

1. **Fun with Big-O notation.** (3 points; 0.5 point each) Mark the following as **True** or **False**. Briefly but convincingly justify all of your answers, using the definitions of  $O(\cdot)$ ,  $\Theta(\cdot)$  and  $\Omega(\cdot)$ . [To see the required detail, 1<sup>st</sup> question has been solved for you.]

(z)  $n = \Omega(n^2)$ . This statement is **False**. To see this, we will use a proof by contradiction. Suppose that, as per the definition of  $\Omega(\cdot)$ , there is some  $n_0$  and some  $c > 0$  so that for all  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $n \geq c \cdot n^2$ . Choose  $n = \max\{1/c, n_0\} + 1$ . Then  $n \geq n_0$ , but we have  $n > 1/c$ , which implies that  $c \cdot n^2 > n$ . This is a contradiction.

(a)  $n = O(n \log(n))$ .

(b)  $n^{1/\log(n)} = \Theta(1)$ .

(c) If

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 5^n & \text{if } n < 2^{1000} \\ 2^{1000}n^2 & \text{if } n \geq 2^{1000} \end{cases}$$

and  $g(n) = \frac{n^2}{2^{1000}}$ , then  $f(n) = O(g(n))$ .

(d) For all possible functions  $f(n), g(n) \geq 0$ , if  $f(n) = O(g(n))$ , then  $2^{f(n)} = O(2^{g(n)})$ .

(e)  $5^{\log \log(n)} = O(\log(n)^2)$

(f)  $n = \Theta(100^{\log(n)})$

2. **Fun with recurrences.** (3 points; 0.5 point each)

Solve the following recurrence relations; i.e. express each one as  $T(n) = O(f(n))$  for the tightest possible function  $f(n)$ , and give a short justification. Be aware that some parts might be slightly more involved than others. Unless otherwise stated, assume  $T(1) = 1$ . [To see the required detail, 1<sup>st</sup> question has been solved for you.]

(z)  $T(n) = 6T(n/6) + 1$ . We apply the master theorem with  $a = b = 6$  and with  $d = 0$ . We have  $a > b^d$ , and so the running time is  $O(n^{\log_6(6)}) = O(n)$ .

(a)  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 3n$

(b)  $T(n) = 3T(n/4) + \sqrt{n}$

(c)  $T(n) = 7T(n/2) + \Theta(n^3)$

(d)  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2 \log n$

(e)  $T(n) = 2T(n/3) + n^c$ , where  $c \geq 1$  is a constant (that is, it doesn't depend on  $n$ ).

(f)  $T(n) = 2T(\sqrt{n}) + 1$ , where  $T(2) = 1$

3. **Different-sized sub-problems.** (4 points) Solve the following recurrence relation.

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + T(n/4) + T(n/8) + n,$$

where  $T(1) = 1$ . [We are expecting a detailed solution with all the steps. You need to finally state your running time with  $O(\cdot)$  notation.]