

## Assignment 1 Part 1 (due Sunday, May 24, midnight EST)

### Instructions:

- Hand in your assignment using Crowdmark. Detailed instructions are on the course website.
- Give complete legible solutions to all questions.
- Your answers will be marked for clarity as well as correctness.
- For any algorithm you present, you should justify its correctness (if it is not obvious) and analyze the complexity.

1. [8 marks] Give a proof from first principles (not using limits) the following statements:

(a) [4 marks]

$$n^{2.7} - 100n^{2.4} + 1000 \in \omega(n^{2.5})$$

We want to prove for all constant  $c > 0$ , there exists a  $n_0$  such that  $|n^{2.7} - 100n^{2.4} + 1000| > |n^{2.5}|$  for all  $n > n_0$

If  $c > 1$

Let  $n_0 = 10^{10}c^{10}$  and  $n \geq n_0$

$$\begin{aligned} |n^{2.7} - 100n^{2.4} + 1000| &= n^{2.5} \left( n^{0.2} - \frac{100}{n^{0.1}} + \frac{1000}{n^{2.5}} \right) \\ &\geq n^{2.5} \left( 10^2 c^2 - \frac{100}{n^{0.1}} + \frac{1000}{n^{2.5}} \right) \\ &\geq n^{2.5} \left( 10^2 c^2 - \frac{100}{10c} + \frac{1000}{n^{2.5}} \right) \\ &= n^{2.5} \left( 10^2 c^2 - \frac{10}{c} + \frac{1000}{n^{2.5}} \right) \\ &> n^{2.5} \left( 10^2 c^2 - \frac{10}{c} + 1 \right) \text{ since } \frac{1000}{n^{2.5}} \leq \frac{1000}{10^{25}c^{25}} = \frac{1}{10^{22}c^{25}} < 1 \\ &> cn^{2.5} \\ &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

If  $0 < c \leq 1$  Let  $n_0 = 10^{10}$  and  $n \geq n_0$

$$\begin{aligned} n^{2.7} - 100n^{2.4} + 1000 &= n^{2.5} \left( n^{0.2} - \frac{100}{n^{0.1}} + \frac{1000}{n^{2.5}} \right) \\ &\geq n^{2.5} \left( 10^2 - \frac{100}{10} + \frac{1000}{n^{2.5}} \right) \\ &< n^{2.5} (100 - 10 + 1) \text{ since } \frac{1000}{n^{2.5}} \leq \frac{1}{10^{22}} < 1 \\ &= 91n^{2.5} \\ &> c \\ &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $n^{2.7} - 100n^{2.4} + 1000 \in \omega(n^{2.5})$

(b) [4 marks] Let  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  be positive-valued functions. Then:

$$\max\{f(n), g(n)\} = \Theta(f(n) + g(n))$$

We want to prove that there exists  $c_1 > 0, c_2 > 0$  such that

$$c_1|f(n) + g(n)| \leq |\max\{f(n), g(n)\}| \leq c_2(f(n) + g(n))$$

for all  $n \leq n_0$  Let  $c_1 = \frac{1}{2}, c_2 = 1$

$$2 \max\{f(n), g(n)\} \leq f(n) + g(n)$$

$$\text{Hence, } \max\{f(n), g(n)\} \leq \frac{1}{2}(f(n) + g(n)) \text{ for all } n$$

If  $\max\{f(n), g(n)\} = f(n)$ ,

$\max\{f(n), g(n)\} = f(n) < f(n) + g(n)$  since  $g(n) > 0$  for all  $n$

If  $\max\{f(n), g(n)\} = g(n)$ ,

$\max\{f(n), g(n)\} = g(n) < f(n) + g(n)$  since  $f(n) > 0$  for all  $n$

Therefore  $\max\{f(n), g(n)\} = \Theta(f(n) + g(n))$

2. [12 marks] For each pair of functions  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$ , fill in the correct asymptotic notation among  $\Theta$ ,  $o$ , and  $\omega$  in the statement  $f(n) \in \square(g(n))$ . Formal proofs are not necessary, but provide brief justifications for all of your answers. (The default base in logarithms is 2.)

