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Exercises: Background Notions

## I Mappings and Asymptotic Bounds

#### Exercise I

1. Prove that for any  $a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $f(n) = a_0 + a_1 n + a_2 n^2 \in \mathcal{O}(n^2)$ , using the formal definition of the  $\mathcal{O}$  notation.

**Solution:** Let  $c = a_2 + 1$ . Let us prove that there is some  $n_0$  such that  $\forall n \ge n_0$ ,  $f(n) \le c \times n^2$ .

$$a_0 + a_1 n + a_2 n^2 \leq (a_2 + 1) n^2$$

$$a_0 + a_1 n + a_2 n^2 - (a_2 + 1) n^2 \leq 0$$

$$a_0 + a_1 n - n^2 \leq 0$$

So  $\Delta = a_1^2 - 4 \times (-1) \times a_0 = a_1^2 + 4a_0$ ; the polynomial  $a_0 + a_1 n - n^2$  has two roots  $x_1 = \frac{-a_1 + \sqrt{\Delta}}{-2}$  and  $x_2 = \frac{-a_1 - \sqrt{\Delta}}{-2}$ . For  $n_0 = \lceil \max(x_1, x_2) \rceil$ , the property is satisfied.

### Exercise II

- 1. Each expression in the following list gives the processing time t(n) for some algorithm to solve a problem of size n. For each of them, give a function f(n) such that  $t(n) \in \mathcal{O}(f(n))$ :
  - (a)  $8 + 4n^2 + 8n^4$

**Solution:**  $8 + 4n^2 + 8n^4 \in \mathcal{O}(n^4)$ 

(b)  $5 + 0.01n^3 + 4n$ 

**Solution:**  $5 + 0.01n^3 + 4n \in \mathcal{O}(n^3)$ 

(c)  $100n + 0.001n^2$ 

**Solution:**  $100n + 0.001n^2 \in \mathcal{O}(n^2)$ 

(d)  $10\log(n) + 5(\log(n))^3 + 7n + 6n^3$ 

**Solution:**  $10\log(n) + 5(\log(n))^3 + 7n + 6n^3 \in \mathcal{O}(n^3)$ 

(e)  $200n + n^2 + 50n \log_{10}(n)$ 

**Solution:**  $200n + n^2 + 50n \log_{10}(n) \in \mathcal{O}(n^2)$ 

(f)  $3n + n \log_2(n)$ 

Solution:  $3n + n \log_2(n) \in \mathcal{O}(n \log(n))$ 

(g)  $n^{100} + 2^n$ 

Solution:  $n^{100} + 2^n \in \mathcal{O}(2^n)$ 

(h)  $100n \log_3(n) + n^3 + 100n$ 

**Solution:**  $100n \log_3(n) + n^3 + 100n \in \mathcal{O}(n^3)$ 

### Exercise III

- 1. Let us suppose that algorithms A and B need respectively  $t_A(n) = 5n \log_{10}(n)$  and  $t_B(n) = 25n$  seconds to solve a problem of size n.
  - (a) Which algorithm is better (with respect to the  $\mathcal{O}$  notation)?

**Solution:** Algorithm B is better:  $t_A(n) \in \mathcal{O}(n \log(n))$  and  $t_B(n) \in \mathcal{O}(n)$ .

(b) For which problem size does it become better?

**Solution:** B is better than A when

$$t_B(n) \leqslant t_A(n)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 25n \leqslant 5n \log_{10}(n)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 5 \leqslant \log_{10}(n)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 10^5 \leqslant 10^{\log_{10}(n)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 100000 \leqslant n$$

# II Problems

### Exercise IV

- 1. Classify these problems : decision problem, function problem, optimization problem, enumeration problem.
  - (a) Given a list of integers L, determine whether L is sorted in increasing order.

Solution: Decision

(b) Given a list of integers L, sort L in increasing order.

Solution: Function

(c) Given G a graph,  $n_1, n_2$  two nodes, is there a path from  $n_1$  to  $n_2$ ?

Solution: Decision

(d) Given G a graph,  $n_1, n_2$  two nodes, find the shortest path from  $n_1$  to  $n_2$ .

Solution: Optimization

(e) Given G a graph,  $n_1, n_2$  two nodes and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , find if there is a path from  $n_1$  to  $n_2$  with length k.

Solution: Decision

(f) Given two integers a, b in binary notation, and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , what is the  $k^{th}$  bit of  $a \times b$ ?

**Solution:** Decision: the answer is binary (0/1). The problem could be rephrased: "Given two integers a, b in binary notation, and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , is the  $k^{th}$  bit of  $a \times b$  equal to 1?"

