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Solutions to Problem 1 of Homework 1 (10 Points)

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Due: 5 pm on Thursday, September 12

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For each of the following pairs of functions f(n) and g(n), state whether f is O(g); whether f is O(g); whether f is O(g); whether f is O(g); and whether f is O(g). (More than one of these can be true for a single pair!)

(a) f(n) = n!; g(n) = (n+1)!.

Solution: INSERT YOUR SOLUTION HERE

(b) $f(n) = n^{\log_2 c}$; $g(n) = c^{\log_2 n}$.

Solution: INSERT YOUR SOLUTION HERE

(c) $f(n) = \log(n^5 + 5n^4 + 4n^3 + 3n^2 + 2n + 1);$ $g(n) = \log(n^{10} + n^8 + n^6 + n^4 + n^2 + 100.$

Solution: INSERT YOUR SOLUTION HERE

(d) $f(n) = \frac{3^n}{n + n \log n}$; $g(n) = 9^{\sqrt{n}}$.

Solution: INSERT YOUR SOLUTION HERE

(e) $f(n) = 2\sqrt{\log_2 n}$; $g(n) = n^{1/3}$.

Solution: INSERT YOUR SOLUTION HERE

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Solutions to Problem 2 of Homework 1 (12 Points)

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(a) (8 Points) For each of the following functions f(n), find a "canonical" function g(n) such that $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$. For example, $3200n + 2n^2 \log^{24}(n^2) = \Theta(n^2 \log^{24} n)$. Briefly justify your answers (and I mean *briefly*).

$$3^n + 7n^{73}, \ \ 3^{n + \log_3 n}, \ \ \log(n^{34} + 5), \ \ 2^{2n}, \ \ \sqrt{n^5 + 30n^4}, \ \ \frac{n^4 - 5n}{55555}, \ \ \log^2 n + 33, \ \ n^2 \log^3 n + n^3 \log^2 n$$

Solution: INSERT YOUR SOLUTION HERE

(b) (4 Points) Based on your answers in part (a), sort the resulting "canonical" (not original)² functions in asymptotically increasing order.

Solution: INSERT YOUR SOLUTION HERE □

¹I.e., function of the form $a^n n^b \log^c n$ for constants $a \ge 1$ and $b, c \ge 0$.

²Thsi way even if you got part (a) wrong, you can still have correct solution to part (b).

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Solutions to Problem 3 of Homework 1 (16 points)

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Let A[1, ..., n] be an array of n distinct numbers. If i < j and A[i] > A[j], then the pair (i, j) is called an *inversion* of A.

(a) (2 points) List all inversions of the array (8, 5, 2, 7, 9).

Solution: INSERT YOUR SOLUTION HERE

(b) (3 points) Which arrays with distinct elements from the set $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$ have the smallest and the largest number of inversions and why? State the expressions *exactly* in terms of n.

Solution: INSERT YOUR SOLUTION HERE

(c) (5 points) What is the relationship between the running time of Insertion-Sort and the number of inversions I in the input array? Justify your answer.

Solution: INSERT YOUR SOLUTION HERE

(d) (3 points) For any 0 < a < 1/2, construct an array for which insertion sort has a run time of $an^2 + \Theta(n)$.

Solution: INSERT YOUR SOLUTION HERE

(e) (3 points) Let A[1,...,n] be a random permutation of $\{1,2,...,n\}$. What is the expected number of inversions of A. What can you conclude about the average case running time of INSERTION-SORT (where the average is over all arrays A of size n)?

Hint: Recall the linearity of expectation, i.e., for any real a, b, c and any random variables X, Y,

$$E(aX + bY + c) = aE(X) + bE(Y) + c.$$

Solution: INSERT YOUR SOLUTION HERE