

hw5

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1 Task 1: Hello, Definition

1.1 Show, using either definition, that $f(n) = n$ is $O(n \log n)$.

By the definition of Big O : $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} < \infty.$$

Since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n \log n} = 0 < \infty,$$

we conclude that

$$f(n) = O(n \log n).$$

1.2 Prove the following statement mathematically

Proposition: If $d(n)$ is $O(f(n))$ and $e(n)$ is $O(g(n))$, then the product $d(n)e(n)$ is $O(f(n)g(n))$.

$$d(n) = O(f(n)) \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d(n)}{f(n)} < \infty$$

$$e(n) = O(g(n)) \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e(n)}{g(n)} < \infty$$

$$d(n) \cdot e(n) \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d(n)}{f(n)} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e(n)}{g(n)}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d(n) \cdot e(n)}{f(n) \cdot g(n)}$$

$$d(n) \cdot e(n) = O(f(n) \cdot g(n))$$

1.3 What's the running time in Big-O of fnA as a function of n, which is the length of the array S.

```
void fnA(int S[]) {  
    int n = S.length; // O(1)  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) { //O(n)  
        fnE(i, S[i]); //O(n)  
    }  
}
```

Therefore, the running time of fnA is $O(n^2)$

1.4 Show that $h(n) = 16n^2 + 11n^4 + 0.1n^5$ is not $O(n^4)$.

By definition of Big O: $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} < \infty.$$

$$h(n) = 16n^2 + 11n^4 + 0.1n^5 \text{ and } g(n) = n^4.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(n)}{n^4} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{16n^2 + 11n^4 + 0.1n^5}{n^4}. \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{16n^2}{n^4} + \frac{11n^4}{n^4} + \frac{0.1n^5}{n^4} \right). \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{16}{n^2} + 11 + 0.1n \right). \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(n)}{n^4} &= \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$h(n) \notin O(n^4).$$

2 Task 2: Poisoned Wine

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1. Label Each Bottle in Binary:

Number each of the n bottles from 1 to n and write each number in binary. For example, if $n = 8$, the bottles are labeled from 001 to 111 in binary.

2. Give Each Tester a Bit to Check:

Each bottle number has $\lceil \log_2(n) \rceil$ bits. Each tester checks one position (bit) in the binary labels of the bottles: For $n = 8$, use 3 testers:

- **Tester 1** checks the rightmost bit.

- **Tester 2** checks the middle bit.
- **Tester 3** checks the leftmost bit.

3. Testing Procedure:

Each tester drinks from bottles where their assigned bit is 1 in the binary label.

- **Tester 1** (rightmost bit): bottles 001, 011, 101, 111.
- **Tester 2** (middle bit): bottles 010, 011, 110, 111.
- **Tester 3** (leftmost bit): bottles 100, 101, 110, 111.

4. Symptoms Appear:

After 30 days, let's say **Tester 1** and **Tester 3** have symptoms. This gives us the binary number 101 (since **Tester 1** and **Tester 3** have matching number of 1s in 101). Therefore, bottle number **5** have poison.

This method requires $O(\log n)$ testers because:

Each tester is assigned to check one specific bit position in the binary labels of the bottles. We use exactly $\lceil \log_2(n) \rceil$ testers, which grows in proportion to $\log n$.

Therefore, we can find the poisoned bottle using only $O(\log n)$ testers.

3 Task 3: How Long Does This Take?

3.1 programA

```
void programA(int n) {
    long prod = 1;           // O(1)
    for (int c = n; c > 0; c = c / 2) // O(log n + 1)
        prod = prod * c;     // O(1)
}
```

The loop starts with $c = n$ and halves c each iteration: $c = c/2$.

The loop stops when $c < 1$.

After k iterations, $c = \frac{n}{2^k}$.

Solving $\frac{n}{2^k} < 1$ gives $k \approx \log_2(n)$.

Each iteration performs a constant-time operation $O(1)$.

