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- (a) When the input size is doubled, the algorithms get slower by
    - (i) a factor of 4.
    - (ii) a factor of 8.
    - (iii) a factor of 4.
    - (iv) a factor of 2, plus an additive  $2n$ .
    - (v) the square of the previous running time.
  - (b) When the input size is increased by an additive one, the algorithms get slower by
    - (i) an additive  $2n + 1$ .
    - (ii) an additive  $3n^2 + 3n + 1$ .
    - (iii) an additive  $200n + 100$ .
    - (iv) an additive  $\log(n + 1) + n[\log(n + 1) - \log n]$ .
    - (v) a factor of 2.

3.

We know from the text that polynomials (i.e. a sum of terms where  $n$  is raised to fixed powers, even if they are not integers) grow slower than exponentials. Thus, we will consider  $f_1, f_2, f_3, f_6$  as a group, and then put  $f_4$  and  $f_5$  after them.

For polynomials  $f_i$  and  $f_j$ , we know that  $f_i$  and  $f_j$  can be ordered by comparing the highest exponent on any term in  $f_i$  to the highest exponent on any term in  $f_j$ . Thus, we can put  $f_2$  before  $f_3$  before  $f_1$ . Now, where to insert  $f_6$ ? It grows faster than  $n^2$ , and from the text we know that logarithms grow slower than polynomials, so  $f_6$  grows slower than  $n^c$  for any  $c > 2$ . Thus we can insert  $f_6$  in this order between  $f_3$  and  $f_1$ .

Finally come  $f_4$  and  $f_5$ . We know that exponentials can be ordered by their bases, so we put  $f_4$  before  $f_5$ .

6. (a) We prove this for  $f(n) = n^3$ . The outer loop of the given algorithm runs for exactly  $n$  iterations, and the inner loop of the algorithm runs for at most  $n$  iterations every time it is executed. Therefore, the line of code that adds up array entries  $A[i]$  through  $A[j]$  (for various  $i$ 's and  $j$ 's) is executed at most  $n^2$  times. Adding up array entries  $A[i]$  through  $A[j]$  takes  $O(j - i + 1)$  operations, which is always at most  $O(n)$ . Storing the result in  $B[i, j]$  requires only constant time. Therefore, the running time of the entire algorithm is at most  $n^2 \cdot O(n)$ , and so the algorithm runs in time  $O(n^3)$ .

(b) Consider the times during the execution of the algorithm when  $i \leq n/4$  and  $j \geq 3n/4$ . In these cases,  $j - i + 1 \geq 3n/4 - n/4 + 1 > n/2$ . Therefore, adding up the array entries  $A[i]$  through  $A[j]$  would require at least  $n/2$  operations, since there are more than  $n/2$  terms to add up. How many times during the execution of the given algorithm do we encounter such cases? There are  $(n/4)^2$  pairs  $(i, j)$  with  $i \leq n/4$  and  $j \geq 3n/4$ . The given algorithm enumerates over all of them, and as shown above, it must perform at least  $n/2$  operations for each such pair. Therefore, the algorithm must perform at least  $n/2 \cdot (n/4)^2 = n^3/32$  operations. This is  $\Omega(n^3)$ , as desired.

(c) Consider the following algorithm.

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For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ 
  Set  $B[i, i+1]$  to  $A[i] + A[i+1]$ 
For  $k = 2, 3, \dots, n-1$ 
  For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-k$ 
    Set  $j = i+k$ 
    Set  $B[i, j]$  to be  $B[i, j-1] + A[j]$ 

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This algorithm works since the values  $B[i, j-1]$  were already computed in the previous iteration of the outer for loop, when  $k$  was  $j-1-i$ , since  $j-1-i < j-i$ . It first computes  $B[i, i+1]$  for all  $i$  by summing  $A[i]$  with  $A[i+1]$ . This requires  $O(n)$  operations. For each  $k$ , it then computes all  $B[i, j]$  for  $j-i = k$  by setting  $B[i, j] = B[i, j-1] + A[j]$ . For each  $k$ , this algorithm performs  $O(n)$  operations since there are at most  $n$   $B[i, j]$ 's such that  $j-i = k$ . There are less than  $n$  values of  $k$  to iterate over, so this algorithm has running time  $O(n^2)$ .

8. (a) Suppose for simplicity that  $n$  is a perfect square. We drop the first jar from heights that are multiples of  $\sqrt{n}$  (i.e. from  $\sqrt{n}, 2\sqrt{n}, 3\sqrt{n}, \dots$ ) until it breaks.

If we drop it from the top rung and it survives, then we're also done. Otherwise, suppose it breaks from height  $j\sqrt{n}$ . Then we know the highest safe rung is between  $(j-1)\sqrt{n}$  and  $j\sqrt{n}$ , so we drop the second jar from rung  $1 + (j-1)\sqrt{n}$  on upward, going up by one each time.

In this way, we drop each of the two jars at most  $\sqrt{n}$  times, for a total of at most  $2\sqrt{n}$ . If  $n$  is not a perfect square, then we drop the first jar from heights that are multiples of  $\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor$ , and then apply the above rule for the second jar. In this way, we drop the first jar at most  $2\sqrt{n}$  times (quite an overestimate if  $n$  is reasonably large) and the second jar at most  $\sqrt{n}$  times, still obtaining a bound of  $O(\sqrt{n})$ .

(b) We claim by induction that  $f_k(n) \leq 2kn^{1/k}$ . We begin by dropping the first jar from heights that are multiples of  $\lfloor n^{(k-1)/k} \rfloor$ . In this way, we drop the first jar at most  $2n/n^{(k-1)/k} = 2n^{1/k}$  times, and thus narrow the set of possible rungs down to an interval of length at most  $n^{(k-1)/k}$ .

We then apply the strategy for  $k-1$  jars recursively. By induction it uses at most  $2(k-1)(n^{(k-1)/k})^{1/(k-1)} = 2(k-1)n^{1/k}$  drops. Adding in the  $\leq 2n^{1/k}$  drops made using the first jar, we get a bound of  $2kn^{1/k}$ , completing the induction step.