

## Theory Problems

**1.13)**

a) 17 is  $O(1)$

$$f(n)_1 = 17 \quad f(n)_2 = 1$$

$f(n)_1$  is  $O(f(n)_2)$  or 17 is  $O(1)$  because there exists a constant  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $17 \leq c * 1$  for  $n > n_0$ ,

**Proof**

Assuming  $c$  is some arbitrary constant,  $f(n)_1 \leq cf(n)_2$

$$\rightarrow 17 \leq C * 1$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{17}{1} \leq C$$

$$\rightarrow C \geq 17$$

Assuming  $C = 18$

If  $17 \leq 18 * 1$ , thus when  $c \geq 17$ , 17 is strictly bound above by a constant or  $O(1)$

b)  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  is  $O(n^2)$

$$f(n)_1 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \rightarrow \frac{n^2 - n}{2} \quad f(n)_2 = n^2$$

$f(n)_1$  is  $O(f(n)_2)$  or  $O(n^2)$  since there exists a constant  $C$  and  $n_0$  such that  $f(n)_1 \leq cf(n)_2$  for  $n > n_0$

**Proof**

Assuming  $C$  is some arbitrary constant,  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2} \leq cn^2$

$$\rightarrow \frac{n^2 - n}{2} \leq cn^2$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{n^2 - n}{2n^2} \leq c \rightarrow c \approx \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{2}n^2$$

$$\rightarrow n(n-1) \leq n^2$$

$$\rightarrow n^2 - n \leq n^2$$

$$\rightarrow n^2 - n^2 \leq n$$

$$\rightarrow n \geq 0$$

thus when  $n \geq$

0 and  $c$  is  $\approx \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $f(n)_1$  is  $O(f(n)_2)$  or  $f(n)_1$  is  $O(f(n)_2)$  thus proving the above hypothesis

c)  $\max(n^3, 10n^2)$  is  $O(n^3)$

The max of  $n^3$  and  $10n^2$  is  $n^3$  and is upper bounded by  $n^3$

$\max(n^3, 10n^2) = n^3$  is  $O(n^3)$  since there exists a constant  $C$  and  $n_0$  such that  $n^3 \leq cn^3$  for  $n > n_0$

**Proof**

$$n^3 \leq cn^3$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{n^3}{n^3} \leq c$$

$$\rightarrow 1 \leq c$$

Assuming  $c \approx 100$ ,

$$n^3 \leq 100n^3$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{n^3}{n^3} < 100$$

$$\rightarrow 1 \leq 100$$

as shown above, 1 is always less than 100 thus proving the statement that for  $c \geq 1$ ,  $n^3$  will always be upper bounded by  $cn^3$  or  $O(n^3)$

d)  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^k$  is  $O(n^{k+1})$  and  $\Omega(n^{k+1})$  for integer  $k$

$$f(n)_1 = n^k \rightarrow f(n)_2 = n^{k+1}$$

$\sum_{i=1}^n i^k = 1^k + 2^k + 3^k + \dots + n^k$  always produces a dominant term  $n^k$  thus,

$\sum_{i=1}^n i^k$  is  $O(n^{k+1})$  since there exists a constant  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $f(n)_1 \leq cf(n)_2$  or  $n^k \leq n^{k+1}$  for  $n > n_0$

**Proof**

$$n^k \leq cn^{k+1}$$

$$\rightarrow n^k \leq cn^k n$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{n^k}{n^k} \leq cn$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \leq c \approx \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\rightarrow n^k \leq \frac{1}{4} n^{k+1}$$

$$\rightarrow n^k \leq \frac{1}{4} n^k n$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{n^k}{n^k} \leq \frac{n}{4}$$

$$\rightarrow 4 \leq n$$

, thus when  $c = \frac{1}{4}$  and  $n \geq 4$ ,  $n^k$  is  $O(n^{k+1})$  thus proving the above thesis.

$\sum_{i=1}^n i^k$  is  $\Omega(n^{k+1})$  since there exists a constant  $c$  and  $n_0$

such that  $f(n)_1 \geq cf(n)_2$  or  $n^k \geq cn^{k+1}$  for  $n > n_0$

**Proof**

$$n^k \geq cn^{k+1}$$

$$\rightarrow n^k \geq cn^k n$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\rightarrow \frac{n^k}{n^k} \geq cn \\
&\rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \geq c \approx \frac{1}{4} \\
&\rightarrow n^k \geq \frac{1}{4} n^{k+1} \\
&\rightarrow n^k \leq \frac{1}{4} n^k n \\
&\rightarrow \frac{n^k}{n^k} \geq \frac{n}{4} \\
&\rightarrow 4 \geq n
\end{aligned}$$

, thus when  $c = \frac{1}{4}$  and  $n \leq 4$ ,  $n^k$  is lower bounded by  $(n^{k+1})$   
thus proving the above thesis.

e)  $p(x) = x^k \approx an^k$  when  $a > 0$

$f(n)_1 = an^k \rightarrow f(n)_2 = n^k$   
 $p(n) = an^k$  is  $O(n^k)$  since there exists a constant  $c$  and  $n_0$   
such that  $f(n)_1 \leq cf(n)_2$   $an^k \leq cn^k$  when  $n > n_0$

**Proof**

$$\begin{aligned}
an^k &\leq cn^k \\
&\rightarrow a \leq c \\
&\rightarrow c \geq a \\
c &\approx 6, a \approx 4
\end{aligned}$$

assuming  $c = 6$  and  $a = 4$ ,  $4n^k \leq 6n^k \rightarrow 4 < 6$  thus proving  
that  $an^k$  is upper bound by  $n^k$  when  $c > a$ .