Since the loop runs $\log_2(n)$ times with $O(1)$ work per iteration, the total running time is:

$$\Theta(\log n)$$

3.2 programB

```
void programB(int n) {  
    long prod = 1;           // 0(1)  
    for (int c = 1; c < n; c = c * 3) // 0(log n)  
        prod = prod * c;     // 0(1)  
}
```

The loop starts with $c = 1$ and triples c each iteration: $c = c \times 3$.
The loop will stop when $c \geq n$.
After k iterations, $c = 3^k$.
Solving $3^k \geq n$ gives $k \approx \log_3(n)$.
Each iteration performs a constant-time operation $O(1)$.

Since the loop runs $\log_3(n)$ times with $O(1)$ work per iteration, the total running time is also:

$$\Theta(\log n)$$

4 Task 4: Halving Sum

```
def hsum(X): # assume len(X) is a power of two  
    while len(X) > 1:  
        # (1) allocate Y as an array of length len(X)/2  
        # (2) fill in Y so that Y[i] = X[2*i] + X[2*i+1] for i = 0, 1, ..., len(X)/2 - 1  
        # (3) X = Y  
    return X[0]
```

Step 1: $k_1 \cdot \frac{Z}{2}$

Step 2: $k_2 \cdot \frac{Z}{2}$

Step 3: k_2

Total:

$$\left(\frac{k_1 + k_2}{2} \right) z + k_2$$

4.1 Part II

Iteration Number	Length of X	Length of X
1	n	64
2	$\frac{n}{2}$	32
3	$\frac{n}{4}$	16
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
k	$\frac{n}{2^{k-1}}$	For $k = 6, \frac{64}{2^{6-1}} = 2$

The number of times the Length After k Iterations:

$$\frac{n}{2^{k-1}}$$

Condition for the Last Iteration The loop stops when $len(X) \leq 2$, so in the final iteration:

$$\frac{n}{2^{k-1}} = 2$$

Solve for k :

$$n = 2^k$$

Taking the logarithm of both sides:

$$k = \log_2 n$$

Thus, the **while** loop runs $O(\log n)$ times.

5 Task 5: More Running Time Analysis

```
static void method1(int[] array) {
    int n = array.length;
    for (int index=0;index<n-1;index++) { //O(n)
        int marker = helperMethod1(array, index, n - 1); //O(n)
        swap(array, marker, index); //O(1)
    }
}

static void swap(int[] array, int i, int j) { //O(1)
    int temp=array[i];
    array[i]=array[j];
    array[j]=temp;
}

static int helperMethod1(int[] array, int first, int last) {
    int max = array[first];
    int indexOfMax = first;
    for (int i=last;i>first;i--) { //O(n)
        if (array[i] > max) {
```

```

        max = array[i];
        indexOfMax = i;
    }
}
return indexOfMax;
}

```

Answer:

The worst-case running time is $\Theta(n^2)$.

The best-case running time is $\Theta(n)^2$

```

static boolean method2(int[] array, int key) {
    int n = array.length;
    for (int index=0;index<n;index++) { //O(n)
        if (array[index] == key) return true;
    }
    return false;
}

```

Answer:

The worst-case running time is $\Theta(n)$. When the key is on the last element of the array n length.

The best-case running time is $\Theta(1)$ When the key on the first index

```

static double method3(int[] array) {
    int n = array.length;
    double sum = 0;
    for (int pass=100; pass >= 4; pass--) { //O(1)
        for (int index=0;index < 2*n;index++) { //O(n)
            for (int count=4*n;count>0;count/=2) // O(log(n)
                sum += 1.0*array[index/2]/count;
            }
        }
    }
    return sum;
}

```

Answer:

Worst Case: $\Theta(n \log(n))$

Best Case: $\Theta(n \log(n))$.

