

# CS 111 ASSIGNMENT 4

due February 19, 2024

**Problem 1:** Give an asymptotic estimate, using the  $\Theta$ -notation, of the number of letters printed by the algorithms given below. Give a complete justification for your answer, by providing an appropriate recurrence equation and its solution.

(a) **algorithm** PrintAs( $n$ )  
     **if**  $n \leq 1$  **then**  
         print("A")  
     **else**  
         **for**  $j \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n^3$   
             **do** print("A")  
         **for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to** 5 **do**  
             PrintAs( $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ )

(b) **algorithm** PrintBs( $n$ )  
     **if**  $n \geq 4$  **then**  
         **for**  $j \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n^2$   
             **do** print("B")  
         **for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to** 6 **do**  
             PrintBs( $\lfloor n/4 \rfloor$ )  
         **for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to** 10 **do**  
             PrintBs( $\lceil n/4 \rceil$ )

(c) **algorithm** PrintCs( $n$ )  
     **if**  $n \leq 2$  **then**  
         print("C")  
     **else**  
         **for**  $j \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n$   
             **do** print("C")  
         PrintCs( $\lfloor n/3 \rfloor$ )  
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(d) **algorithm** PrintDs( $n$ )  
     **if**  $n \geq 5$  **then**  
         print("D")  
         print("D")  
         **if**  $(x \equiv 0 \pmod{2})$  **then**  
             PrintDs( $\lfloor n/5 \rfloor$ )  
             PrintDs( $\lceil n/5 \rceil$ )  
              $x \leftarrow x + 3$   
         **else**  
             PrintDs( $\lceil n/5 \rceil$ )  
             PrintDs( $\lfloor n/5 \rfloor$ )  
              $x \leftarrow 5x + 3$

In part (d), variable  $x$  is a global variable initialized to 1.

The solutions for all the problems will use the master theorem, so I will just state it here. Let  $a \geq 1, b > 1, c > 0$  and  $d \geq 0$ . If  $T(n)$  satisfies the recurrence  $T(n) = aT(n/b) + cn^d$ .

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)}) & a > b^d \\ \Theta(n^d \log(n)) & a = b^d \\ \Theta(n^d) & a < b^d \end{cases}$$

**Solution 1:**

(a) This algorithm can be rewritten as the recurrence:  $A(n) = n^3 + 5A(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor)$ . Applying the master theorem, with  $a = 5, b = 2, c = 1, d = 3$ . Since  $a < b^d$ ,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^3)$ .

(b) This algorithm can be rewritten as the recurrence:  $B(n) = n^2 + 6B(\lfloor n/4 \rfloor) + 10B(\lceil n/4 \rceil) = 16B(n/4) + n^2 \implies a = 16, b = 4, c = 1, d = 2$ . From the master theorem, since  $a = b^d$ ,  $B(n) = \Theta(n^2 \log(n))$ .

(c) This algorithm can be rewritten as the recurrence:  $C(n) = 4C(\lfloor n/3 \rfloor) + n$ . Applying the master theorem, with  $a = 4, b = 3, c = 1, d = 1 \implies a > b^d \implies C(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_3 4})$ .

(d) This algorithm can be rewritten as the recurrence:  $D(n) = 2 + 2D(n/5)$ . The reason for the  $2D(n/5)$  is because there even though there are four recursive calls in the code, only two are executed in any given iteration. Applying the master theorem, with  $a = 2, b = 5, c = 2, d = 0 \implies a > b^d$ , we have  $B(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_5(2)})$ .

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**Problem 2:** We have three sets  $A, B, C$  with the following properties:

- (a)  $|B| = 2|A|, |C| = 3|A|,$
- (b)  $|A \cap B| = 18, |A \cap C| = 20, |B \cap C| = 24,$
- (c)  $|A \cap B \cap C| = 11,$
- (d)  $|A \cup B \cup C| = 129.$

Use the inclusion-exclusion principle to determine the number of elements in  $A$ . Show your work.

