Q1 (20 points; 2 per part) DPV Problem 0.1 (parts a through j): In each of the following situations, indicate whether f = O(g), or  $f = \Omega(g)$ , or both (in each case  $f = \theta(g)$ ).

**Q2** (10 points) Consider the following pseudo-code which takes the integer  $n \ge 0$  as input:

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Function bar(n)
  Print '*';
  if n == 0 then
     Return;
  end
  for i = 0 to n - 1 do
     bar(i);
  end
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Let T(n) be the number of times the above function prints a star (\*) when called with input  $n \ge 0$ . What is T(n) exactly, in terms of only n (and not values like T(n-1) or T(n-2))? Prove your statement

 $\bf Solution = 2^n$ 

$$n$$
 calls  $T(n)$ 

0 print 
$$T(0) = 1$$

1 print, 
$$T(0)$$
  $T(1) = 2$ 

2 print, 
$$T(0)$$
,  $T(1)$   $T(2) = 4$ 

3 print, 
$$T(0)$$
,  $T(1)$ ,  $T(2)$   $T(3) = 8$ 

We deduct that  $T(n) = 2^n$ 

We can prove the claim by induction. Our recurrence formula given by the function is T(n) = 2T(n-1) for T(0) = 1.

Base Case: n = 0

$$T(0) = 1$$

$$1 = 2^0$$

$$1 = 1$$

Induction step: prove  $2^n = 2T(n-1)$  for n = k+1

$$2^{k+1} = 2T(k+1-1)$$

Work on RHS

$$2T(k) = 2 \times 2^k$$

$$2 \times 2^k = \boxed{2^{k+1}}$$

Thus proving that our recurrence formula generates the given solution  $2^n$ .

Q3 (30 points) Let f(n) and g(n) be asymptotically nonnegative functions. Using the basic definition of  $\theta$ -notation, prove that  $max(f(n),g(n))=\theta(f(n)+g(n))$ 

Basic definition of the  $\theta$  notation: If  $\max(f(n),g(n))=\theta(f(n)+g(n))$ , then it must satisfy  $\max(f(n),g(n))=O(f(n)+g(n))$  and  $\max(f(n),g(n))=\Omega(f(n)+g(n))$ .

We must prove  $\max(f(n),g(n))=O(f(n)+g(n))$  and  $\max(f(n),g(n))=\Omega(f(n)+g(n))$ .

Case 1: Prove  $max(f(n), g(n)) = \Omega(f(n) + g(n))$ 

We know the following:

$$max(f(n), g(n)) \ge f(n)$$
 if  $max = g(n)$   
 $max(f(n), g(n)) \ge g(n)$  if  $max = f(n)$ 

The outcome must of one of them.

Therefore, we can derive the following equation by adding both sides:

$$2 \times \max(f(n), g(n)) \ge f(n) + g(n)$$
 
$$\max(f(n), g(n)) \ge \frac{1}{2}(f(n) + g(n))$$

where  $C = \frac{1}{2}$ . Since  $\max(f(n), g(n)) \ge C(f(n) + g(n))$  for some constant C, we prove that  $\max(f(n), g(n)) = \Omega(f(n) + g(n))$ 

Case 2: Prove max(f(n), g(n)) = O(f(n) + g(n))

We know that  $max(f(n), g(n)) \le f(n) + g(n)$ . Since this is true, any constant C > 0 can be placed on the RHS, rendering the following equation:

$$max(f(n), g(n)) \le C(f(n) + g(n))$$

Since this statement is true for any C > 0, proving that indeed max(f(n), g(n)) = O(f(n) + g(n))

With the basic definition of  $\theta$  notation, we have proved that  $max(f(n),g(n)) = \theta(f(n)+g(n))$ 

Q4 (10 points; 5 per part)

(a) is 
$$2^{2n} = O(2^n)$$
?  
No

(b) why?

 $n^a$  dominates  $n^b$  if a > b. In this instance, no matter the value for n, 2n will always dominate n (unless negative, but that doesn't apply here). In addition,  $2^{2n}$  can be rewritten as  $(2^2)^n$ , therefore it is in  $O(4^n)$ .