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**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  $f = \theta(g)$ ).

	$f(n)$	$g(n)$	answer
(a)	$n - 100$	$n - 200$	$f = \theta(g)$
(b)	$n^{\frac{1}{2}}$	$n^{\frac{2}{3}}$	$f = O(g)$
(c)	$100n + \log n$	$n + (\log n)^2$	$f = \theta(g)$
(d)	$n \log n$	$10n \log 10n$	$f = \theta(g)$
(e)	$\log 2n$	$\log 3n$	$f = \theta(g)$
(f)	$10 \log n$	$\log(n^2)$	$f = \theta(g)$
(g)	$n^{1.01}$	$n \log^2 n$	$f = \Omega(g)$
(h)	$\frac{n^2}{\log n}$	$n(\log n)^2$	$f = \Omega(g)$
(i)	$n^{0.1}$	$(\log n)^{10}$	$f = \Omega(g)$
(j)	$(\log n)^{\log n}$	$\frac{n}{\log n}$	$f = \Omega(g)$

**Q2** (10 points) Consider the following pseudo-code which takes the integer  $n \geq 0$  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  $n \geq 0$ . What is  $T(n)$  exactly, in terms of only  $n$  (and not values like  $T(n - 1)$  or  $T(n - 2)$ )? Prove your statement

**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  $n = k+1$

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

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:

$$\max(f(n), g(n)) \geq f(n) \text{ if } \max = f(n)$$

$$\max(f(n), g(n)) \geq g(n) \text{ if } \max = g(n)$$

The outcome must be one of them.

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

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

where  $C = \frac{1}{2}$ . Since  $\max(f(n), g(n)) \geq C(f(n) + g(n))$  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  $\max(f(n), g(n)) \leq f(n) + g(n)$ . If  $\max$  is  $f(n)$ ,  $f(n) + g(n)$  could be the same value (in the case that  $g(n) = 0$ ), or larger than the max. The same applies if  $\max$  is  $g(n)$ . Since this is true, a constant  $C > 0$  can be placed on the RHS, rendering the following equation:

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

By assuming that  $C = 1$ , which is a value in  $C > 0$ , the function remains the same. Our function remains the same as our first statement, which we know to be true, therefore we prove that  $\max(f(n), g(n)) = O(f(n) + g(n))$ .

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  $O(4^n)$ .