



COMP1805A - Test 3 (Section B2 - 10:35am)

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20 points total

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Instructions: This is a closed book exam. No calculators are allowed. All questions should be answered on this sheet in the space provided. Print the single initial of your last name in box on the top-left corner of the test. You have 40 minutes.

Sums: $\sum_{i=0}^n i^2 = n^3/3 + n^2/2 + n/6$, $\sum_{i=0}^n i^3 = n^4/4 + n^3/2 + n^2/4$, $\sum_{i=0}^n i^4 = n^5/5 + n^4/2 + n^3/3 - n/30$

1. (5pts) Prove or disprove that $f(n) = 2n^3 - 3n^2 + 5 \in \Omega(n^3)$

Let $c = 1$ and $n_0 = 3$. Then, for all $n \geq n_0 = 3$, notice that

$$\begin{aligned} n &\geq 3 \\ \Rightarrow n^3 &\geq 3n^2 \quad (\text{since } n \geq 1) \\ \Rightarrow n^3 - 3n^2 &\geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2n^3 - 3n^2 &\geq n^3 \quad (\text{add } n^3 \text{ to both sides}) \\ \Rightarrow 2n^3 - 3n^2 + 5 &\geq n^3 \quad (\text{since } 5 > 0) \\ \Rightarrow 2n^3 - 3n^2 + 5 &\geq cn^3 \quad (\text{since } c = 1) \\ \Rightarrow f(n) &\geq cn^3 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the definition of big-Omega, using the constants $c = 1$ and $n_0 = 3$, we have proven that $f(n) \in \Omega(n^3)$. \square

2. (5pts) Compute $S(n) = \sum_{i=2}^n (3 - 2i)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=2}^n (3 - 2i) &= \sum_{i=2}^n (3) + \sum_{i=2}^n (-2i) \quad (\text{split the sum}) \\ &= 3 \sum_{i=2}^n 1 - 2 \sum_{i=2}^n i \quad (\text{pull out constants}) \\ &= 3(n - 2 + 1) - 2 \sum_{i=2}^n i \quad (\text{evaluate first sum}) \\ &= 3(n - 1) - 2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n i - \sum_{i=1}^1 i \right) \quad (\text{adjust for sum limits}) \\ &= 3n - 3 - 2 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 2(1) \quad (\text{evaluate sums}) \\ &= -n^2 + 2n - 1 \quad (\text{arithmetic}) \end{aligned}$$

3. (5pts) Prove or disprove that if $f(n) \in \Theta(h(n))$ then $10000 \cdot f(n) \in O(h(n))$.

Since $f(n) \in \Theta(h(n))$, we know that there exist constants $c_1 > 0$, $c_2 > 0$ and $n_0 \geq 0$, such that for all $n \geq n_0$

$$c_1 h(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 h(n).$$

Now, let $c' = 10000c_2$ and $n'_0 = n_0$. Then, for all $n \geq n'_0 = n_0$, notice that

$$10000 \cdot f(n) \leq 10000 \cdot (c_2 h(n)) = (10000c_2) h(n) = c' h(n).$$

That is, for all $n \geq n'_0$ we have

$$10000f(n) \leq c'h(n)$$

Therefore, using the definition of big-O, with constants $c' = 10000c_2$ and $n'_0 = n_0$, we have shown that $10000f(n) \in O(h(n))$. \square

4. (5pts) Prove the following: For all integers, $5x - 4$ is even if and only if $3x + 7$ is odd. You may use the following results without proof:

- n is an even integer iff $n = 2k$ for some integer k
- n is an odd integer iff $n = 2k + 1$ for some integer k
- n is a rational number if $n = a/b$ for some integers a, b , with $b \neq 0$
- if a and b are integers, then $a \times b$, $a + b$ and $a - b$ are integers.

Since we have a biconditional (if and only if) we'll prove each direction independently. First, notice that

$$\begin{aligned} &5x - 4 \text{ is even} \quad (\text{assumption}) \\ \Rightarrow &5x - 4 = 2k \quad (\text{for some integer } k) \\ \Rightarrow &5x - 4 + (-2x + 11) = 2k + (-2x + 11) \quad (\text{add } -2x + 11 \text{ to both sides}) \\ \Rightarrow &3x + 7 = 2(k - x + 5) + 1 \quad (\text{where } k - x + 5 \text{ is an integer}) \\ \Rightarrow &3x + 7 \text{ is an odd number} \end{aligned}$$

Next we prove the other direction:

$$\begin{aligned} &3x + 5 \text{ is odd} \quad (\text{assumption}) \\ \Rightarrow &3x + 7 = 2k + 1 \quad (\text{for some integer } k) \\ \Rightarrow &3x + 7 + (2x - 11) = 2k + 1 + (2x - 11) \quad (\text{add } 2x - 11 \text{ from both sides}) \\ \Rightarrow &5x - 4 = 2k + 1 + 2x + 11 \\ \Rightarrow &5x - 4 = 2(k + x + 6) \quad (\text{arithmetic}) \\ \Rightarrow &5x - 4 \text{ is even} \end{aligned}$$

Since $A \Leftrightarrow B$ is equivalent to $A \Rightarrow B \wedge B \Rightarrow A$, we have thus prove that $5x - 4$ is even if and only if $3x + 7$ is odd. \square