

# Assignment 1

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**Question 1 (i).** We want to prove that when Algorithm Summation terminates its execution,

$$y = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j x^j$$

*Proof.* We shall apply induction to prove that after the  $m$ th iteration of the for loop the following invariant holds true:

$$y = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} a_{n-j} x^{n-i-j}$$

(Induction Basis) First, we note that  $y$  is initialized to 0 in Line 1. When  $m = 1$  and  $i = n$  in Line 3,

$$\begin{aligned} y &= a_n + x * y \\ &= a_n + x * 0 \\ &= a_n \\ &= a_n x^0 \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^0 a_{n-j} x^{n-i-j} \end{aligned}$$

(Induction Hypothesis) Suppose for iteration  $m - 1 < n$ ,  $y = \sum_{j=0}^{m-2} a_{n-j} x^{n-i-j-1}$   
(Induction Step) When Line 3 is executed for the  $m$ th time,

$$\begin{aligned}
y &= a_{n-i} + x \sum_{j=0}^{m-2} a_{n-j} x^{n-i-j-1} \\
&= a_{n-i} + \sum_{j=0}^{m-2} a_{n-j} x^{n-i-j} \\
&= a_{n-i} x^0 + \sum_{j=0}^{m-2} a_{n-j} x^{n-i-j}
\end{aligned}$$

(Induction Hypothesis)

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} a_{n-j} x^{n-i-j}$$

Therefore we can conclude that the invariant  $y = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} a_{n-j} x^{n-i-j}$  holds  $\forall m > 0$ .

On the  $n+1$ th iteration (where  $i = 0$ ) we then have,

$$\begin{aligned}
y &= \sum_{j=0}^n a_{n-j} x^{n-j} \\
&= a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x^1 + a_0 x^0 \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^n a_j x^j
\end{aligned}$$

(By reversing the order of the terms)

□

### Question 1 (ii).

Key Operation: Multiplication of real numbers.

Input size:  $n$  (The size of the input array)

The Summation algorithm must perform the key operation on each of the  $n$  elements of the input array.

1. Worst-case Time Complexity:  $T(n) = n$
2. Average-case Time Complexity:  $T_{ave}(n) = n$

### Question 2. $\lg n \in \theta(\lg \lg(n!))$

To prove that  $\lg n \in \theta(\lg \lg(n!))$  we shall prove that  $\lg n \in O(\lg \lg(n!)) \wedge \lg n \in \Omega(\lg \lg(n!))$ .

*Proof.* First we shall prove that  $lgn \in O(lglg(n!))$ , that is we shall determine a  $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that,

$$\begin{aligned} lgn &\leq clglg(n!) & \forall n > n_0 \\ lgn &\leq lglg^c(n!) \\ 2^{lgn} &\leq 2^{lglg^c(n!)} \\ n &\leq lg^c n! \end{aligned}$$

By letting  $c = 1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} n &\leq lg(n!) \\ 2^n &\leq n! \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 1.**  $2^n < n!, \forall n \geq 4$

We shall prove this by induction on  $n$ .

(Induction Basis) When  $n = 4$ ,  $2^4 < 4! = 16 < 24$ .

(Induction Hypothesis) Assume  $2^k < k!, k \geq 4$ .

(Induction Step) We then have,

$$\begin{aligned} 2^k(k+1) &< k!(k+1) \\ &= (k+1)! \end{aligned} \tag{I}$$

Also since  $k \geq 4$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &< k+1 \\ 2^{k+1} &< (k+1)2^k \end{aligned} \tag{II}$$

By transitivity of (I) and (II) we obtain  $2^{k+1} < (k+1)!$ .

Therefore by Induction  $2^n < n!, \forall n \geq 4$ .

Therefore for  $c = 1$ , and  $n_0 = 4$  we have  $lg(n) \leq clglg(n!), \forall n > n_0$ .

Therefore  $lg(n) \in O(lglg(n!))$ .

