

CS251 HW1

1.

1.1 C

For the first loop, it runs n times. Inside of every first loop, it will run n^2 times. Therefore, in total, there will be around $n \cdot n^2 = n^3$ times. Based on the definition of O : $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ if $f(n)$ is asymptotically less than or equal to $g(n)$. $O(n^3)$ is the answer.

1.2 C

For the first loop, it runs for n times. Inside of every first loop, it will run for i times.

Therefore, the total number is: $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$. There will be $\frac{1}{2}n(1 + n) = \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n$ times. Based on the definition of O : $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ if $f(n)$ is asymptotically less than or equal to $g(n)$. $O(n^2)$ is the answer.

1.3 B

For the first loop, it runs for around $\log_2 n$ times. Inside of every first loop, it will run for n times. Therefore, the total number is: $n \log_2 n$. There will be $\frac{1}{2}n(1 + n) = \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n$ times. Based on the definition of O : $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ if $f(n)$ is asymptotically less than or equal to $g(n)$. $O(n \log n)$ is the answer.

1.4 A

For every call of this recursive function, it will call one more function (when n is not equal to 1). Therefore, the total number of repetition is n . Based on the definition of O : $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ if $f(n)$ is asymptotically less than or equal to $g(n)$. $O(n)$ is the answer.

1.5 B

For loop 1, the first loop runs for n times. Inside of the first loop, it will run for $\log_2 n$ times. For loop 2, it will run for n times. In total, there will be $n \log_2 n + n$ times. Based on the definition of O : $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ if $f(n)$ is asymptotically less than or equal to $g(n)$. $O(n \log n)$ is the answer.

2.

2.1 B

Since $n! > 3^n$, based on the definition of O : $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ if $f(n)$ is asymptotically less than or equal to $g(n)$. $O(n!)$ is the answer.

2.2 A

$\sum_{i=0}^{2n} 5i + i^2 = \frac{2n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + P(n^2) \sim n^3$. Therefore, based on the definition of Ω : $f(n)$ is $\Omega(g(n))$ if $f(n)$ is asymptotically greater than or equal to $g(n)$. $\Omega(n^3)$ is the answer.

3.

n should be the number of worst case. Since the cards are unsorted, if we search from one end, where the search target is in the other end, we need n times to find the object.

4.

$$2^N > N^3 > N^2 \log N > N^2 > N \log^2 N > 10N \log N^2 \geq N \log N > N > \log^2 N > 5 \log N \\ \geq \log N^2 \geq \log N > 37 = 2$$

Since the function growth rate is not affected by constant factors or lower-order terms, we can eliminate the constant scalars in sorting this list. For $10N \log N^2 = 20N \log N \sim N \log N$, it is the same growth rate as $N \log N$. Also for $5 \log N \sim \log N$, $\log N^2 = 2 \log N \sim \log N$, they have the same growth rate.

5.

a.

AboveAvg1 is better.

In AboveAvg1, the first loop will run for n times. The second loop will also run for n times. Therefore, the complexity is $O(n)$.

In AboveAvg2, the outside loop will run for n times. For every time in the outside loop, a inside loop will run for n times. Therefore, the complexity is $O(n^2)$.

In conclusion, AboveAvg1 is better since $O(n) < O(n^2)$.

b.

EvensFirst2 is better.

For EvensFirst1, the first loop and the second loop will all run for n times. There will be $2n$ times together.

For EvensFirst2, the loop will run for n times.

Therefore, EvensFirst2 is better.