

## 2) (10 pts) ANL (Algorithm Analysis)

An algorithm that processes a list of size  $n$  takes  $O(\sqrt{n} \lg n)$  time. On Shannon's computer, when she runs the algorithm on a list of size  $n = 2^{16}$ , her computer takes  $c$  milliseconds. (Shannon is very secretive, so she hasn't told you the value of  $c$  unfortunately!) **In terms of  $c$** , how long, **in milliseconds**, should we expect the algorithm to take on her computer when she is processing a list of size  $2^{20}$ ? (Your answer should be of the form  $kc$ , where  $k$  is a positive real number.)

Let  $T(n) = d\sqrt{n} \lg n$ , be the run time of the algorithm on a list of size  $n$ , where  $d$  is some constant, different than the variable  $c$  mentioned in the problem. Using the given information we have:

$$c = T(2^{16}) = d \left( \sqrt{2^{16}} \right) (\lg 2^{16}) = (2^8)(16 \lg 2)d = (2^{12} \lg 2)d$$

We seek the value of  $T(2^{20})$ :

$$T(2^{20}) = d \left( \sqrt{2^{20}} \right) (\lg 2^{20}) = (2^{10})(20 \lg 2)d = 5(2^{12} \lg 2)d = 5c$$

**It follows that the desired answer is  $5c$ . (Shannon should expect this list to take about five times longer than the previous list.)**

**Note:** Notice that the value of  $d$  cancels out, so we can simply calculate the ratio of  $T(2^{20})/T(2^{16})$  and this will reveal the value of 5 as the multiplicative factor.

**Grading:** 1 pt for plugging in  $2^{16}$  into the Big-Oh function,

3 pts for simplifying it to  $2^{12} \lg 2$ , or another suitable form.

1 pt for plugging in  $2^{20}$  into the Big-Oh function,

3 pts for simplifying it to  $(2^{10})(20 \lg 2)$ , or another suitable form.

2 pts for doing substitution or division or anything equivalent to arrive at the answer  $5c$ .