Homework 1 Solution

- 3. $5n^2 + n \log n + 7 \le 5n^2 + n^2 + 7n^2 = 13n^2$ when $n \ge 1$. Thus c = 13 and $n_0 = 1$. We can verify this because $5n^2 + n \log n + 7 13n^2 < 0$ when n = 1 and the derivative $-16n + \log(n) + 1 < 0$ for every $n \ge 1$.
- 4. If f = O(g(n)) then $f(n) \le c \cdot g(n)$ when $n \ge n_0$ for some constants c and n_0 . This also tells us that $\frac{1}{c}f(n) \le g(n)$ (or $g(n) \ge \frac{1}{c}g(n)$) when $n \ge n_0$. Since $\frac{1}{c}$ is just another constant, $g = \Omega(f(n))$.
- 5. We know that $f(n) \leq \max(f(n), g(n))$ and that $g(n) \leq \max(f(n), g(n))$. Thus $f(n) + g(n) \leq 2\max(f(n), g(n))$. This establishes that $f(n) + g(n) = O(\max(f(n), g(n)))$.

We also need to show the reverse. For positive functions, f(n) = O(f(n) + g(n)) and g(n) = O(f(n) + g(n)). Thus $\max(f(n), g(n)) = O(f(n) + g(n))$. Together, these establish that $O(\max(f(n), g(n))) = O(f(n) + g(n))$.

6. The loop header and conditional will each run at most n times and one or the other return statement will execute once. This makes the total running time O(n).

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Contains(A, k):
for i = 1 to len(A): #n+1 times
     if A[i] = k: #n times
         return true #1 time
return false #1 time
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7. This has a runtime of $O(\log n)$ as each iteration halves the number of items for consideration. Thus k iterations can differentiate 2^k items. If $n = 2^k$ then $k \approx \log n$.

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Seek(A, k):
 1 <- 1
 r <- len(A)
 while 1 < r:
     m <- (1 + r) / 2
     if A[m] < k:
         r = m
     elif A[m] > k:
         1 = m + 1
     else:
         return true
 return false
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