

Algos - Reading

Assignment 1

Problem 1-1. a) The order is $(f_5, f_3, f_4, f_1, f_2)$.

f_2 grows faster than f_1 : suppose $n > 4$, then $\log(n) > 2$ so that $\log(n)^n > 2^n$, which grows faster than $n \log(n)$.

b) The order is $(f_1, f_2, f_5, f_4, f_3)$.

Note that f_4 grows faster than f_5 since it has an exponential growth in the exponent, whereas f_5 has polynomial growth.

f_3 grows faster than f_4 since we can rewrite $f_4 = 6006^{(2^n)} = (2^{\log_2(6006)})^{2^n} = 2^{\log_2(6006)2^n}$, and 6006^n grows faster than 2^n .

c) The order is $(\{f_2, f_5\}, f_4, f_1, f_3)$.

To find the growth of $f_4 = \binom{n}{\frac{n}{6}}$ note that $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ and suppose that $k < n - k$. From this we have two bounds:

$$1. \binom{n}{k} \geq \frac{1}{2} \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \geq \frac{1}{2} (n-k)^k$$

and

$$2. \binom{n}{k} \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{n!}{k!} \leq \frac{1}{2} n^{n-k}$$

When $k = \frac{n}{6}$ we see from the latter inequality that f_4 grows slower than n^n .

$(6n)! \sim \sqrt{12\pi n} \left(\frac{6n}{e}\right)^{6n}$ so that f_3 grows faster than f_1 .

d) The order is $(f_5, f_2, f_1, f_3, f_4)$.

Simplifying $f_3 = (2^2)^{3n \log(n)} = n^{6n}$

Note that if $\log\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right) \rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$ then $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \rightarrow \infty$ as well, and since $n^2 \log(7) - 6n \log(n) \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ we have that f_4 grows faster than f_3 .

Problem 1-2. (a)

D.exchange_at(i,j):

 set j to be the larger value

 right_at = D.delete_at(j)

 left_at = D.delete_at(i)

 D.insert_at(i, right_at)

 D.insert_at(j, left_at)

reverse(D,i,k):

 set n = floor(k/2)

 for j in 1 to n:

 D.exchange_at(i, i+k - j)

b)

move(D,i,k,j):

 for n in 0..k-1:

 item = D.delete_at(i+n)

 D.insert_at(j+n-1, item)

Problem 1-4. (a)