Now we shall prove that  $lg(n) \in \Omega(lglg(n!))$ , that is we shall determine a  $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that,

$$\begin{aligned} lg(n) &\geq clglg(n!) & \forall n > n_0 \\ lg(n) &\geq lglg^c(n!) \\ 2^{lgn} &\geq 2^{lglg^c(n!)} \\ n &\geq lg^c n! \end{aligned}$$

By letting  $c = \frac{1}{2}$  we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} n &\geq \sqrt{lg(n!)} \\ n^2 &\geq lg(n!) \end{aligned}$$

It can be seen that  $lg(n!) \leq nlg(n)$  (III) via,

$$\begin{aligned} lg(n!) &= lg(n * (n-1) * (n-2) * \dots * 1) && \text{(Definition of } n!) \\ &= lg(n) + lg(n-1) + \dots + lg(1) && (lg(mn) = lg(m) + lg(n)) \\ &\leq lg(n) + lg(n) + \dots + lg(n) \\ &= nlg(n) \end{aligned}$$

Additionally  $\forall n > 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 2^n &> n \\ n &> lg(n) \\ n^2 &> nlg(n) \end{aligned} \tag{IV}$$

By combining (III) and (IV) we have,  $n^2 > nlg(n) \geq lg(n!)$ ,  $\forall n > 1$ .  
Therefore for  $c = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $n_0 = 1$ ,  $lg(n) \geq clg lg(n!)$ ,  $\forall n > n_0$ .  
Therefore  $lg(n) \in O(lg lg(n!)) \wedge lg(n) \in \Omega(lg lg(n!))$ .  
Therefore  $lg(n) \in \theta(lg lg(n!))$ .

□

**Question 3.** I assert that the claim is false, and will provide a counter example such that  $f \in O(g) \wedge h(f) \notin O(h(g))$ .

*Proof.* Let

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= n^2, \\ g(n) &= n^3, \\ h(n) &= \frac{1}{n} \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma I.**  $f \in O(g)$ , using Theorem 0.2

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^3} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \\ &= 0 (\geq 0) \end{aligned} \tag{Theorem 0.2}$$

Therefore by Theorem 0.2 we have  $f \in O(g)$ .

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All that remains is to prove that  $\frac{1}{n^2} \notin O(\frac{1}{n^3})$ . Using Theorem 0.2,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n^2}}{\frac{1}{n^3}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3}{n^2} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \\ &= \infty (\notin \mathbb{R}^+) \end{aligned}$$

Hence combining Lemma I with the above proof we have created a counter example such that,

$$f \in O(g) \wedge h(f) \notin O(h(g))$$

Therefore the claim is false. □

**Question 4.** I assert that the following function ordering respects the relationship  $g1 = o(g2)$ ,  $g2 = o(g3)$ , ...,  $g7 = o(g8)$ . Functions which are asymptotically equivalent are contained within  $\{ \}$ .

$$10^{100}, \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2 + 2}{3k^3 + 2k^2 + 1}, \lg(n) \right\}, 10^{\lg \lg(n)}, 2^{\sqrt{2 \lg(n)}}, 4^{\lg n}, n^{\lg n}, 2^n$$

A series of proofs follow to confirm this ordering,

*Proof.*  $n^{\lg n} = o(2^n)$

For any  $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$  define  $n_0 = \begin{cases} 17 & \text{if } c \geq 1 \\ \lceil \frac{16}{c} \rceil & \text{if } c < 1 \end{cases}$

(i)  $n^{\lg n} < 2^n \Rightarrow \lg^2 n < n$ , which holds  $\forall n > 16$ .

If  $c \geq 1$  then  $c2^n > 2^n > n^{\lg n}$ ,  $\forall n \geq 17 = n_0$ .

