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# FÍSICA COMPUTACIONAL

## Homework #1

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Please solve the following problems and email your solutions in a comprehensive pdf file to both  
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**Problem #1:**

Let  $A[1 \dots n]$  be an array of  $n$  distinct numbers. If  $i < j$  and  $A[i] > A[j]$ , then the pair  $(i, j)$  is called an ***inversion*** of  $A$ .

- a.** List the five inversions of the array  $\langle 2, 3, 8, 6, 1 \rangle$ .
- b.** What array with elements from the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  has the most inversions? How many does it have?
- c.** What is the relationship between the running time of insertion sort and the number of inversions in the input array? Justify your answer.
- d.** Give an algorithm that determines the number of inversions in any permutation on  $n$  elements in  $\Theta(n \lg n)$  worst-case time. (*Hint:* Modify merge sort.)

**Problem #2:**

Indicate, for each pair of expressions  $(A, B)$  in the table below, whether  $A$  is  $O$ ,  $o$ ,  $\Omega$ ,  $\omega$ , or  $\Theta$  of  $B$ . Assume that  $k \geq 1$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$ , and  $c > 1$  are constants. Your answer should be in the form of the table with “yes” or “no” written in each box.

	$A$	$B$	$O$	$o$	$\Omega$	$\omega$	$\Theta$
<b>a.</b>	$\lg^k n$	$n^\epsilon$					
<b>b.</b>	$n^k$	$c^n$					
<b>c.</b>	$\sqrt{n}$	$n^{\sin n}$					
<b>d.</b>	$2^n$	$2^{n/2}$					
<b>e.</b>	$n^{\lg c}$	$c^{\lg n}$					
<b>f.</b>	$\lg(n!)$	$\lg(n^n)$					

**Problem #3:**

- a. Rank the following functions by order of growth; that is, find an arrangement  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{30}$  of the functions satisfying  $g_1 = \Omega(g_2)$ ,  $g_2 = \Omega(g_3)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $g_{29} = \Omega(g_{30})$ . Partition your list into equivalence classes such that functions  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  are in the same class if and only if  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ .

$\lg(\lg^* n)$	$2^{\lg^* n}$	$(\sqrt{2})^{\lg n}$	$n^2$	$n!$	$(\lg n)!$
$(\frac{3}{2})^n$	$n^3$	$\lg^2 n$	$\lg(n!)$	$2^{2^n}$	$n^{1/\lg n}$
$\ln \ln n$	$\lg^* n$	$n \cdot 2^n$	$n^{\lg \lg n}$	$\ln n$	1
$2^{\lg n}$	$(\lg n)^{\lg n}$	$e^n$	$4^{\lg n}$	$(n+1)!$	$\sqrt{\lg n}$
$\lg^*(\lg n)$	$2^{\sqrt{2 \lg n}}$	$n$	$2^n$	$n \lg n$	$2^{2^{n+1}}$

- b. Give an example of a single nonnegative function  $f(n)$  such that for all functions  $g_i(n)$  in part (a),  $f(n)$  is neither  $O(g_i(n))$  nor  $\Omega(g_i(n))$ .

**Problem #4:**

Write pseudocode for the brute-force method of solving the maximum-subarray problem. Your procedure should run in  $\Theta(n^2)$  time.

**Problem #5:**

Use the following ideas to develop a nonrecursive, linear-time algorithm for the maximum-subarray problem. Start at the left end of the array, and progress toward the right, keeping track of the maximum subarray seen so far. Knowing a maximum subarray of  $A[1 \dots j]$ , extend the answer to find a maximum subarray ending at index  $j+1$  by using the following observation: a maximum subarray of  $A[1 \dots j+1]$  is either a maximum subarray of  $A[1 \dots j]$  or a subarray  $A[i \dots j+1]$ , for some  $1 \leq i \leq j+1$ . Determine a maximum subarray of the form  $A[i \dots j+1]$  in constant time based on knowing a maximum subarray ending at index  $j$ .

**Problem #6:**

How would you modify Strassen's algorithm to multiply  $n \times n$  matrices in which  $n$  is not an exact power of 2? Show that the resulting algorithm runs in time  $\Theta(n^{\lg 7})$ .