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## Problem 1.

(6 MARKS)

Consider the following Python code:

```
def mystery(L):  
    '''  
    :param L: List of size n  
    :return: A mystery number  
    '''  
    sum1 = 0  
    sum2 = 0  
    bound = 1  
    while bound <= len(L):  
        i = 0  
        while i < bound:  
            j = 0  
            while j < len(L):  
                if L[j] > L[i]:  
                    sum1 = sum1 + L[j]  
                j = j + 2  
            j = 1  
            while j < len(L):  
                sum2 = sum2 + L[j]  
                j = j*2  
            i = i + 1  
        bound = bound * 2  
    return sum1 + sum2
```

1. (3 MARKS) Denote the time complexity of the given code  $T(n)$  as a function of  $n$  where  $n$  is the size of the list  $L$ . Compute  $T(n)$ . Justify all steps.
2. (3 MARKS) Prove that  $T(n) \in O(n^{\frac{5}{2}})$ . HINT: You can use without proof the following:  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+ : \log_2 n \in O(n^\alpha)$ .

## Solution

### 1. Sample Solution

- The value of variable `bound` on completion of iteration  $b$  is  $2^b$ .

### Proof by induction on the number of iterations

Let  $b$  denote the number of iterations.

Initial Step : Let  $b = 1$ .

Then **bound** = 2.

Inductive Step: Assume **bound** =  $2^b$  on iteration  $b$ .

Then **bound** = **bound**\*2 so **bound** =  $2^b 2 = 2^{b+1}$  on iteration  $b + 1$ .

- The **bound** loop terminates when the loop count is  $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$ .

#### Proof

Let  $B$  be the count of last loop.

Then **bound** =  $2^B$ .

Also **bound** >  $n$ .

Then  $B > \log_2 n$ .

Also  $B$  is the smallest integer to satisfy this condition.

Then  $B - 1 \leq \log_2 n$  and  $B - 1$  is the largest integer to satisfy this condition.

Then  $B - 1 = \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$ .

Then  $B = \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$ .

- Clearly, the number of steps of the  $i$ -loop is **bound**.
- The number of steps of the first  $j$ -loop is clearly  $C = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ .
- The number of steps of the second  $j$ -loop is  $D = \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 5 + \sum_{b=1}^B (4 + \sum_{i=0}^{2^b} (6 + \sum_{j=0}^C 4 + \sum_{j=1}^D 3)) \\ &= 5 + \sum_{b=1}^B (4 + \sum_{i=0}^{2^b} (6 + 4(C + 1) + 3D)) \\ &= 5 + \sum_{b=1}^B (4 + (6 + 4(C + 1) + 3D)2^b) \\ &= 5 + 4B + (6 + 4(C + 1) + 3D) \sum_{b=1}^B 2^b \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 5 + 4B + 2(6 + 4(C + 1) + 3D)(2^B - 1) \\
&= 5 + 4(\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1 + 2(6 + 4(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1) + 3\lceil \log_2 n \rceil)(2^{\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1} - 1))
\end{aligned}$$

2. Before moving forward with the required proof, let's observe that we can always assume  $n > 2$  (in general  $n$  greater than a fixed number). The reason why is that we seek  $B$  (in the definition of big-O) such that for all natural numbers greater than  $B$ , the big-O inequality is satisfied. That said, if we chose some natural number  $B$  that satisfies other conditions, we can always replace it with  $B' = \max(B, 2) + 1$  and rename the variable back to  $B$ . This way we guarantee that:

$$\log_2 n \geq 1$$

so

$$\lceil \log_2 n \rceil \leq \log_2 n + 1 \leq 2 \log_2 n.$$

Also we know it is always true that

$$\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \leq \frac{n}{2}, \quad \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor \leq \log_2 n.$$

So, writing informally, the estimation for  $T(n)$  (assuming  $n > 2$ ) is:

$$T(n) \leq 5 \log_2 n + 4(\log_2 n + \log_2 n + 2(6 \log_2 n + 2n + \log_2 n) + 6 \log_2 n)(2 \cdot 2^{\log_2 n} - 1)$$

Dropping the  $-1$  and doing all other operations, we have

$$T(n) \leq 5 \log_2 n + 152n \log_2 n + 32n^2$$

We know for all  $n > 2$ , we have  $1 \leq n^2$  and  $n \leq n^2$  so finally,

$$T(n) \leq 189n^2 \log_2 n.$$

### The formal proof.

We know  $\log_2 n \in O(n^{\frac{1}{2}})$  # From the hint

Then  $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}^+ : \exists B \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n > B \implies \log_2 n \leq cn^{\frac{1}{2}}.$

Let  $c_1 \in \mathbb{R}^+, B_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  be the numbers that satisfy the definition in the previous line.

Let  $c_0 = 189c_1$ ,  $B_0 = \max(B_1, 2) + 1$ . # From the informal estimation.

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then  $n > 2$ .

Then  $T(n) \leq 189n^2 \log_2 n$ . # See the informal estimation.

