**CMSC 451 Homework 2**

1. Given the following two functions:

* *f*(*n*) = 3*n*2 + 5
* *g*(*n*) = 53*n* + 9

Use L’Hopital’s rule and limits to prove or disprove each of the following:

* *f*  ∈ Ω(*g*)

**true if: *lim n→∞ f/g ≠ 0***

**lim n→∞ f(n)/g(n) = lim n→∞ (3n2 + 5) / (53n + 9)**

**take the derivative (applying L’Hopital)**

**lim n→∞ 6n / 53 = ∞**

**Therefore, *f*  ∈ Ω(*g*) is TRUE**

* *g* ∈ Θ(*f*)

**true if: *lim n→∞ g/f ≠ ∞, 0***

**lim n→∞ g(n)/f(n) = lim n→∞ (53n + 9) / (3n2 + 5)**

**take the derivative (applying L’Hopital)**

**lim n→∞ 53/6n = 0**

**Therefore, g ∉ Θ(*f*) and *g* ∈ Θ(*f*)** **is FALSE**

2. Rank the following functions from lowest asymptotic order to highest. List any two or more that are of the same order on the same line.

* **log3 𝑛, log2𝑛 (base irrelevant)**
* **√𝑛**
* **10𝑛+ 7**
* **𝑛 log2 𝑛**
* **𝑛2+5𝑛+10**
* **𝑛3+2𝑛2+1, 𝑛3+5𝑛 (as n grows, only n3 remains relevant)**
* **2𝑛**
* **3n**

3. Draw the recursion tree when *n* = 8, where *n* represents the length of the array, for the following recursive method:

int sum(int[] array, int first, int last) {

if (first == last)

return array[first];

int mid = (first + last) / 2;

return sum(array, first, mid) + sum(array, mid + 1, last);

}

* Determine a formula that counts the numbers of nodes in the recursion tree.
* What is the Big-Θ for execution time?
* Determine a formula that expresses the height of the tree.
* What is the Big-Θ for memory?
* Write an iterative solution for this same problem and compare its efficiency with this recursive solution.

4. Using the recursive method in problem 3 and assuming *n* is the length of the array.

* Modify the recursion tree from the previous problem to show the amount of work on each activation and the row sums.
* Determine the initial conditions and recurrence equation.
* Determine the critical exponent.
* Apply the Little Master Theorem to solve that equation.
* Explain whether this algorithm optimal.