

CS340 – Advanced Data Structures and Algorithm Design – Fall 2020  
Assignment 1 – September 11, 2020

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- Please submit a single pdf (can include scans/photographs of your handwriting) including code listings and screenshots/listings of results from running your code. The single pdf must be submitted through UR Courses.
- Please submit, in a separate file, your C++ code (compilable in Visual Studio or g++) through UR Courses.

*Problem 1* (1+1+1+1 marks). For each of the following functions  $T$ , determine the simplest possible function  $f$  such that  $T(N) = \Theta(f(N))$ . Show the calculation that simplifies  $T(N)$  if necessary. You do not have to prove that  $T(N) = \Theta(f(N))$ , i.e., you do not need to give the constants  $c$  and  $n_0$ .

(a)  $T(N) = 5.3 \cdot N^2 \cdot N\sqrt{N} + 22N^3 \cdot \log(N) + 100N\sqrt{N}$

(b)  $T(N) = \frac{(96 \log(N) \log(N) + 500 \cdot N^2) \cdot 0.1}{4N}$

(c)  $T(N) = \frac{0.11 \cdot N \cdot \log^4(N) + 5N}{\log(N)}$

(d)  $T(N) = \frac{3}{N^2} \cdot \log(N) \cdot (12 \cdot \log(N) + \cdot 3^N + 19)$

*Problem 2* (3+3 marks). (a) Let  $T : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  and  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  be any two functions. Prove that  $[T(N) = o(f(N)) \text{ and } f(N) = \Theta(g(N))]$  implies  $T(N) = o(g(N))$ . Hint: If you use definitions from class and the argument we used to explain why  $0.05N^2 + 1000N = O(N^3)$  (though that's not the best possible Big-O bound), then you do not need to use constants  $c$  or  $n_0$  in your argument.

(b) Provide functions  $T : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ ,  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ , and  $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  such that  $T(N) = O(g(N))$ ,  $f(N) = o(g(N))$ , and  $T(N) \neq \Omega(f(N))$  simultaneously. Explain your choice (without proof).

*Problem 3* (3+3+3 marks). For each of the following code fragments, determine the best possible asymptotic upper bound on its running time, depending on  $n$ . Give a brief explanation for each of your answers.

```
(a) for (i = n; i > 0; i--)  
    for (j = 0; j < n; j=j+2)  
        cout << "It's not winter yet." << endl;  
  
(b) for (i = 1; i < n; i=2*i)  
    for (j = 0; j < floor(n/2); j++)  
        cout << "And even though winter is bound to come, it won't  
        last forever." << endl;  
  
(c) int myFunction(int n)  
    {  
        if (n<=1)  
            return 1;  
        else  
            return myFunction(n-1)*n;  
    }
```

*Problem 4* (4+2+4 marks). (a) Write a C++ program according to the following requirements.

- Your main program expects at least one integer value `n` as its input (in order to later evaluate `assignment1Algorithm` on input `n`). You can either let your program accept more than one input at once or you can just call it several times if you want to observe the behaviour of `assignment1Algorithm(n)` for several values of `n`. Input values can be passed when calling the program or can be prompted by the program, as you prefer.
- Your main program declares variables named `start` and `finish` of type `clock_t`.
- In order to evaluate `assignment1Algorithm` on input `n`, your main program processes the following fragment.  

```
start = clock();
result = assignment1Algorithm(n);
finish = clock();
timeUsed = ((long double)(finish - start))/CLOCKS_PER_SEC;
```

This essentially stores the total time consumed by `assignment1Algorithm(n)` in `timeUsed`.
- Your program outputs the following values (via `std::cout`) for every input value `n`:
  - (i) the result returned by `assignment1Algorithm(n)`, stored in a variable named `result`,
  - (ii) the value of `n` divided by `result`,
  - (iii) the value of `n*log2(n)` divided by `result`,
  - (iv) the value of `pow(n,1.5)` divided by `result`,
  - (v) the total time `timeUsed` used by `assignment1Algorithm` on input `n`,<sup>1</sup>
  - (vi) the value of `n` divided by `timeUsed`,<sup>1</sup>
  - (vii) the value of `n*log2(n)` divided by `timeUsed`,<sup>1</sup>
  - (viii) the value of `pow(n,1.5)` divided by `timeUsed`.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>You may multiply the values (v) through (viii) by a constant factor (like  $10^5$  or  $10^6$ ) to be able to better observe the differences between the numbers you record.

In this problem, the C++ code for `assignment1Algorithm` is the following:

```
long long assignment1Algorithm(long long n)
{
    long long sum = 0;

    for(long long i=1; i<=n; i++)
    {
        for(long long j=n; j>1; j=floor(j/2))
        {
            sum += 1;
        }
    }
    return(sum);
}
```

- (b) Report the output of your program on the following inputs for `n`: 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000, 100,000, 1,000,000, 10,000,000, 20,000,000, 50,000,000, 100,000,000, 300,000,000.
- (c) Taking the outputs reported in (b) into account, what do you conclude concerning the asymptotic growth of the result returned by `assignment1Algorithm(n)` for growing `n`? What do you conclude concerning the asymptotic growth of the running time of `assignment1Algorithm(n)` for growing `n`? What do you conclude about the growth rates of the three functions  $f_1(n) = n$ ,  $f_2(n) = n \cdot \log(n)$ , and  $f_3(n) = n\sqrt{n}$ , compared to one another?