

CS 445: Lab 4  
Algorithm Analysis

1. Sort the following growth rates in ascending order:

- $n^3$
- $4n + 7$
- $n!$
- $3^n$
- $2n\log(n)$
- $\log(n)$

Answer:

- $\log(n)$
- $4n + 7$
- $2n\log(n)$
- $n^3$
- $3^n$
- $n!$

- 
- $\frac{1}{2}n$
  - $n^2$
  - 256
  - $n^4$
  - $\log(n)^2$

Answer:

- 256
- $\log(n)^2$
- $\frac{1}{2}n$
- $n^2$

- $n^4$

2. Determine the growth rates of these functions:

*Remember to remove lower order terms and multiplicative constants*

(a)  $F(n) = n^2 - 3^n + 28$  Answer:  $3^n$

(b)  $F(n) = 100 + 81n \log(n) + 123n$  Answer:  $n \log(n)$

(c)  $F(n) = 4n + \frac{n^3}{4}$  Answer:  $\frac{n^3}{4}$

3. Determine the growth rates of each code block. The problems they solve are irrelevant; simply look at how they'll scale as  $n$  increases.

```
//Count how many even numbers are in an array of length n
int counter = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < myArray.length; i++)
{
    if (myArray[i] % 2 == 0)
        counter++;
}
```

Growth rate is  $O(n)$ .

```

//print a square checkerboard of size n
for (int i = 0; i <= n; i++)
{
    for (int j = 0; j <= n; j++)
    {
        if ((i+j)%2 == 0)
        {
            System.out.print ("O");
        }
        else
        {
            System.out.print ("X");
        }
    }
    System.out.println ();
}

```

Growth rate is  $O(n^2)$ .

```

//Prints out a —fun— ramp (with base length of n)
//for this stick figure to skateboard down
System.out.println ("  O  ");
System.out.println (" /\\ \\ ");
System.out.println (" /  \\ ");
System.out.println (" _/_ _ _ ");
System.out.println (" o o ");

for (int i = 0; i <= n; i++)
{
    for (int j = 0; j <= i; j++)
    {
        System.out.print ("O");
    }
    System.out.println ();
}

```

Growth rate is  $O(n^2)$  because these loops would be  $\frac{1}{2}n^2$ , note that the output looks like half of a SQUARE.

```

int counter = 0;
while(n > 1)
{
    for(int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        counter++;
    }
    n = n / 2;
}

```

Growth rate is  $O(n)$  because it's technically  $2n - \epsilon$ , where it runs for  $n$ , then  $\frac{n}{2}$ , then  $\frac{n}{4}$ ,  $\frac{n}{8}$  getting half of the way to  $2n$  each time but not quite all the way to  $2n$  in the end.

```

int binarySearch(int [] a, int e)
{
    int begin = 0, end = a.length, mid;
    while (begin < end)
    {
        mid = (begin + end) / 2;
        if (e > a[mid])
        {
            begin = mid + 1;
        }
        else if (e < a[mid])
        {
            end = mid;
        }
        else
        {
            return mid;
        }
    }
    return -1;
}

```

Growth rate is  $O(\log(n))$  because it halves the input size,  $n$ , on each pass.