CSCI104 Written Homework 1

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1. Problem 1

(a) Observe that after k iterations of the loop we have $i = 2^{2^k}$. Since the body of the loop only runs when i < n, we have that for some n, the loop runs

$$\lfloor \log_2(\log_2(n-1)) \rfloor$$

times. Therefore the runtime is $\lfloor \log_2(\log_2(n-1)) \rfloor \cdot \Theta(1) = \Theta(\log(\log(n)))$.

(b) Observe that for some n, the inner for loop runs $n/\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor$ times. Since the inner loop scales at a factor of n^3 , the runtime of the inner loop is $\Theta(n^3)$. All together, the runtime is

$$n/\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor \cdot \Theta(n^3) = \Theta(n^{3.5})$$

- (c) Observe that the innermost for loop will run at most n times because the array A is never changed. Since the inner loop runs at $\log_2(n)$, we have that the upper bound runtime is $O(n^2 + n\log(n)) = O(n^2)$. On the other hand, the lower bound runtime is also $\Omega(n^2)$ since the comparison has to run at least n^2 times, even if the inner loop never runs.
- (d) Observe that the body of the if statement will run only if n > 10. Since the smaller numbers of n do not matter when considering runtime, we can assume n > 10. Now observe that the body of the if statement will run

$$\lfloor \log_{\frac{3}{2}}(\frac{n}{10}) + 1 \rfloor$$

times, and each time the body is run the number of operations is the current length of the array. Furthermore, the total number of operations coming from the if body is $\Theta(n)$, so we can deduce that the runtime of the total function is $\Theta(n+n) = \Theta(n)$.

2. Problem 2

- (a) We can list the recursive calls to *llrec* as follows:
 - llrec(p1, p5) returns 1,5,2,6,3,4
 - llrec(p5, p2) returns 5,2,6,3,4
 - llrec(p2, p6) returns 2,6,3,4
 - llrec(p6, p3) returns 6,3,4
 - llrec(p3, NIL) returns 3,4
- (b) Since in1 = nullptr, there is no recursive call and in2 = 2 is returned.