(a)  $f(n) = (8n)^{250} + (3n + 1000)^{500}$  vs.  $g(n) = n^{500} + (n + 1000)^{400}$

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 3^{500}$$

(b)  $f(n) = n^{1.5}2^n$  vs.  $g(n) = (n)^{100}1.99^n$ .

$$f(n) \in \omega(g(n))$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{1.5}2^n}{n^{100}1.99^n} = \frac{(\frac{2}{1.99})^n}{n^{98.5}} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \infty$$

(c)  $f(n) = (256)^{n/4}$  vs.  $g(n) = (125)^{n/3}$

$$f(n) \in o(g(n))$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{256^{n/4}}{125^{n/3}} = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^n = 0$$

(d)  $f(n) = 2^{\log(n) \cdot \log(n)}$  vs.  $g(n) = n^{2012}$

$$f(n) \in \omega(g(n))$$

$$f(n) = 2^{\log(n) \cdot \log(n)} = n^{\log(n)}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{\log(n)}}{n^{2012}} > \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{2013}}{n^{2012}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n = \infty$$

3. [10 marks] Analyze the following pseudocodes and give a tight  $\Theta$  bound on the running time as a function of  $n$ . Carefully show your work.

(a) [5 marks]

1. for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do
2.      $A[i] = \text{true}$
3. for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do
4.      $j = i$
5.     while  $j \leq n$  do
6.          $A[j] = \text{false}$
7.          $j = j + i$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= n + \sum_{i=1}^n \lfloor \frac{2n}{i} \rfloor \\
 &\leq n + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2n}{i} \\
 &= n + 2n\Theta(\log n) \\
 &\in O(n \log n)
 \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= n + \sum_{i=1}^n \lfloor \frac{2n}{i} \rfloor \\
 &\geq n + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \\
 &= n + n\Theta(\log n) \\
 &\in \Omega(n \log n)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $T(n) \in \Theta(n \log n)$

- (b) [5 marks] The following is a sorting algorithm that sorts an array  $A$  of  $n$  integers, where each integer  $e_i \in A$  is  $0 \leq e_i \leq m-1$ . Go through the code and verify that this algorithm indeed sorts  $A$  correctly.

1. for  $i = 0$  to  $m - 1$  do
2.      $\text{counts}[i] = 0$
3. for  $i = 0$  to  $n - 1$  do
4.      $\text{counts}[A[i]] ++$
5.  $k = 0$
6. for  $i = 0$  to  $m - 1$  do
7.     for  $j = 0$  to  $\text{counts}[i] - 1$  do
8.          $A[k] = i, k = k + 1$

line 2 executes  $m$  times, line 4 executes  $n$  times, line 8 executes exactly  $n$  time since  $A$  has size  $n$ .

Putting all together,

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= m + n + 1 + n \\ &\in \Theta(\max(m, n)) \end{aligned}$$

4. [12 marks] Given a string  $s = a_1a_2\dots a_n$  of length  $n$ , where  $a_1a_2\dots a_n \in \{0, 1\}$ , decide whether  $s$  is the  $k$ th power of a sub-string  $t$ , i.e.,  $s = t^k$ , for some  $k > 1$  and string  $t$ . Here,  $t^k$  denotes the string  $t$  repeated  $k$  times. For example, 01000100, 10101010, and 000000, are all perfect powers (e.g. 01000100 = 0100<sup>2</sup>) but 01000110 is not.

Give an algorithm that solves this problem in  $O(n^{3/2})$  time. Describe your algorithm, provide the pseudocode, and analyze the run-time of your algorithm.

Hint: Observe that if  $s = t^k$ , and  $t$  has length  $\ell$ , then  $n = \ell k$ . This implies that  $\ell$  and  $k$  cannot both be greater than  $\sqrt{n}$ .

IsPerfectPwoer(s) first loops through 2 to  $\sqrt{n}$  to find all possible values of  $l$  that divides  $n$ . For each valid value  $l$ , it checks whether each sub-string with length  $l$  is actually equal. Then, it switches the value of  $l$  and  $k$ , i.e. let  $l = n/l$  and do the exactly same process to check if all substring are equal.

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**Algorithm 1:** IsPerfectPwoer(s)

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1 for  $i = 2$  to  $\sqrt{n}$  do
2    $l = i$ 
3   if  $l$  divides  $n$  then
4     for  $j = 1$  to  $n/l - 1$  do
5       if  $s[j \times l \dots (j + 1) \times l] \neq s[0 \dots l - 1]$  then
6         break
7       if  $j == n/l - 1$  then
8         return True
9      $l = n/l$ 
10    for  $j = 1$  to  $n/l - 1$  do
11      if  $s[j \times l \dots (j + 1) \times l] \neq s[0 \dots l - 1]$  then
12        break
13      if  $j == n/l - 1$  then
14        return True
15 return False

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**Run-time analysis:** The outer loop(line 1-14) iterates at most  $\sqrt{n}$  times. Both inner loops(line 4-8, 10-14) iterates at most  $n/l - 1$  times.

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq \sqrt{n} \times 2\left(\frac{n}{l} - 1\right) \\ &\leq 2n^{\frac{3}{2}} - n^{\frac{1}{2}}, \text{ since } l \geq 1 \\ &\in O(n^{\frac{3}{2}}) \end{aligned}$$