6 Task 6: Recursive Code

```
// assume xs.length is a power of 2
int halvingSum(int[] xs) {
    if (xs.length == 1) return xs[0]; //O(1)
    else {
        int[] ys = new int[xs.length/2]; //O(1)
        for (int i=0;i<ys.length;i++) //O(n)
            ys[i] = xs[2*i]+xs[2*i+1]; //O(1)
        return halvingSum(ys); // T(n/2)
    }
}
```

Halving Sum:

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n) = O(n)$$

```
int anotherSum(int[] xs) {
    if (xs.length == 1) return xs[0]; //O(1)
    else {
        int[] ys = Arrays.copyOfRange(xs, 1, xs.length); //O(n)
        return xs[0]+anotherSum(ys); //T(n-1)
    }
}
```

Another Sum:

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + O(n) = O(n^2)$$

```
int[] prefixSum(int[] xs) {
    if (xs.length == 1) return xs; //O(1)
    else {
        int n = xs.length;
        int[] left = Arrays.copyOfRange(xs, 0, n/2); //O(n/2)
        left = prefixSum(left); //T(n/2)
        int[] right = Arrays.copyOfRange(xs, n/2, n); //O(n/2)
        right = prefixSum(right); //T(n/2)
        int[] ps = new int[xs.length];
        int halfSum = left[left.length-1];
        for (int i=0;i<n/2;i++) { ps[i] = left[i]; } //O(n/2)
        for (int i=n/2;i<n;i++) { ps[i] = right[i - n/2] + halfSum; } //O(n/2)
        return ps;
    }
}
```

Prefix Sum:

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n) = O(n \log(n))$$

7 Task 7: Counting Dashes

i. Find c

From $g(n) = a \cdot f(n) + b \cdot n + c$

$$n = 0$$

$$0 = a \cdot 0 + b \cdot 0 + c$$

$$0 = 0 + 0 + c$$

$$\mathbf{c = 0}$$

ii. Find a,b

Substitute $g(n) = a \cdot f(n) + b \cdot n + c$

in

$$g(n) = 2g(n-1) + n$$

$$a \cdot f(n) + b \cdot n = 2[a \cdot f(n-1) + b \cdot (n-1)] + n$$

$$a \cdot f(n) + b \cdot n = 2a \cdot f(n-1) + 2b \cdot (n-1) + n$$

$$a \cdot f(n) - 2a \cdot f(n-1) = 2b \cdot (n-1) + n - b \cdot n$$

$$a \cdot (f(n) - 2f(n-1)) = 2b \cdot (n-1) + n - b \cdot n$$

$$\text{Because } f(n) = 2f(n-1) + 1$$

$$\text{Therefore, } f(n) - 2f(n-1) = 1$$

$$a(1) = 2b(n-1) + n - b \cdot n$$

$$a = 2b \cdot n - 2b + n - b \cdot n$$

$$a = b \cdot n - 2b + n$$

$$a - b \cdot n + 2b - n = 0$$

$$(-b-1) \cdot n + (a+2b) = 0$$

$$b = -1$$

$$a = 2$$

$$c = 0$$

Thus,

$$g(n) = a \cdot f(n) + b \cdot n + c$$

$$= 2 \cdot f(n) - n$$

$$= 2 \cdot (2^n - 1) - n$$

$$\mathbf{g(n) = 2^{n+1} - n - 2.}$$

iv: Use induction to verify that your closed form for $g(n)$ actually works.

Theorem : $g(n) = 2g(n-1) + n$ is equal to $G(n) = 2^{n+1} - n - 2$.

Proof by Induction:

Base Case: For $n = 0$:

$$LHS : g(0) = 0$$

$$RHS : G(0) = 2^{0+1} - 0 - 2 = 2 - 0 - 2 = 0$$

Since $LHS = RHS$, the base case holds true.

Inductive Step: Assume $g(n) = G(n)$
We want to show that $g(n+1) = G(n+1)$.

Proof:

$$g(n+1) = 2g(n) + (n+1)$$

$$G(n+1) = 2^{n+2} - (n+1) - 2 = 2^{n+2} - n - 3$$

by inductive hypothesis, where $g(n) = G(n)$:

$$\begin{aligned} LHS : g(n+1) &= 2 \cdot (2^{n+1} - n - 2) + (n+1) \\ &= 2^{n+2} - 2n - 4 + n + 1 \\ &= 2^{n+2} - n - 3 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$LHS = RHS$$

Since $LHS = RHS$, the inductive step holds.

By mathematical induction, $g(n)$ is equal to $G(n)$.