Midterm 2 Standard 12 - Analyzing Code I: Independent nested loops

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1 Instructions

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2.1   Problem 1

Problem 1. Analyze the runtime of the following algorithm. Clearly derive the runtime complexity function $T(n)$ for this algorithm, and then find a tight asymptotic bound for $T(n)$ (that is, find a function $f(n)$ such that $T(n) \in \Theta(f(n))$). Avoid heuristic arguments from 2270/2824 such as multiplying the complexities of nested loops.

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for i = 1, i <= n
    i = 2 * i
    for j = 1, j <= n
        j = 3 * j
        bar()
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Answer. Initializing the loop in line 1 takes one unit of time.

For each iteration of the first loop, the comparison statement $i <= n$ in line 1 takes one unit of time, the computation $2 * i$ in line 2 takes one unit of time, the assignment of that value to i in line 2 takes one unit of time, and the initialization of the second loop on line 3 takes one unit of time resulting in four units of time per iteration. The loop runs $\log_2(n)$ times for a total of $4\log_2(n)$ units of time from this loop.

For each iteration of the second loop, the comparison statement $j <= n$ in line 3 takes one unit of time, the computation $3 * j$ in line 4 takes one unit of time, the assignment of that value to j in line 4 takes one unit of time and the bar function in line 5 takes one unit of time for a total of four units of time per iteration. The loop runs $\log_2(n) * \log_3(n)$ times for a total of $5 * \log_2(n) * \log_3(n)$ units of time from this loop.

So we have that $T(n) = 1 + 4\log_2(n) + 5 * \log_2(n) * \log_3(n)$.

Thus, $T(n) \in \Theta(\log_2(n) * \log_3(n))$.   □