

Problem Set 2 — Order of Growth and Asymptotic Analysis

1. Describe a $\Theta(n \log n)$ -time algorithm that, given an array A of n integers and another integer x , determines whether or not there exist two elements in A whose sum is exactly x . (*Hint: do not use divide-and-conquer.*)

2. Problem 3.1-1 in CLRS.

We shall prove that $\max(f(n), g(n)) = \Theta(f(n) + g(n))$.

Since $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ are nonnegative functions $f(n) \leq f(n) + g(n)$ and $g(n) \leq f(n) + g(n)$. Therefore, $\max(f(n), g(n)) = O(f(n) + g(n))$.

Note that $f(n) + g(n) \leq 2 * \max(f(n), g(n))$ because $f(n) \leq \max(f(n), g(n))$ and $g(n) \leq \max(f(n), g(n))$ by definition.

Also, the definition of Ω if there exists a positive constant k which $0 \leq cg(n) \leq f(n) \forall n \geq n_0$. In this case, $n_0 = 0$ and $k = 2$.

Since we proved that $\max(f(n), g(n)) = O(f(n) + g(n))$ and $\max(f(n), g(n)) = \Omega(f(n) + g(n))$ then by definition $\max(f(n), g(n)) = \Theta(f(n) + g(n))$.

3. Problem 3-2 (Big Oh, Big Omega, and Big Theta only) in CLRS.

A	B	O	Ω	Θ
$lg^k n$	n^ϵ	No	Yes	No
n^k	c^n	Yes	No	No
\sqrt{n}	$n^{\sin n}$	No	No	No
2^n	$2^{n/2}$	Yes	Yes	Yes
$n^{lg c}$	$c^{lg n}$	Yes	No	No
$lg(n!)$	$lg(n^n)$	Yes	No	No

4. Problem 3-4 (parts c,d,e,g) in CLRS.