

COMP 3270 Introduction to Algorithms

Homework 1

1. (12 points) Understand the following algorithm. Simulate it mentally on the following four inputs, and state the outputs produced (value returned) in each case: (a) A: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]; (b) A: [-1, -2, -3, -4, -5, -6, -7, -8, -9, -10]; (c) A: [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]; (d) A: [-1, 2, -3, 4, -5, 6, 7, -8, 9, -10].

Algorithm Mystery (A:array[1..n] of integer)

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    sum, max: integer
1  sum = 0
2  max = 0
3  for i = 1 to n
4      sum = 0
5          for j = i to n
6              sum = sum + A[j]
7              if sum > max then
8                  max = sum
9  return max
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Output when input is array (a) above:

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Output when input is array (b) above:

0

Output when input is array (c) above:

0

Output when input is array (d) above:

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What does the algorithm return when the input array contains all negative integers?

0

What does the algorithm return when the input array contains all non-negative integers?

The sum of all the integers in the array

2. (18 points) Calculate the detailed complexity $T(n)$ of algorithm *Mystery* in the table below, then determine the expression for $T(n)$ and simplify it to produce a polynomial in n .

Step	Cost of each execution	Total # of times executed
1	1	1
2	1	1
3	1	$n+1$
4	1	n
5	1	$(n^2+3n)/2$
6	6	$(n^2+n)/2$
7	3	$(n^2+n)/2$
8	2	n for worst case or 0 for best case
9	1	1

$T(n) = 5n^2 + 10n + 4$ for worst case or $5n^2 + 8n + 4$ for best case.

3. (10 points) Compare the following pairs of functions in terms of order of magnitude. In each case, say whether $f(n) = O(g(n))$, $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$, and/or $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$.

	$f(n)$	$g(n)$	
a.	$100n + \log n$	$n + (\log n)^2$	$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$
b.	$\log n$	$\log(n^2)$	$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$
c.	$\frac{n^2}{\log n}$	$n(\log n)^2$	$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$
d.	$\frac{1}{n^2}$	$\log n^5$	$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$
e.	$n2^n$	3^n	$f(n) = O(g(n))$

4. (20 points) $T(n) = 7T(n/8) + cn$; $T(1) = c$. Determine the polynomial $T(n)$ for the recursive algorithm characterized by these two recurrence relations, using the Recursion Tree Method. Drawing the recursion tree may help but you do not have to show the tree in your answer; instead, fill the table below. You will need to use the following results, where a and b are constants and $x < 1$:

$$a^{\log_b n} = n^{\log_b a}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x^i = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

Level	Level number	Total # of recursive executions at this level	Input size to each recursive execution	Work done by each recursive execution, excluding the recursive calls	Total work at this level
Root	0	$7^0=1$	$n/8^0=n$	cn	cn
1 level below	1	$7^1=7$	$n/8^1=n/8$	$cn/8$	$cn*(7/8)$
2 levels below	2	$7^2=49$	$n/8^2=n/64$	$cn/64$	$cn*(7/8)^2$
The level just above the base case level	$\log_8 n - 1$	$7^{\log_8 n - 1}$	$n/8^{\log_8 n - 1} = 8$	$8c$	$cn * (7/8)^{\log_8 n - 1}$
Base case level	$\log_8 n$	$7^{\log_8 n}$	$n/8^{\log_8 n} = 1$	c	$cn * (7/8)^{\log_8 n}$

$$\begin{aligned}
T(n) &= cn \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\log_8 n} \left(\frac{7}{8} \right)^i \right) \\
&< cn \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{7}{8} \right)^i \right) \\
&= \frac{cn}{1 - \frac{7}{8}} \\
&= 8cn
\end{aligned}$$

5. (10 points) Find a counterexample to the following claim:

$f(n) = O(s(n))$ and $g(n) = O(r(n))$ imply $f(n) - g(n) = O(s(n) - r(n))$

$f(n) = O(s(n))$ means there are positive constants c and n_0 , such that,

$0 \leq f(n) \leq cs(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0$

Similarly, $g(n) = O(r(n))$ means there are positive constants c and n_0 , such that,

$0 \leq g(n) \leq cr(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0$

Let $f(n)=n$, $s(n)=n$, $g(n)=1$ and $r(n)=n$

Suppose $f(n)-g(n) = O(s(n)-r(n))$ is true.

Therefore, $0 \leq |f(n)-g(n)| \leq c|s(n)-r(n)|$ for all $n \geq n_0$

we have $|n-1| \leq 0$ by solving the above inequation.

Thus, our assumption would fail when $n \geq 1$.