

## Problem Set 3 - CUS715

### Order of Functions.

1. What is the time complexity  $T(n)$  of the of the nested loops below? For simplicity , you may assume that  $n$  is a power of 2. That is,  $n = 2^k$  for some positive integer  $k$ .

Answer (counts when the loop condition fails):

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 1 + 1 + (\log(n) + 2) + (\log(n) + 1) + \left(\frac{(\log(n))^2 + 5\log(n) + 4}{2}\right) + ((\log(n))^2 + 3\log(n) + 2) + (\log(n) + 1) \\ &= \frac{3}{2}(\log(n))^2 + \frac{17}{2}(\log(n)) + 10 \end{aligned}$$

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int k = 0;
//1st term

int i = n;
//2nd term

while (i >= 1) {
//3rd term

    int j = i;
    //4th term

    while (j <= n) {
//5th term

        k++;
        //half of 6th term

        j = 2 * j;
        //half of 6th term

    }
    i = floor( i/2.0);
    //7th term

}
```

2. Consider the following algorithm:

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int add_them (int n, int[] A) {
```

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int i,j,k;
k = 0;
for (i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
    j = j + A[i];
}

k = 1;
for (i=1; i <= n; i++) {
    k = k + k;
}

return j + k
}

```

(a) if  $n=5$  and the array  $A$  contains 2,5,3,7, and 8, what is the output of the above function?

Technically, there is an out of bounds error, but assuming the code should implement  $i=0$ , the loops' conditions both set to  $i < n$  and  $j$  initialized to 0, then...

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(b) What is the time complexity  $T(n)$  of the algorithm?

Answer (counts when the loop fails):

$$T(n) = 4n + 6$$

(c) Try to improve the efficiency of the algorithm.

Answer:

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int add_them (int n, int[] A) {
    int i,j,k;
    k = 1;
    j = 0; //initialize j to 0

    for (i = 0; i <= n; i++) {
        j = j + A[i];
        k = k+k;
    }
    return j + k
}

```

Changes made:

-j was initialized to 0.

-k was just initialized to 1. It was unnecessary to initialize it as 0 at first.

-rather than use two for-loops, I just combined their inner statements into one for-loop (since the original two loops had the same run conditions).

$T(n)$  of the algorithm after the changes is  $3n + 5$ .

3. Show directly that  $f(n) = n^2 + 3n^3 \in \Theta(n^3)$ . That is, use the definitions of  $\Omega$  and  $O$  to show that  $f(n)$  is in both  $O(n^3)$  and  $\Omega(n^3)$ .

Answer:

Proof that  $f(n) = n^2 + 3n^3 \in O(n^3)$ :

$$3n^3 + n^2 \leq cn^3$$

$$3n^3 + n^2 \leq 3n^3 + n^3$$

$$3n^3 + n^2 \leq 4n^3$$

c can be 4

Proof that  $f(n) = n^2 + 3n^3 \in \Omega(n^3)$ :

$$3n^3 + n^2 \geq cn^3$$

$$3n^3 + n^2 \geq n^3$$

c can be 1

Since  $f(n)$  is in both  $O(n^3)$  and  $\Omega(n^3)$ , it is also in  $\Theta(n^3)$ !