

## Assignment: Asymptotic Notations and Correctness of Algorithms

1. **Identify and compare the order of growth:** Use the definitions of  $O$ ,  $\Omega$  and  $\Theta$  to identify if the following statements are true or false. Prove your assertion. Draw a rough graph marking  $c$  and  $n_0$  values if the statement is True. [You don't have to find the values of  $c$  and  $n_0$ ].

- a.  $n(n+1)/2 \in O(n^3)$  **True**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}{n^3}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2+n}{2n^3}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+1}{6n^2} \quad \text{Applying L'Hospital rule}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{12n} \quad \text{Applying L'Hospital rule}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(n) \in O(g(n))$$

- b.  $n(n+1)/2 \in \Theta(n^2)$  **True**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}{n^2}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2+n}{2n^2}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+1}{4n} \quad \text{Applying L'Hospital rule}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{4} \quad \text{Applying L'Hospital rule}$$

$$= \text{Constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$$

- c.  $10n-6 \in \Omega(78n+2020)$  **True**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10n-6}{78n+2020}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10}{78} \quad \text{Applying L'Hospital rule}$$

= Constant

$\Rightarrow f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$

Since  $\Theta$  is stronger notation than  $\Omega$ -notation.  $\Theta$ -notation implies  $\Omega$ -notation. Hence,

True

d.  $n! \in \Omega(0.00001n)$  True

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{0.00001n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n}{0.00001n} \quad \text{using Stirling's Formula}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{0.00001} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{0.00001} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{(e)^n} x \frac{n^n}{n}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{0.00001} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{e^n} x^{n^{n-1}}$$

$$= (\text{something}) * (\infty)^\infty = \infty$$

$\Rightarrow f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$

Or

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{0.00001n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n-1)(n-2) \dots}{0.00001n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n-1)(n-2) \dots}{0.00001} \quad [\text{simplifying}]$$

$$= \infty$$

## 2. Read and Analyze Pseudocode: Consider the following algorithm

```
Classified(A...n-1):  
    minval = A[0]  
    maxval = A[0]  
    for i = 1 to n-1:  
        if A[i] < minval:  
            minval = A[i]
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        if A[i] > maxval
            maxval = A[i]
    return maxval - minval

```

- What does this algorithm compute? **The difference between the largest and the smallest element in an array.**
- What is its basic operation (i.e. the line of code or operation that is executed maximum number of times)?

**The if conditions**

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if A[i] < minval; if A[i] > maxval

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- How many times is the basic operation executed?

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} 1 = (n - 1)$$

- What is the time complexity of this algorithm?  
 $\theta(n)$

### 3. Using mathematical induction prove below non-recursive algorithm:

```

def reverse_array(Arr):
    n = len(Arr)
    i = (n-1)//2
    j = n//2
    while(i >= 0 and j <= (n-1)):
        temp = Arr[i]
        Arr[i] = Arr[j]
        Arr[j] = temp
        i = i-1
        j = j+1

```

- Write the loop invariant of the reverse\_array function.  
**Before the iteration of the while loop, for values i and j, Arr[i+1 : j-1] is reversed. That is values in the Arr from 'i+1' to 'j-1' are reversed.**
- Prove correctness of reverse\_array function using induction.

**Loop invariant:** For i and j, Arr[i+1 : j-1] is reversed

**Initialization:** Before the entry into the while loop  $j-1 < i+1$ , hence the part of the Arr[i+1 : j-1] does not contain any elements. The invariant is true by default.

**Maintenance:** At the start of  $k^{\text{th}}$  iteration, assume that Arr[i+1 : j-1] is reversed.

In the previous iteration i is decremented and j is incremented. In the  $k^{\text{th}}$  iteration, in the body of the loop Arr[i] and Arr[j] are swapped.

Thus at the start of  $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$  iteration Arr[i : j] is reversed.

**Termination:** After the loop terminates,  $i = -1$  and  $j = n$ .

Based on loop invariant Arr[i+1 : j-1] is reversed. Therefore, Arr[0:n-1], which is our entire array, is reversed.

