

Q1

3 Points

Consider the following code snippet:

```
def demo_function(lissy):  
    S = [0] * len(lissy)  
    for i in range(len(lissy)-1):  
        T = lissy[0 : i + 1]  
        S[i] = sum(T) * (i + 2)  
    return S
```

Suppose $\text{len}(\text{lissy}) = n$. The tightest big-O of this code is:

- ☐ $O(\log n)$
- ☐ $O(\log n * \log n)$
- ☐ $O(n)$
- ☒ $O(n^2)$

Q2

3 Points

(Multiple answers can be correct)

If $f(n) = 3n \log n + \frac{1}{10}n^5 + 200n^2 + 642n - 700$, then $f(n)$ is:

☒ $O(n^6)$

☐ $O(n \log n)$

☐ $O(n)$

☒ $O(2^n)$

Q3

3 Points

Arrange the following functions by growth rate (smallest big O to largest big-O notation). Indicate which functions grow at the same rate (Same Big-O notation).

$$f_1 = 3^n$$

$$f_2 = 10n^2 - n$$

$$f_3 = n \log n + 8n$$

$$f_4 = 2^{10}$$

$$f_5 = n + 100 \log n$$

$$f_6 = 2^{n+8}$$

$$f_7 = 7n - 6$$

$$f_8 = 50n \log n$$

EXPLANATION

$$f_4: O(1)$$

$$f_5 = f_7: O(N)$$

$$f_3 = f_8: O(N \log N)$$

$$f_2: O(N^2)$$

$$f_6: O(2^N)$$

$$f_1: O(3^N)$$

$$\text{So, } f_4 < f_5 = f_7 < f_3 = f_8 < f_2 < f_6 < f_1$$

Q4

3 Points

Given an n -element sequence S of integers, Algorithm B first chooses $\log n$ elements in S at random, and appends them one-by-one to an initially empty list T . Then, Algorithm B calls Algorithm E on **each** element $T[i]$. Algorithm E runs in $O(i)$ time when it is called on element $T[i]$.

What is the worst-case running time of Algorithm B?

EXPLANATION

Worst-case: $O(\log^2 n)$

Q5

8 Points

Implement a function, `bit_flips(a, b)` that determines the number of bits you would need to flip to convert integer a into integer b .

For example:

Input: 29 (or 11101), 15 (or 01111)

Output: 2 # because the first and 4th bits from the left are different.

```
def bit_flips(a, b):  
    """  
    :param a: Int -- positive integer  
    :param b: Int -- positive integer  
  
    :return: Number of flips needed to convert a into b  
    """  
    # YOUR CODE  
    count = 0  
  
    return count
```

Please note: **no outside package** such as math utility is allowed. `bin()` is also **not allowed**.

- You will get full credit if your program runs in $O(\log n)$ time, in which $n = \max(a, b)$
- You will get 1 bonus point if your program use only bit operators and possibly $+$, $-$, $>$, $<$, or $==$.
- You cannot use the Python math library.

You can copy the code above and paste it into the answer box below, and then work on it:

EXPLANATION

```
def bit_flips(a,b):  
    count = 0  
    while a > 0 or b > 0:  
        if a%2 != b%2:  
            count += 1  
        a //= 2  
        b //= 2  
    return count
```

Or

```
def bit_flips(a,b):  
    c = a^b  
    count = 0  
    while c > 0:  
        if c&1 == 1:  
            count += 1  
        c >>= 1  
    return count
```