(g) Given P(X) a polynomial, find all the roots of P(X).

Solution: Enumeration

(h) Given P(X) a polynomial, find the smallest root of P(X).

Solution: Optimization

## III Languages

### Exercise V

Give the decision problem corresponding to each of these languages :

1.  $\mathcal{L}_1 = \{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid k \text{ is a multiple of 3 or 4}\}.$ 

**Solution:**  $\mathcal{P}_1$ : Given  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , is k a multiple of 3 or 4?

2.  $\mathcal{L}_2 = \{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid \exists k', k' \neq 1, k' \neq k \text{ and } k \text{ is a multiple of } k'\}.$ 

**Solution:**  $\mathcal{P}_2$ : Given  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , is k a non-prime number?

3.  $\mathcal{L}_3 = \{k \in \mathbb{N}, p \text{ a prime number}, i \in \mathbb{N} \mid p^i \text{ belongs to the prime decomposition of } k\}.$ 

**Solution:**  $\mathcal{P}_3$ : Given  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , p a prime number and  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , is k a multiple of  $p^i$  but not of  $p^{i+1}$ ?

4.  $\mathcal{L}_4 = \{ P(X) \text{ a polynomial}, x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \mid P(x_0) = 0 \}.$ 

**Solution:**  $\mathcal{P}_4$ : Given P(X) a polynomial and  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , is  $x_0$  a root of P(X)?

5.  $\mathcal{L}_5 = \{\varphi, \psi \text{ two propositional formulae} | \varphi \vdash \psi \}.$ 

**Solution:**  $\mathcal{P}_5$ : Given  $\varphi, \psi$  two propositional formulae, is  $\psi$  a logical consequence of  $\varphi$ ?

6.  $\mathcal{L}_6 = \{ \varphi \text{ a propositional formula } | \varphi \text{ has at least one model} \}.$ 

**Solution:**  $\mathcal{P}_6$ : Given  $\varphi$  a propositional formula, is  $\varphi$  consistent?

This problem is actually the well-known SAT problem, we will see more details about it later this semester.

### Exercise VI

Give the language corresponding to each of these decision problems:

1.  $\mathcal{P}_1$ : Given  $k_1, k_2, k_3 \in \mathbb{N}$ , is  $k_1 + k_2$  a multiple of  $k_3$ ?

**Solution:**  $\mathcal{L}_1 = \{k_1, k_2, k_3 \in \mathbb{N} \mid k_1 + k_2 \text{ is a multiple of } k_3\}.$ 

Remark: to be more correct, from a mathematical point of view, we should write  $\{(k_1, k_2, k_3) \in \mathbb{N}^3 \mid k_1 + k_2 \text{ is a multiple of } k_3\}$  instead. The same remark applies for the following languages, but in this course we will accept this slight simplification.

2.  $\mathcal{P}_2$ : Given  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ , is  $\sqrt{k_1} \leqslant k_2$  true?

Solution:  $\mathcal{L}_2 = \{k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{N} \mid \sqrt{k_1} \leqslant k_2\}.$ 

3.  $\mathcal{P}_3$ : Given P(X), Q(X), R(X) three polynomials, is P(X) = Q(X) + R(X) true?

**Solution:**  $\mathcal{L}_3 = \{ P(X), Q(X), R(X) \mid P(X) = Q(X) + R(X) \}.$ 

4.  $\mathcal{P}_4$ : Given  $G = \langle N, E \rangle$  a directed graph, is  $|E| \leq |N|^2$  true?

Solution:  $\mathcal{L}_4 = \{G = \langle N, E \rangle \mid |E| \leqslant |N|^2\}.$ 

5.  $\mathcal{P}_5$ : Given  $G_1 = \langle N_1, E_1 \rangle$ ,  $G_2 = \langle N_2, E_2 \rangle$  two directed graphs, is  $G_1$  a subgraph of  $G_2$ ? (i.e.  $N_1 \subseteq N_2$  and  $E_1 \subseteq E_2 \cap (N_1 \times N_1)$ )

Solution:  $\mathcal{L}_5 = \{G_1 = \langle N_1, E_1 \rangle, G_2 = \langle N_2, E_2 \rangle \mid N_1 \subseteq N_2 \text{ and } E_1 \subseteq E_2 \cap (N_1 \times N_1)\}.$ 

6.  $\mathcal{P}_6$ : Given  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3$  three propositional formulae, is  $\varphi_1 \equiv \varphi_2 \wedge \varphi_3$  true?

Solution:  $\mathcal{L}_6 = \{ \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3 \mid \varphi_1 \equiv \varphi_2 \wedge \varphi_3 \}.$