n)$ and $f(n)$ is not in $O(g(n))$ and is not in $\Theta(g(n))$.
 On the other hand, $\Omega(3^n) \subset \Omega(2^n)$ since the Ω hierarchy of elements is the reverse
 of that of Big O.
 $\therefore f(n)$ is in $\Omega(g(n))$.

xi) $f(n) = 2^n$; $g(n) = n^n$

Ans:

$O(f(n)) = O(2^n)$ and $O(g(n)) = O(n^n) \Rightarrow \Omega(f(n)) = \Omega(2^n)$ and $\Omega(g(n)) = \Omega(n^n)$.
 $f(n)$ is not in $O(g(n))$ because n^n is of higher order than 2^n .
 This also indicates that $f(n)$ is not in $\Theta(g(n))$.
 However, since the hierarchy of elements of Ω is the inverse of that of Big O,
 $\Omega(2^n)$ is in $\Omega(n^n)$ since $\Omega(n^n) \subset \Omega(2^n)$.

b) The following run times were obtained when using two different algorithms on a data set of size n . Based on this timing data, guess at the asymptotic complexity of each algorithm as a function of n . Use Big-O notation in its simplest form and briefly explain how you reached your conclusion.

i) n	Execution Time (in seconds)
1000	0.743
2000	3.021
4000	12.184
8000	50.320

Ans:

$O(n)$, since the execution time increases by a factor of approximately 4 when the value of n is doubled.

ii) n	Execution Time (in microseconds or millionths of a second)
1000	0.01
1000000	20
1000000000	30000

Ans:

$O(\log(n))$, since the execution prove that the algorithm is effective.