Homework 1

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Question 1

- a) The worst-case scenario for the Insertion Sort algorithm occurs when the input array is in descending order. For example, [i, i-1, i-2, i-3, i-4, i-5, ...].
- b) If the input array is sorted in descending order, resulting in the worst-case time complexity of $\Theta(n^2)$.
- c) The Insertion Sort algorithm would need to make the maximum number of shifts and comparisons to sort the array, resulting in the worst-case time complexity.

Question 2

- a) The best-case scenario for the Insertion Sort algorithm occurs when the input array is already sorted in ascending order. For example, $[i, i + 1, i + 2, i + 3, i + 4, i + 5 \dots]$.
- b) If the input array is and non-descending and already sorted in ascending order, resulting in the best-case time complexity of $\Theta(n)$.
- c) The Insertion Sort algorithm would need to make only one comparison for each element to sort the array, resulting in the best-case time complexity.

Question 3

a)
$$(5n+4)^2 \le cn^2$$
 for all $n \ge n_0$
 $25n^2 + 40n + 16 \le cn^2$ for all $n \ge n_0$
 $25 + \frac{40}{n} + \frac{16}{n^2} \le c$ for all $n \ge n_0$
 $25 + \frac{40}{2} + \frac{16}{2^2} \le c$ for all $n \ge (n_0 = 2)$
 $49 \le c$ for all $n \ge 2$

So, if we choose c = 49, then we have $(5n + 4)^2 \le 49n^2$ for all $n \ge 2$.

b)
$$(5n+4)^2 \le cn^2$$
 for all $n \ge n_0$
 $(5n+4)^2 \le 36n^2$ for all $n \ge n_0$, $c = 36$
 $25n^2 + 40n + 16 \le 36n^2$ for all $n \ge n_0$, $c = 36$
 $0 \le 11n^2 - 40n - 16$ for all $n \ge n_0$, $c = 36$
 $0 \le (11n+4)(n-4)$ for all $n \ge n_0$, $c = 36$
So if we choose $n_0 = 4$, then we have $(5n+4)^2 \le 36n^2$ for all $n \ge 4$.

Question 4

$$2^{2^n} > n2^n > n! > \lg(n!) > (\lg n)! > \lg^2 n$$