

Get in small groups (about 4 students maximum) and work out these problems on the whiteboard. Ask one of the teaching assistants for help if your group gets stuck. You do **not** need to turn anything in. Since this worksheet contains a lot of problems, a good strategy would be to first skim the worksheet and then discuss and solve the problems which you think are difficult.

### Complexity

1. Fill in the following table by providing a tight big-O and big- $\Omega$  bound for each function. Then, determine if it can be said that the function is big- $\Theta$  of any function.

Function	$O(??)$	$\Omega(??)$	$\Theta(??)$
$2n^2 + 3n + 1$			
$n^7 + \log n^8$			
$-1000n^4 \log(n^6) + n^5 + 22n^3 - 6n^2$			

2. Suppose the complexity of two algorithms, **FrancescaFunction** and **GregoryGoTo**, are given by the functions  $f(n) = n^2 - 2n + 10$  and  $g(n) = 4n + 10$ . Sketch these two functions on the same set of axes and identify which function dominates the other, and for which values of  $n$ . Only consider  $n \geq 1$ . Provide a statement of your result in terms of big-O and big- $\Omega$ .
3. Show that  $1^k + 2^k + \dots + n^k$  is  $O(n^{k+1})$ .

### Matrices/Matrix Operations

4. **Matrix-vector multiplication** Suppose you have a matrix  $A$  of size  $m \times n$  ( $m$  rows and  $n$  columns) and a vector  $x$  of size  $p \times 1$  ( $p$  rows, and 1 column). What is the **necessary condition** in order to be able to multiply  $A$  by  $x$  on the right, as  $Ax$ ? State this as a conditional “if-then” statement like back in our good ol’ days of propositional logic!
5. Consider the following matrices.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

For this problem, you must calculate the product  $P = ABC$ . But wait! Don’t start yet!

Matrix multiplication is associative, which means we can calculate the product  $P$  by first computing the matrix  $(AB)$ , then multiplying this by  $C$  to obtain  $P = ABC$ . Or we could first compute the matrix  $(BC)$ , then multiply it by  $A$  to obtain  $P = ABC$ . Furthermore, to multiply an  $m \times n$  matrix by an  $n \times k$  matrix requires  $m \times n \times k$  multiplications. *Note: we are **only** counting multiplications here.*

- (a) How many multiplications are needed to calculate  $P$  in the order  $(AB)C$  ?
- (b) How many multiplications are needed to calculate  $P$  in the order  $A(BC)$  ?
- (c) Calculate  $P = ABC$  using whichever order you prefer.

## Induction

6. For the following problem, we will be proving that  $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ . Fill in the blanks to complete the proof.

For  $n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  (any positive integer, usually 1 or 2),  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .  
(*HINT*: Use the value of  $n$  you just defined.) This works!

Let's assume the equation holds for  $n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . The equation is now  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . (1)

We have to prove the equation holds for  $n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . The equation is now  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . (2)

We now add  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  to the equation using the (1)  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  hypothesis. (3)

After rearranging the terms in (3), we show that this equation is exactly equal to  $n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  (from (2)). QED

**Finally**, go back through the proof and label the **base case** and the **inductive hypothesis**.

7. Use a **direct proof** to show that for every positive integer  $n$ , it is true that  $\sum_{i=1}^n (8i - 5) = 4n^2 - n$

Then, use a **proof by induction** to prove this as well. Did you use strong or weak induction?

*Potentially useful fact:*  $\sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

8. Use induction to prove that you can tile any checkerboard with an even number of rows.
9. **Challenge Problem:** Professor Snape has  $n$  magical widgets that are supposedly both identical and capable of testing each other's correctness. Snape's test apparatus can hold two widgets at a time. When it is loaded, each widget tests the other and reports whether it is good or bad. A good widget always reports accurately whether the other widget is good or bad, but the answer of a bad widget cannot be trusted. Thus, the four possible outcomes of a test are as follows:

Widget A says	Widget B says	Conclusion
B is good	A is good	both are good/bad
B is good	A is bad	at least one is bad
B is bad	A is good	at least one is bad
B is bad	A is bad	at least one is bad

Prove that if  $n/2$  or more widgets are bad, Snape cannot necessarily determine which widgets are good using any strategy based on this kind of pairwise test. Assume a worst-case scenario in which the bad widgets are intelligent and conspire to fool Snape.