

Section 2

1) a) a)  $(2n)^2 = 4n^2$  : slower by a factor of 4

b)  $(n+1)^2 = n^2 + 2n + 1$  : slower by an additive  $(2n+1)$

b) a)  $(2n)^3 = 8n^3$  : slower by a factor of 8

b)  $(n+1)^3 = n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1$  : slower by an additive  $(3n^2 + 3n + 1)$

c) a)  $(100(2n)^2) = 400n^2$  : slower by a factor of 4

b)  $(100(n+1)^2) = 100n^2 + 200n + 100$  : slower by an additive  $(200n + 100)$

d) a)  $2n \log 2n$  : slower by a factor of 2 and an additive  $2n$ .

b)  $(n+1) \log(n+1)$  : slower by  $(n+1) \log(n+1) - n \log n$

e) a)  $2^{2n}$  : squares the original running time

b)  $2^{n+1}$  : slower by a factor of 2

4) In order of increasing order of growth rate:

$$g_1, g_5, g_3, g_4, g_2, g_7, g_6$$

Brief justifications:

we have  $g_1 = O(g_5)$  since we are comparing  $\sqrt{\log n}$  to  $\log n$ .

we have  $g_5 = O(g_3)$  since  $(\log n)^3$  grows much faster than  $\log n$

we have  $g_3 = O(g_4)$  since logarithms will grow slower than polynomials

we have  $g_4 = O(g_2)$  since polynomials grow slower than exponentials

we have  $g_2 = O(g_7)$  since we are comparing the exponents to be  $n$  versus  $n^2$ .

we have  $g_7 = O(g_6)$  since  $2^n$  will grow a lot faster than  $n^2$ .

5) a) False: counterexample:

let  $g(n) = 1$ , then we have  $\log_2 g(n) = 0$ .

If  $\log_2 f(n) > 0$ , then the following

inequality:  $\log_2 f(n) \leq c \cdot \log_2 g(n)$ , ( $\forall n$ , for some  $c > 0$ )

can never be satisfied. So, let  $f(n) = 2$

$\Rightarrow \log_2 f(n) = 1 > 0$ .

b) False: counterexample:

If  $f(n) = 2^n$  and  $g(n) = n$ , then

we have  $4^n \stackrel{?}{=} O(2^n)$ , which

is not satisfied as

$4^n \neq c \cdot 2^n$  for some  $c > 0$

c) True: Since we were given that

$f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$  for some  $c > 0$ ,

then we have  $(f(n))^2 \leq c^2 \cdot (g(n))^2$  for

the same  $c$ ,  $\forall n$ .

7) Suppose it takes  $L$  lines to fulfill  $n$  words. We write the pseudocode as following:

Initialize lines  $1, 2, \dots, L$

For  $\bar{L} = 1 \dots L;$

For  $\bar{J} = 1 \dots \bar{L};$

sing line  $\bar{J}$ , line  $\bar{J}-1 \dots$  line 1

end

end

Here, since  $n$  is the number of words:

we have  $1 + 2 + \dots + L \leq n$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(L-1)^2}{2} \leq \frac{L(L-1)}{2} \leq n$$

$$\Rightarrow L \leq 1 + \sqrt{2n} = O(\sqrt{n}) = f(n)$$

8) a) We use the first jar to test from heights as the following:  $\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor, \lfloor 2\sqrt{n} \rfloor, \lfloor 3\sqrt{n} \rfloor \dots$  until it breaks. If the 1<sup>st</sup> jar breaks at some point in the middle, (suppose  $\lfloor 5\sqrt{n} \rfloor$ )

We know the highest safe rung is  
in between  $\lfloor s\sqrt{n} \rfloor$  and  $\lfloor (s-1)\sqrt{n} \rfloor$ .  
So, now we start from  $\lfloor (s-1)\sqrt{n} \rfloor$  and  
go up by 1 each time.

(i.e. test  $\lfloor (s-1)\sqrt{n} \rfloor + 1, \lfloor (s-1)\sqrt{n} \rfloor + 2, \dots$ )  
With this method, the first jar will  
take at most  $\sqrt{n}$  drops and the same  
applies for the second jar. So, in total,  
 $2\sqrt{n}$  drops are performed  $\Rightarrow O(\sqrt{n})$   
 $\Rightarrow$  slower than linear time

b) We slightly modify part a). We drop  
the first jar from heights  $\lfloor n^{\frac{k-1}{k}} \rfloor, \lfloor 2n^{\frac{k-1}{k}} \rfloor, \dots$   
and then now we drop the second jar  
within that one interval of  $n^{\frac{k-1}{k}}$  where  
the first jar broke. Note that this  
will only require  $2(k-1)n^{\frac{1}{k}}$  drops in total  
and the first jar will take a

maximum of  $2n^{1/k}$  drops, giving us an upper bound of  $2kn^{1/k}$  for  $f(n)$ .