□

*Proof.*  $4^{\lg n} = o(n^{\lg n})$

It can be seen that  $4^{lgn} = n^{lg(4)} = n^2$ . Using Theorem 0.2,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^{lgn}} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n^2}{n^2}}{\frac{n^{lgn}}{n^2}} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^{lgn-2}} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $4^{lgn} = o(n^{lgn})$ . □

*Proof.*  $2^{\sqrt{2lgn}} \in o(4^{lgn})$

It can be seen that  $4^{lgn} = (2^2)^{lgn} = 2^{2lgn}$ . By letting  $x$  represent  $2lgn$  and applying Theorem 0.2 we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{\sqrt{x}}}{2^x} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2^{\sqrt{x}}}{2^{\sqrt{x}}}}{\frac{2^x}{2^{\sqrt{x}}}} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^{x-\sqrt{x}}} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $2^{\sqrt{2lgn}} = o(4^{lgn})$ . □

*Proof.*  $10^{lg lg(n)} = o(2^{\sqrt{2lgn}})$  □

*Proof.*  $lg(n) = o(10^{lg lg(n)})$

It can be seen that  $10^{lg lg(n)} = lg^{lg 10} n$ , where  $lg 10 > 1 = 1 + \epsilon$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . Using

Theorem 0.2 we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{lg(n)}{lg^{1+\epsilon}n} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{lg(n)}{lg(n)}}{\frac{lg^{1+\epsilon}n}{lg(n)}} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{lg^\epsilon n} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $lg(n) = o(10^{lg lg(n)})$ . □

*Proof.*  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2}{3k^3+2k^2+1} = \theta(lgn)$

We shall first establish that,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2+2}{3k^3+2k^2+1} = \theta\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}\right)$$

Since  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} = \infty^+$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n^2+2}{3n^3+3n^2+1}}{\frac{1}{n}} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3+2n}{3n^3+3n^2+1} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n^3}{n^3} + \frac{2n}{n^3}}{\frac{3n^3}{n^3} + \frac{3n^2}{n^3} + \frac{1}{n^3}} \\
&= \frac{1}{3}
\end{aligned}$$

By the The Stolz-Cesaro Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n^2+2}{3n^3+3n^2+1}}{\frac{1}{n}} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2+2}{3k^3+2k^2+1}}{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}} \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \quad (> 0)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore by Theorem 0.2  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2+2}{3k^3+2k^2+1} = \theta(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k})$  (I).

Additionally we have  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} = \theta(\lg n)$  via,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}}{\lg n} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n) + \gamma + \frac{1}{2n} + o(\frac{1}{n})}{\lg n} \quad (\text{Hint}) \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n) + \gamma}{\lg n} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n) + \gamma}{\frac{\ln(n)}{\ln(2)}} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\ln(n)}{\ln(n)} + \frac{\gamma}{\ln(n)}}{\frac{\ln(n)}{\ln(n)\ln(2)}} \\
&= \ln(2) \quad (> 0)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore by Theorem 0.2  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} = \theta(\lg n)$  (II).

Given (I) and (II) and the transitivity of  $\theta$  we obtain  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2+2}{3k^3+2k^2+1} = \theta(\lg n)$ .  $\square$

*Proof.*  $10^{100} = o(\lg n)$

Since it was shown that  $\lg n$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2+2}{3k^3+2k^2+1}$  are asymptotically equivalent, it is sufficient to show that  $10^{100}$  is little-o of either one to confirm the ordering. To this end we apply Theorem 0.2,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10^{100}}{\lg n} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{0}{\frac{\lg(e)}{n}} \quad (\text{L'Hopital's rule}) \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore by Theorem 0.2 we have  $10^{100} = o(\lg n)$ .  $\square$

**Question 5 (a).**  $T(n) = 9T(\frac{n}{3}) + n^2 \lg(n) + 2n$

*Proof.* Using the general formula for recurrences we note that,

$$a = 9, b = 3, f(n) = n^2 \lg(n) + 2n$$



**Lemma I.**  $f(n) \in \theta(n^2 \lg(n))$ , using Theorem 0.2

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 \lg(n) + 2n}{n^2 \lg(n)} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n^2 \lg(n) + 2n}{n^2}}{\frac{n^2 \lg(n)}{n^2}} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lg(n) + \frac{2}{n}}{\lg(n)} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lg(n)}{\lg(n)} \\
&= 1(> 0)
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma I we have  $f(n) \in \theta(n^2 \lg(n)) = \theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^k n)$  where  $k = 1(\geq 0)$ . Therefore using Case 2 of the general recurrence formula we have,

