

**CS 3310 Design and Analysis of Algorithms**  
**Midterm**  
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**Read these instructions before proceeding.**

- Closed book. Closed notes. You can use calculator.
- You have 50 minutes to complete this exam.
- *Important Notes:*
  - *During the exam, all students need to join the Zoom meeting*
  - *No questions will be answered during the exam about the exam questions. Write down your assumptions and answer the best that you can. In the last 15 minutes of the exam, if you have additional questions about submitting your exams, you can ask your questions on the Chat room of Zoom Meeting and your questions will be answered there.*
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Q.#1 (24)	Q.#2 (20)	Q.#3 (20)	Q.#4 (18)	Q.#5 (18)	Total(100)

1. (24 pts) (3 pts each)

(a) and (b): Give the **best-case complexity and the worst-case complexity** for each of the following algorithms. No justifications are required.

(a) **Quicksort** for *Sorting*. Input: a list of  $n$  numbers.

Best-case Complexity

$$O(n \log n)$$

Worst-case Complexity

$$O(n^2)$$

(b) **Strassen's Algorithm** for *Matrix Multiplication*. Input: two  $n \times n$  matrices.

Best-case Complexity

$$O(n^{2.81})$$

Worst-case Complexity

$$O(n^3)$$

(c)  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  if and only if  $g(n) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  ( $f(n)$ ).

Answer: if and only if  $f(n) \leq c * g(n)$  where  $n \geq n_0$

(d) If  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  and  $g(n) = \Omega(f(n))$  then  $g(n) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  ( $f(n)$ ).

Answer: then,  $c_1 * g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 * g(n)$ . Therefore,  $g(n)$  is the tight bound of  $f(n)$

(e) If  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  and  $f(n) = \theta(h(n))$ , then  $h(n) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  ( $g(n)$ ).

Answer: If  $g(n)$  is upper bound of  $f(n)$  and  $h(n)$  is the tight bound of  $f(n)$ ,  $h(n)$  is less than or equal to  $g(n)$

$$(f) \sum_{i=1}^n a^i = \frac{(a^{n+1} - a)}{(a-1)}$$

2. (20 pts)

Rank the following functions by order of growth **from low to high**. If two or more are of the same order ( $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  are in the same class if and only if  $f(n) = \theta(g(n))$ ), group them together. **No proofs are necessary.**

$$2^n$$

$$7 \times \lg n$$

$$2^{n+2}$$

$$(n-1)!$$

$$\ln n$$

$$n!$$

$$\lg(\lg n)$$

$$3 \times n^3 + \lg n$$

$$\lg(\lg n)$$

$$7 * \lg(n), \ln(n)$$

$$3 * n^3 + \lg(n)$$

$$2^n, 2^{n+2}$$

$$n!, (n-1)!$$

low

high



**3. (20 pts)**

Prove that  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  where  $f(n) = 1234 \times 3^n$  and  $g(n) = n^n$ .

(Hint: Give a witness pair and show that it works)

$n^n \geq 1234 * 3^n$  for all  $n \geq 8$ . Witness pair is  $c = 1$  and  $n_0 = 8$ . Substitute these values in, we can get  $8^8 \geq 1234 * 3^8 \Rightarrow 16,777,216 \geq 8,096,274$ . Since  $n^n$  will grow faster due to increase in both base and exponential power whereas  $f(n)$  only increases in exponential power, the upper bound for  $f(n)$  is  $g(n)$  based on the witness pair of  $c = 1$  and  $n_0 = 8$ . Therefore,  $c = 1$  and  $n_0 = 8$ . So,  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  is true.

**4. (18 pts)**

Solve the following recurrence relations using *successive substitutions*, where  $c$  is a constant.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T(n/3) + c & \text{if } n > 1 \\ c & \text{if } n = 1 \end{cases}$$

$T(n) = T(n/3) + c$   
 $= T(n/9) + c + c = T(n/9) + 2c$   
 $= T(n/27) + 3c$   
 $= T(n/81) + 4c$   
.....  
 $= T(n/(3^p)) + p*c$   
When  $n$  grows, we can assume  $3^p = n$  so  $p = \log(n)$   
 $= T(n/n) + \log(n)*c$   
 $= T(1) + \log(n)*c$   
 $= c + \log(n)*c$   
 $= c(1+\log(n))$   
Discarding all constants,  $T(n) = O(\log(n))$

**5. (18 pts)**

Binary search algorithm splits the set into 2 sets of equal sizes ( $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ). **“MidtermSearch”** algorithm is a variant of binary search algorithm, and it splits the set into 2 sets of different sizes of one-third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) and two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) instead.

(a) (9 pts) Give the recurrence relations of **“MidtermSearch”** algorithm.

The recurrence relations is as follow:

$$T(n) = T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + 1 \text{ if } n > 2 \text{ and } T(n) = 1 \text{ if } n = 1$$

(b) (9 pts) Give the best-case, worst-case and average-case complexity of **“MidtermSearch”** algorithm? **No Justifications needed.**

Best-case Complexity

$$O(1)$$

Worst-case Complexity

$$O(\lg n)$$

Average-case Complexity

$$O(\lg n)$$