Also  $n > B_1$ .

Then  $\log_2 n \leq c_1 n^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

Then  $T(n) \leq 189c_1 n^{\frac{5}{2}}$ .

Then  $T(n) \leq c_0 n^{\frac{5}{2}}$ .

Then  $n > B_0 \implies T(n) \leq c_0 n^{\frac{5}{2}}$ .

Then  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n > B_0 \implies T(n) \leq c_0 n^{\frac{5}{2}}$ .

Then  $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}^+ : \exists B \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n > B \implies T(n) \leq cn^{\frac{5}{2}}$ .

Then  $T(n) \in O(n^{5/2})$ .

## Problem 2.

(6 MARKS) Using the appropriate definitions, prove the following:

1. (3 MARKS)

$$7n^2 + 77n + 1 \in \Theta(n^2 + n + 165).$$

2. (3 MARKS)

$$n \log(n^7) + n^{\frac{7}{2}} \in O(n^{\frac{7}{2}}).$$

## Solution

1. We will solve the problem by showing separately  $7n^2 + 77n + 1 \in \Omega(n^2 + n + 165)$  and  $7n^2 + 77n + 1 \in O(n^2 + n + 165)$ .

**Prove**  $7n^2 + 77n + 1 \in \Omega(n^2 + n + 165)$ .

Let  $c_0 = 1, b_0 = 3$ .

Then  $77n + 1 > 165$ .

Also  $n^2 > n$ .

Then  $7n^2 + 77n + 1 > 1 \cdot (n^2 + n + 165)$ .

Then  $n > B_0 \implies 7n^2 + 77n + 1 \geq c_0 \cdot (n^2 + n + 165)$ .

Then  $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}^+ : \exists B \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n > B \implies 7n^2 + 77n + 1 \geq c \cdot (n^2 + n + 165)$ .

Then  $7n^2 + 77n + 1 \in \Omega(n^2 + n + 165)$ .

**Prove**  $7n^2 + 77n + 1 \in O(n^2 + n + 165)$ .

Let  $B_0 = 0, c_0 = 77$ .

Then  $7n^2 + 77n + 1 < 77n^2 + 77n + 77 \cdot 165 = 77(n^2 + n + 165)$ .

Then  $n > B_0 \implies 7n^2 + 77n + 1 \leq c_0(n^2 + n + 165)$ .

Then  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n > B_0 \implies 7n^2 + 77n + 1 \leq c_0(n^2 + n + 165)$ .

Then  $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}^+ : \exists B \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n > B \implies 7n^2 + 77n + 1 \leq c(n^2 + n + 165)$ .

Then  $7n^2 + 77n + 1 \in O(n^2 + n + 165)$ .

2. We know  $\log n \in O(n^{\frac{5}{2}})$ . # From the hint, prob.1

Then  $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}^+ : \exists B \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n > B \implies \log n \leq cn^{\frac{5}{2}}$ .

Let  $c_1 \in \mathbb{R}^+, B_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  be the elements that satisfy the above.

Let  $c_0 = 7c_1 + 1, B_0 = B_1$ .

Then  $c_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+, B_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $n > B_0$ .

Then  $n \log n^7 + n^{\frac{7}{2}} = 7n \log n + n^{\frac{7}{2}}$   
 $\leq 7n(c_1 n^{\frac{5}{2}}) + n^{\frac{7}{2}} = (7c_1 + 1)n^{\frac{7}{2}}$   
 Then  $n > B_0 \implies n \log n^7 + n^{\frac{7}{2}} \leq c_0 n^{\frac{7}{2}}$ .  
 Then  $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}^+ : \exists B \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n > B \implies n \log n^7 + n^{\frac{7}{2}} \leq cn^{\frac{7}{2}}$ .  
 Then  $n \log(n^7) + n^{\frac{7}{2}} \in O(n^{\frac{7}{2}})$ .

### Problem 3.

(6 MARKS) Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{f \mid f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+\}$ . Using the appropriate definitions, prove or disprove the following:

1. (3 MARKS)

$$\forall f, g \in \mathcal{F} : \log f(n) \in O(g(n)) \implies f(n) \in O(3^{g(n)}).$$

2. (3 MARKS)

$$\forall f \in \mathcal{F} : \lfloor \sqrt{\lfloor f(n) \rfloor} \rfloor \in O(\sqrt{f(n)}).$$

### Solution

1. We disprove it.

Let  $f(n) = 9^n, g(n) = n$ .

Then  $f, g \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Then  $\log f(n) = n \log 9$ .

Let  $c_0 = \log 9, B_0 = 1$ .

Then  $c_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+, B_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then  $n > 1 \implies (\log 9)n \leq (\log 6)n$ .

Then  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n > 1 \implies (\log 9)n \leq (\log 9)n$ .

Then  $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}^+ : \exists B \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n > B \implies \log f(n) \leq cg(n)$ .

Then  $\log f(n) \in O(g(n))$ .

