
DSC 40B - Midterm Review

Problem 1.

What is the time complexity of this piece of code?

```
def factorial(n):  
    r = 1  
    i = n  
    while i > 0:  
        r = r*i  
        i -= 1  
    return r
```

- ☐ $\theta(n^2)$
- ☐ $\theta(n^3)$
- ☐ $\theta(n \log n)$
- ☐ $\theta(n)$

Problem 2.

What is the time complexity of this piece of code?

```
def foo(n):  
    for i in range(5, 10):  
        for j in range(i):  
            for k in range(n):  
                print(i, j, k)
```

- ☐ $\theta(n^2)$
- ☐ $\theta(n^3)$
- ☐ $\theta(n \log n)$
- ☐ $\theta(n)$

Problem 3.

This piece of code returns the number of "pairs" of the form (x, -x) in a collection of numbers. What is the time complexity of this piece of code if the input is a Python list of size n?

```
def count_pairs(numbers):  
    count = 0  
    for x in numbers:  
        if -x in numbers:  
            count += 1/2  
    return count
```

- ☐ $\theta(n^2)$
- ☐ $\theta(n^3)$
- ☐ $\theta(n \log n)$

☐ $\theta(n)$

Problem 4.

The below code shows the iterative version of binary search.

```
def binary_search(arr, t, start, stop):
    while start < stop:
        middle = start + (stop - start) // 2
        if(arr[middle] == t):
            return middle
        if(arr[middle] < t):
            start = middle + 1
        else:
            stop = middle
```

Let $n = \text{stop} - \text{start}$. What is the worst-case time complexity of this version of binary search?

- ☐ $\theta(n^2)$
- ☐ $\theta(\log n)$
- ☐ $\theta(n \log n)$
- ☐ $\theta(n)$

Problem 5.

Here is a recursive algorithm for computing the factorial of n :

```
def factorial(n):
    if n == 0:
        return 1
    return n * factorial(n-1)
```

What is the recurrence relation describing this function's run time?

Problem 6.

Suppose $f_1(n) = \Theta(n^3)$ and $f_2(n) = \Omega(n)$. Which is true about the upper bound of $f_1 + f_2$?

- ☐ $f_1(n) + f_2(n) = O(n)$
- ☐ It cannot be determined
- ☐ $f_1(n) + f_2(n) = O(n^3)$

Problem 7.

Suppose $f_1(n) = \Omega(n^2)$ and $O(n^5)$ and $f_2(n) = \Omega(n^3)$ and $O(n^6)$. Which is true about $f_1 + f_2$?

- ☐ It is $O(n^5)$ and $\Omega(n^2)$
- ☐ It is $O(n^6)$ and $\Omega(n^3)$
- ☐ It is $O(n^6)$ and $\Omega(n^2)$
- ☐ It is $O(n^5)$ and $\Omega(n^3)$

Problem 8.

If $f(n) = O(n^2)$, then $f(n) = \Omega(n^2)$

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

Problem 9.

If $f(n) = O(n^5)$, and $g(n) = O(n^2)$ then $f(n)/g(n) = O(n^3)$

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

Problem 10.

The best case and worst case time complexity of merge sort is $\theta(n \log n)$

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

Problem 11.

The recursive calls made by mergesort are always on arrays of strictly smaller size than the input array.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

Problem 12.

Consider the modified mergesort given below:

```
def mergesort(arr):
    if len(arr)>1 :
        middle=math.floor(len(arr)/2)
        left=arr[:middle]
        right=arr[middle:]
        for i in range(len(arr)):
            for j in range(len(arr)):
                print("Mergesort")
        mergesort(left)
        mergesort(right)
        merge(left, right, arr)
```

What is the time complexity of this modified mergesort?

- ☐ $\theta(n^2)$
- ☐ $\theta(n^3)$
- ☐ $\theta(n \log n)$
- ☐ $\theta(n)$

Problem 13.

Given n point in R^d , what is the time complexity for computing the angle between each of the vectors using dot product?

- ☐ $\theta(n^2)$
- ☐ $\theta(nd)$
- ☐ $\theta(n^2d)$
- ☐ $\theta(d)$

Problem 14.

Suppose you are given n numbers in a Python list in sorted order. Describe an efficient algorithm for checking to see if there is any number in the list which occurs 42 times. Do not use a dictionary/hash map.