

Proof:

Q1] In order to prove  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation, we must show that the relation is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

Reflexive:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(n)} = 1$ , since every function grows the same rate as itself,  $f(n) \sim f(n)$  so  $\sim$  is reflexive.

Symmetric:  $f(n) \sim g(n) \iff g(n) \sim f(n)$  (reciprocal)  
 we know  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 1$ , so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(n)}{f(n)} = 1$ , since we already know that both functions grow at the same rate, so  $\sim$  is symmetric.

Transitive:  $f(n) \sim g(n)$  and  $g(n) \sim h(n)$  implies  $f(n) \sim h(n)$

If we know  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(n)}{h(n)} = 1$ , then we can multiply the limits using limit properties from Theorem 21.2 in the L&T textbook where  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f(n) \cdot g(n)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(n)$ .  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{h(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \cdot \frac{g(n)}{h(n)} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(n)}{h(n)} = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$ , so  $\sim$  is transitive.

Thus,  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation since the relation is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.  $\square$

Q2) Algorithm 1:  $O(n)$ , where  $t_1(n) = n$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  The 3rd operation happens linearly  $\rightarrow$  max of  $n$  runtime and all other operations are constant so  $O(n)$

Algorithm 2:  $O(\log(n))$ , where  $t_2(n) = \log(n)$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  The 3rd operation happens in  $\log_2(n)$  time and all other operations are constant so  $O(\log(n))$

Q3)  $(1 + \frac{1}{a}) (1 + \frac{1}{a^2}) (1 + \frac{1}{a^4}) \dots (1 + \frac{1}{a^{2^{100}}})$

$(1 + \frac{1}{a}) (1 + \frac{1}{a^2}) (1 + \frac{1}{a^4}) \dots (1 + \frac{1}{a^{2^{100}}}) \cdot \left( \frac{1 - \frac{1}{a}}{1 - \frac{1}{a^{2^{101}}}} \right) \rightarrow$  We can multiply our original equation by  $\left( \frac{1 - \frac{1}{a}}{1 - \frac{1}{a^{2^{101}}}} \right)$  since...

$(1 - \frac{1}{a}) (1 + \frac{1}{a}) (1 + \frac{1}{a^2}) =$

$(1 - \frac{1}{a^2}) (1 + \frac{1}{a^2}) = (1 - \frac{1}{a^4})$

rewritten version of  $1 - \frac{1}{a^{2^{101}}}$   
 $\frac{a^{2^{101}} - 1}{a^{2^{101}}}$   
 rewritten version of  $1 - \frac{1}{a}$   
 $\frac{a - 1}{a - 1}$   
 $\frac{a^{2^{101}} - 1}{a^{2^{101}} - 1} (a - 1)$   
 most simplified

When multiplying by the numerator of  $(1 - \frac{1}{a})$ , we can expand the first couple of terms and see that this pattern will continue and the exponent for the negative term will be equal to the next power of 2 in the sequence. Thus, we could have  $1 - \frac{1}{a^{2^{101}}}$  in the numerator. We then need to divide this by  $1 - \frac{1}{a}$  such that:

Q4] Recurrence Relation:  $T_n = 3T_{n-1} - T_{n-3}$  for  $n \geq 4$

Explanation: Our first digit can be 0, 1, or 2 initially, which would mean that the remaining  $n-1$  digits in the ternary sequence would result in  $a_{n-1}$  number of ternary sequences. This means that the <sup>total</sup> number of ternary sequences with digits 0, 1, 2 would be  $3T_{n-1}$  since we have 3 possible starting terms for our ternary sequence. However, there is one sequence of numbers "012" that can not occur within our ternary sequence. In other words, the number 0 can not be followed by 1 and 2 (3 digits total, so  $n-3$  digits remaining in each sequence), which means that we must exclude the associated  $a_{n-3}$  number of ternary sequences. If we subtract the  $a_{n-3}$  number of invalid ternary sequences with our total number of  $3T_{n-1}$  ternary sequences, we could thus get:  $T_n = 3T_{n-1} - T_{n-3}$

Q5] a)  $T_n = (n-1)(T_{n-1} + T_{n-2})$  for  $n \geq 2$

Explanation: Assume that our first check is placed in any  $n^{\text{th}}$  person's envelope that is not the correct person's envelope. This leaves  $n-1$  envelopes left + remaining to be filled. We then have two separate cases we can represent in our recurrence relation:

Case 1: If two of our checks occupy the other person's corresponding envelope, then we know that these two checks are not in their respective envelope. However, this still leaves  $n-2$  envelopes to be filled, which we could then repeat our process and can represent in the recurrence relation:  $T_{n-2}$

Case 2: With our initial check being placed in an incorrect envelope, we still need to assign the remaining checks to incorrect checks one-by-one until we have succeeded. In the event where Case 1 does not occur, we can then represent the one-by-one incorrect assignment of checks to envelopes as:  $T_{n-1}$

Thus, our recurrence relation is  $T_n = (n-1)(T_{n-1} + T_{n-2})$  for  $n \geq 3$

b)  $T_6 = (6-1)(T_5 + T_4)$

$T_6 = 5(44 + 9)$

$T_6 = 265$

$T_0 = 1$

$T_1 = 0$

$T_2 = 1$

$T_3 = 2$

$T_4 = 9$

$T_5 = (5-1)(T_4 + T_3)$

$= 4(9 + 2) = 44$