#Show that  $f(n) \notin O(3^{g(n)})$ .

Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}, B \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $n_0 = \max(B, \log_3 c) + 1$ .

Then  $n_0 > B$ .

Then  $9^{n_0} = (3^2)^{n_0} = 3^{2n_0} = 3^{n_0} 3^{n_0} > c 3^{n_0} = c 3^{g(n_0)}$ .

Then  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N} : n > B \wedge f(n) > c 3^{g(n)}$ .

Then  $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}^+ : \forall B \in \mathbb{N} : \exists n \in \mathbb{N} : n > B \wedge f(n) > 3^{g(n)}$ .

Then  $f(n) \notin O(3^{g(n)})$ .

Then  $\exists f, g \in \mathcal{F} : \log f(n) \in O(g(n)) \wedge f(n) \notin O(3^{g(n)})$ .

2. Let  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Let  $c_0 = 1, B_0 = 0$ .

Then  $c_0 \in \mathbb{R}, B_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $k = \lfloor \sqrt{\lfloor f(n) \rfloor} \rfloor$ .

Then  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .



Then  $k \leq \sqrt{\lfloor f(n) \rfloor} < k + 1$ . # By definition of the floor  
 Then  $k^2 \leq \lfloor f(n) \rfloor < (k + 1)^2$ . # All members are nonnegative  
 Then  $k^2 \leq f(n) < (k + 1)^2$ . #  $(k + 1)^2 - k^2 \geq 1$   
 Then  $k \leq \sqrt{f(n)} < (k + 1)$  # Extract square root, all members nonnegative  
 Then  $\lfloor \sqrt{\lfloor f(n) \rfloor} \rfloor \leq \sqrt{f(n)}$ .  
 Then  $n > B_0 \implies \lfloor \sqrt{\lfloor f(n) \rfloor} \rfloor \leq c_0 \sqrt{f(n)}$ .  
 Then  $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}^+ : \exists B \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n > B \implies \lfloor \sqrt{\lfloor f(n) \rfloor} \rfloor \leq c \sqrt{f(n)}$ .  
 Then  $\lfloor \sqrt{\lfloor f(n) \rfloor} \rfloor \in O(\sqrt{f(n)})$ .  
 Then  $\forall f \in \mathcal{F} : \lfloor \sqrt{\lfloor f(n) \rfloor} \rfloor \in O(\sqrt{f(n)})$ .

### Problem 4.

(6 MARKS) Recall that  $n! = 1 \cdot 2 \dots n$ . Also, by convention,  $0! = 1$ . Using the method of mathematical induction, prove the following:

1. (3 MARKS)

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : \sum_{i=0}^n i \cdot i! = (n+1)! - 1.$$

2. (3 MARKS)

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq 1 \rightarrow 2^n \leq 2^{n+1} - 2^{n-1} - 1.$$

### Solution

1. Let  $P(n) : \sum_{i=0}^n i \cdot i! = (n+1)! - 1$ .

**Basis step:** Prove  $P(0)$ .

$$\sum_{i=0}^0 i \cdot i! = 0 \cdot 1 = 0.$$

$$\text{Also } (0+1)! - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0.$$

Then  $P(0)$ .

**Inductive Step:**

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Assume  $P(n)$ .

$$\text{Then } \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} i \cdot i!$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^n i \cdot i! + (n+1)(n+1)!$$

$$= (n+1)! - 1 + (n+1)(n+1)! \text{ \#using inductive hypothesis}$$

$$= (n+2)(n+1)! - 1 \text{ \# Factoring } (n+1)!$$

$$= (n+2)! - 1. \text{ \# Using the definition of factorial}$$

Then  $P(n+1)$ .

$$\text{Then } P(n) \implies P(n+1).$$

$$\text{Then } \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq 0 \implies (P(n) \implies P(n+1)).$$

$$\text{Then } \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : \sum_{i=0}^n i \cdot i! = (n+1)! - 1.$$

2. Let  $P(n) : 2^n \leq 2^{n+1} - 2^{n-1} - 1$ .

**Basis Step:**

$$2^{1+1} - 2^{1-1} - 1 = 4 - 1 - 1 = 2 \geq 2^1.$$

Then  $P(1)$ .

**Inductive step**

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Assume  $n \geq 1$ .

Assume  $2^n \leq 2^{n+1} - 2^{n-1} - 1$ .

Then  $2^{n+1+1} - 2^{n+1-1} - 1 = 2^{n+2} - 2^n - 1 = 2(2^{n+1} - 2^{n-1} - 1) + 1$

$\geq 2 \cdot 2^n + 1$  #Using inductive hypothesis

$\geq 2^{n+1}$  # Elementary algebra

Then  $P(n+1)$ .

Then  $P(n) \implies P(n+1)$ .

Then  $n \geq 1 \implies (P(n) \implies P(n+1))$ .

Then  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq 1 \implies 2^n \leq 2^{n+1} - 2^{n-1} - 1$ .