

# CSE - 015: Homework 5

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## 1 Complexity Analysis

Derive a complexity function for the following algorithms:

```
def doNothing(someList):  
    return False
```

- Answer:  $O(1)$

```
def doSomething(someList):  
    if len(someList) == 0:  
        return 0  
    else if len(someList) == 1:  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return doSomething(someList[1:])
```

- Answer:  $O(n)$

```
def doSomethingElse(someList):  
    n = len(someList)  
    for i in range(n):  
        for j in range(n):  
            if someList[i] > someList[j]:  
                temp = someList[i]  
                someList[i] = someList[j]  
                someList[j] = temp  
    return someList
```

- Answer:  $O(n^2)$

## 2 Order of Complexity

Prove the following:

$f(n) = O(g(n))$  if there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  and a positive constant  $c$ , such that  $f(n) \leq c * g(n) \forall n \geq n_0$

- $f(n) = 3n + 2 \in O(n)$ 
  - Answer: Clearly, for  $c = 4$  and  $n \geq 2$ , we have  
 $0 \leq f(n) \leq 4n$   
Hence,  $f(n) = O(n)$
- $g(n) = 7 \in O(1)$ 
  - Answer: Clearly, for  $c = 8$  and  $n \geq 0$ , we have  
 $0 \leq f(n) \leq 8 * 1$   
Hence,  $f(n) = O(1)$
- $h(n) = n^2 + 2n + 4 \in O(n^2)$ 
  - Answer: Clearly, for  $c = 3$  and  $n \geq 3$ , we have  
 $0 \leq f(n) \leq 3 * n^2$   
Hence,  $f(n) = O(n^2)$

## 3 Mathematical Induction

Use mathematical induction to show that the following results hold for all positive integers:

- $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ 
  - Answer:  
for  $n = 1$ :  
LHS = 1  
RHS =  $\frac{1(1+1)}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$   
so, LHS = RHS for  $n = 1$   
lets assume LHS = RHS for  $n = k$   
so,  $1 + 2 + \dots + k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$   
for  $n = k + 1$ :  
LHS =  $1 + 2 + \dots + k + (k+1)$   
 $= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + (k+1)$   
 $= k(k+1) + \frac{2(k+1)}{2}$   
 $= \frac{((k+1)(k+2))}{2}$   
= RHS  
so, LHS = RHS for  $n = k + 1$ , given that LHS = RHS for  $n = k$   
hence proved by induction
- $2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + 2^4 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 2$

– Answer:

for  $n = 1$ :

$$\text{LHS} = 2$$

$$\text{RHS} = 2^{1+1} - 2 = 2^2 - 2 = 4 - 2 = 2$$

so,  $\text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$  for  $n = 1$

Let's assume  $\text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$  for  $n = k$ :

$$\text{so, } 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^k = 2^{k+1} - 2$$

for  $n = k + 1$ :

$$\text{LHS} = \text{so, } 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^k + 2^{k+1}$$

$$= 2^{k+1} - 2 + 2^{k+1}$$

$$= 2 * (2^{k+1}) - 2$$

$$= 2^{k+2} - 2$$

$$= \text{RHS}$$

so,  $\text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$  for  $n = k + 1$ , given that  $\text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$  for  $n = k$   
hence proved by induction