**Solution 2:** According to the inclusion exclusion principle, we have:

$$|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|.$$

We can substitute the values from (b), (c), (d) into the principle:

$129 = |A| + |B| + |C| - 18 - 20 - 24 + 11 \implies |A| + |B| + |C| = 180.$  To solve this, we want to put everything in terms of a single variable. From (a), we know the relationships between the three variables. I will choose to express everything in terms of  $|A|$ . Plugging this in, we get

$$|A| + 2|A| + 3|A| = 180 \implies |A| = 30.$$

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**Problem 3:** A company, Nice Inc., will award 45 fellowships to high-achieving UCR students from four different majors: computer science, biology, political science and history. They decided to give fellowship awards to at least 8 students majoring in computer science and at most 8 biology majors. The number of political science and history majors should be between 5 and 12 students each. How many possible lists of awardees are there? You need to give a complete derivation for the final answer, using the method developed in class. (Brute force listing of all lists will not be accepted.)

**Solution 3:** Let's say that the number of CS awards is C, biology is B, political science is P, history is H. We can express the conditions as:

$$C \geq 8$$

$$B \leq 8$$

$$5 \leq P, H, \leq 12$$

$$C + B + P + H = 45$$

We can substitute  $B' = B - 5$  and  $P' = P - 5$  ( $0 \leq P', H' \leq 7$ ) into the sum. Also, since C has no restrictions on the upper bound, we can kind of exclude it for now<sup>1</sup> (and subtract 8). We can now write:

$$B + P' + H' = 27.$$

We can also let the number of partitions that fit these conditions be the total number of partitions ( $S()$ ) minus the number of invalid partitions:

$$S(B \leq 8 \wedge P' \leq 7 \wedge H' \leq 7)$$

$$= S() - S(B \geq 9 \vee P' \geq 8 \vee H' \geq 8).$$

We know that the total number of partitions,

$$S() = \binom{m+k-1}{k-1}, m = 27, k = 4 \implies S() = \binom{30}{3} = 4060.$$

m is the total number of awards, and k is the number of groups.

We can also calculate the number of invalid partitions using the inclusion-exclusion principle. Also, the number of partitions with conditions is  $\binom{m-A+k-1}{k-1}$ , where A is the sum of the lower bounds.

$$S(B \geq 9 \vee P' \geq 8 \vee H' \geq 8) =$$

$$S(B \geq 9) + S(P' \geq 8) + S(H' \geq 8)$$

$$- S(B \geq 9 \wedge P' \geq 8) - S(B \geq 9 \wedge P' \geq 8) - S(B \geq 8 \wedge P' \geq 8)$$

$$+ S(B \geq 9 \wedge P' \geq 8 \wedge H' \geq 8)$$

$$= \binom{27-9+4-1}{4-1} + \binom{27-8+4-1}{4-1} + \binom{27-8+4-1}{4-1}$$

$$- \binom{27-(9+8)+4-1}{4-1} - \binom{27-(9+8)+4-1}{4-1} - \binom{27-(8+8)+4-1}{4-1} - \binom{27-(9+8+8)+4-1}{4-1}$$

$$+ \binom{27-(8+8+9)+4-1}{4-1}$$

$$= 1330 + 1540 + 1540 - 286 - 286 - 364 + 10 = 3484.$$

Subtracting the total with the number of invalid partitions, we get  $4060 - 3484 = 576$ .

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<sup>1</sup>As you may notice, later on when we find the number of integer partitions, we choose  $k=4$ , which includes C. So how could we account for C in k, yet exclude it in m? This is because we are essentially setting aside 8 slots for C (which is why we subtract 8 from 45), and then seeing how many integer partitions exist. Due to the way the partition formula works, there's no reason that  $B + P' + H'$  cannot actually add up to less than 27. This is because we are assuming there is a fourth group (C) that will fill that void.

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**Academic integrity declaration.** I did this homework by myself. I got help from office hours, though.