We notice that if  $f_k(n) \leq 2kn^{1/k}$ , as  $k$  increases,  $f_k$  will grow asymptotically slower than all its previous functions since  $k$  is part of the exponent.

### Section 3

2) We perform a BFS starting from any arbitrary vertex  $v$ , which results in a tree. Now, we try to locate the edges in the original graph that are not included in our resulting tree. From this, we can locate our cycle in  $O(m+n)$  time by connecting the edge from the original graph with  $\geq 2$  adjacent edges found in the tree.

5) Base case: A Tree with 1 node:

# of nodes with 2 children : 0

# of leaves : 1

So the claim holds ✓

Induction step: Now, assume  $T$  is a binary tree with # of nodes  $> 1$  and let  $v$  be a leaf.  $v$  has a parent, which we'll denote by  $u$ . We observe what happens when  $v$  is deleted and the resulting tree is called  $T^*$ . If  $u$  had no other leaf attached, it now becomes a leaf in  $T^*$  so the # of leaves stay the same and so does the # of nodes with 2 children. If  $u$  had another leaf, # of leaves will be subtracted by 1 from  $T$ , but so will the # of nodes with 2 children, thus not changing the result. In both cases, by applying the inductive hypothesis to  $T^*$ , we conclude the induction.

6) Proof by contradiction:

Suppose  $\exists$  an edge  $e = \{a, b\}$  in  $G$  that is not part of the tree  $T$ .

As  $T$  is a DFS tree, one point must be an ancestor of the other. As  $T$  is a BFS tree as well, the distance of  $a$  and  $b$  from another point  $c$  in  $T$  can only differ by at most 1. However, if  $a$  is an ancestor of  $b$  WLOG, and  $\text{dist}(b, c)$  is at most 1 greater than  $\text{dist}(a, c)$ , it means  $a$  is a direct parent of  $b \Rightarrow$  contradiction since then,  $e$  would be part of the tree

7) This is true. Let  $G$  be as described in the problem. We will prove by contradiction. Assume  $G$  is not connected. We let  $S$  be the nodes in the smallest connected



part. Since there are at least 2 connected parts,  $|S| \leq n/2$ . Now, pick any arbitrary node  $v \in S$ . Its degree can at most be  $n/2 - 1$ , which is less than  $n/2$   $\Rightarrow$  contradicts the assumption that every node has degree at least  $n/2$ .

8) This is false. Consider the following graph: We have nodes  $u_1, \dots, u_{k-1}$  and a path that crosses through them. We also have another set of nodes  $v_1, \dots, v_{n-k+1}$  where each one is separately connected to  $u_i$  by a single edge. Now, we try to put an upper bound to  $\text{apd}(G)$ . With at least 1 point from  $u_1, \dots, u_{k-1}$ , there are  $k-1$  2-element combinations that result in a maximal distance of  $k$ . The other cases will

only have a maximal distance of 2.

$$\text{Thus, } \text{apd}(G) \leq \frac{2\binom{n}{2} + (k-1)n}{\binom{n}{2}} = 2 + \frac{2k^2}{n-1}$$

Now, if we choose  $n$  s.t.  $n-1 \geq 2k^2$ ,

we have  $\text{apd}(G) < 3$  and if  $k > 3c$ ,

then we have  $\text{diam}(G) > 3c$  so

$$\frac{\text{diam}(G)}{\text{apd}(G)} > \frac{3c}{3} = c \text{ so false.}$$

9) Suppose we perform BFS from node  $s$ .

Since  $\text{dist}(s, t) > n/2$ , we claim that one of

the layers in between  $L_1 \dots L_{d-1}$

only has a single node. We know this

is true because if all of them have

more than 1, this would have at least

$2(n/2) = n$  nodes but  $G$  has  $n$  nodes

in total. Thus, for that layer with

a singular node, call the node  $v$ .

If  $v$  is cut from  $G$ , there is no way to go from  $S$  to  $T$  since the BFS tree would be disconnected.

Thus, an algorithm that would suffice would be to consider a set of nodes  $\{s\} \cup L_1 \cup \dots \cup L_c$  and to check for a layer with a single node. That node, found in  $L_c$  through iteration will be  $v$ .