$$T(n) \in \theta(n^2 \lg^2 n)$$

□

**Question 5 (b).**  $T(n) = 3T(\frac{n}{3}) + \sqrt{n}$

*Proof.* Using the general formula for recurrences we note that,

$$a = 3, b = 3, f(n) = \sqrt{n}$$

Therefore,  $f(n) = \sqrt{n} = O(n^{1-\frac{1}{2}}) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$  where  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2} > 0$ . Therefore using Case 1 of the general recurrence theorem we have,

$$T(n) \in \theta(n^{\log_3 3}) = \theta(n)$$

□

**Question 5 (c).**  $T(n) = 8T(\frac{n}{4}) + n^2 \lg^2 n$

*Proof.* Using the general formula for recurrences we note that,

$$a = 8, b = 4, f(n) = n^2 \lg^2 n$$

**Lemma I.**  $f(n) \in \Omega(n^2)$  using Theorem 0.2,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 \lg^2 n}{n^2} \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n^2 \lg^2 n}{n^2}}{\frac{n^2}{n^2}} \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lg^2 n}{1} \\
&= \infty
\end{aligned}$$

Hence by Theorem 0.2  $f(n) \in \Omega(n^2)$ .

By Lemma I we have  $f(n) \in \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$  where  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2} > 0$ . Moreover, for sufficiently large  $n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
af\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) &= 8\left(\frac{n}{4}\right)^2 \lg^2 \frac{n}{4} \\
&= 8\left(\frac{n^2}{16}\right) \lg^2 \frac{n}{4} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left(n^2 \lg^2 \frac{n}{4}\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left(n^2 (\lg n - 2)^2\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left(n^2 (\lg^2 n - 4 \lg n + 4)\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg^2 n - 2n^2 \lg n + 2n^2 \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg^2 n && \text{when } n \geq 2 \\
&= cn^2 \lg^2 n && \text{where } 0 < c = \frac{1}{2} < 1
\end{aligned}$$

By Case 3 of the general recurrence theorem we thus have  $T(n) \in \theta(n^2 \lg^2 n)$ . □

**Question 6.**  $T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2} + 7\right)$

*Proof.* We guess that  $T(n) = O(n^2)$ .

(Induction Hypothesis) We first assume that  $T(k) \leq ck^2$ ,  $\forall k < n$  (I).

(Induction Step) Then, when  $n > 14$

$$\begin{aligned}
 n > 14 &\Rightarrow 2n > 14 + n \Rightarrow \frac{n}{2} + 7 < n \\
 &\Rightarrow T\left(\frac{n}{2} + 7\right) \leq c\left(\frac{n}{2} + 7\right)^2 \quad (\text{by I})
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for  $n > 14$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= T\left(\frac{n}{2} + 7\right) + n^2 \\
 &\leq c\left(\frac{n}{2} + 7\right)^2 + n^2 \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4}cn^2 + 7cn + 49c + n^2
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $c \geq 4$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 c &\geq 4 \\
 \frac{c}{4} &\geq 1 \\
 \frac{c}{4} + \frac{c}{4} &\geq 1 + \frac{c}{4} \\
 \frac{c}{2} &\geq \frac{c}{4} + 1 \\
 \frac{1}{2}cn^2 &\geq \frac{1}{4}cn^2 + n^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &\leq \frac{1}{4}cn^2 + 7cn + 49c + n^2 \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2}cn^2 + 7cn + 49c \quad (c \geq 4) \\
 &\leq cn^2 \quad (n \geq 20)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $T(n) \leq cn$ ,  $\forall n \geq 20$  and any  $c \geq 4$ .

(Inductive Basis) Let  $c' = \max(\{T(n)/n^2 \mid 17 \leq n \leq 19\} \cup \{4\})$ .

Then  $T(n) \leq c'n^2$ ,  $\forall n$ ,  $17 \leq n \leq 19$ .

Hence  $T(n) \leq c'n^2$ ,  $\forall n \geq 17$ .

i.e.  $T(n) = O(n^2)$ .

□