

# CISC 235 Assignment 2

## Part 2:

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When n = 100, Average Height of Tree: 13.28
When n = 200, Average Height of Tree: 15.76
When n = 300, Average Height of Tree: 17.30
When n = 400, Average Height of Tree: 18.46
When n = 500, Average Height of Tree: 19.38
When n = 600, Average Height of Tree: 20.00
When n = 700, Average Height of Tree: 20.66
When n = 800, Average Height of Tree: 21.16
When n = 900, Average Height of Tree: 21.60
When n = 1000, Average Height of Tree: 22.22
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Figure 1: Output from code in Part 1.

## Part 3:

Consider the following hypotheses:

**H1:** The average height of a random binary search tree on  $n$  values can be approximated by  $c * n$  where  $c$  is a constant.

**H2:** The average height of a random binary search tree on  $n$  values can be approximated by  $c * \log(n)$  where  $c$  is a constant.

**Which of these two hypotheses is most strongly supported by your experimental data?**

Using the average height of the trees ( $h$ ) obtained from the output of the code represented in **Figure 1**, it can be seen in **Table 1**, that the constant values obtained when dividing  $h$  by  $\log(n)$  are more dispersed than those obtained when dividing  $h$  by  $n$ . Therefore, hypothesis one is more strongly supported by the experimental data.

Table 1: Constant values obtained from each equation.

$C = h/n$	$C = h/\log(n)$
0.1328	6.64
0.0788	6.849107
0.057667	6.983913
0.04615	7.094379
0.03876	7.180517
0.033333	7.199032
0.029514	7.261613
0.02645	7.288785
0.024	7.311519
0.02222	7.406667