The inverse is true when  $c < a$  proving that  $f(n)_1$   
 $\geq cf(n)_2$  or  $f(n)_1$  is lower bound by  $f(n)_2$

**Proof**

$p(n) = an^k$  is  $\Omega(n^k)$  since there exists a constant  $c$  and  $n_0$   
such that  $f(n)_1 \geq cf(n)_2$   $an^k \geq cn^k$  when  $n > n_0$

$$\begin{aligned}
an^k &\geq cn^k \\
&\rightarrow c \leq a \\
c &\approx 4, a \approx 6
\end{aligned}$$

$$6n^k \geq 4n^k \rightarrow 6n^k \geq 4n^k \rightarrow 6 \geq 4$$

thus satisfying the above conditions showing that  $an^k$  is  $\Omega(n^k)$  when  $a \geq c$

**1.16)**

ordering from decreasing to increasing

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n \\
&\rightarrow 17 \\
&\rightarrow \log(\log(n))
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\rightarrow \log(n) \\
&\rightarrow \log(n)^2 \\
&\rightarrow \sqrt{n} \\
&\rightarrow \sqrt{n} \log(n) \\
&\rightarrow n \log(n) \\
&\rightarrow n \rightarrow \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n
\end{aligned}$$

**1.18)** Here is a function  $\text{max}(i, n)$  that returns the largest element in positions  $i$  through  $i+n-1$  of an integer array  $A$ . You may assume for convenience that  $n$  is a power of 2.

**function**  $\text{max}(i, n: \text{integer})$ :

integer; **var**

$m1, m2$ : integer; **begin**

**If**  $n = 1$  **then**

**return** ( $A[i]$ )

**else begin**

$m1 := \text{max}(i, n \text{ div } 2)$ ;

$m2 := \text{max}(i+n \text{ div } 2, n \text{ div } 2)$

**if**  $m1 < m2$  **then**

**return** ( $m2$ )

**else**

**return** ( $m1$ )

**end**

**end**

**a)**

$$\text{max}(1,1,) \rightarrow 1$$

$$\rightarrow \text{max}(2,2) \text{ yields } \text{max}(2,1), \text{max}(2,1) \rightarrow 3$$

$$\rightarrow \text{max}(4,4) \text{ yields } \text{max}(4,4) \text{ max}(4,2) \text{ max}(4,2) \text{ max}(4,1) \text{ max}(4,1) \text{ max}(3,1) \text{ max}(3,1) \rightarrow 7$$

$$\rightarrow \text{max}(8,8) \text{ yields } \text{max}(8,8) \text{ max}(8,4) \text{ max}(8,4) \text{ max}(8,2) \text{ max}(8,2) \text{ max}(6,2) \text{ max}(6,2) \text{ max}(8,1)$$

$$\max(5,1) \max(8,1) \max(5,1) \max(6,1) \max(6,1), \max(4,1) \max(4,1) \rightarrow 15$$

**b)**

$$n = 1 \rightarrow 1$$

$$n = 2 \rightarrow 3$$

$$n = 4 \rightarrow 7$$

$$n = 8 \rightarrow 15$$

since  $n$  is a power of two, the following expression models the relationship between  $n$  and the number of max function call performed.

$$T(n) = 2^{\log(n)+1} - 1$$

$T(n)$  is  $O(n)$  since there exists a constant  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $T(n) \leq cn$  for  $n > n_0$

**Proof**

$$2^{\log(n)+1} - 1 \leq cn^2$$

$\rightarrow$  simplify  $2^{\log(n)+1} - 1$  first

$$\rightarrow y = 2^{\log(n)+1} - 1$$

$$\rightarrow \log_2 y = \log_2 2^{\log(n)+1} - 1$$

$$\rightarrow \log_2 y = \log_2 2^{\log(n)} 2 - 1$$

$$\rightarrow \log_2 y = \log_2 (n) \log_2 2 * 2 - 1$$

$$\rightarrow \log_2 y = \log_2 (n) \log_2 4 - 1$$

$$\rightarrow \log_2 y = \log_2 (n) * 2 - 1$$

$$\rightarrow n * 2 - 1$$

$$\rightarrow 2n - 1$$

$\rightarrow$  continuing with proof

$$\rightarrow 2n - 1 \leq cn$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{2n - 1}{n} \leq c$$

$$\rightarrow c = 10$$

$$\rightarrow 2n - 1 \leq 10n$$

$$\rightarrow -1 \leq 8n \rightarrow n \geq -\frac{1}{8} t$$

thus the above condition is satisfied when  $n > -\frac{1}{8}$  and  $c$  is 10.

$$T(n) = o(n) \text{ since } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{(2^{\log(n)+1} - 1)}{cn} \right)^1 = 0 \text{ for } c = 10 \text{ and } n < -1/8$$

**2.9)** The following procedure was intended to remove all occurrences of element  $x$  from list  $L$ . Explain why it doesn't always work and suggest a way to repair the procedure so it performs its intended task.

**procedure** *delete* (  $x$ : elementtype; **var**  $L$ : LIST );

**var**  $p$ : position;

**begin**

$p := \text{FIRST}(L)$ ;

**while**  $p \ntriangleleft \text{END}(L)$  **do**

**begin**

**if**  $\text{RETRIEVE}(p, L) = x$  **then**

$\text{DELETE}(p, L)$ ;

$p := \text{NEXT}(p, L)$  **end**

**end**; { *delete* }

*This procedure misbehaves because when deletion occurs, all prior element indexes get decremented by a factor of 1. Now, because we are incrementing our current position by one upon deletion, we are potentially skipping an element*

Index 0	Index 1	Index 2	Index 3	Index 4	Index 5
data 1	data 2	data 2	data 4	data 5	data 1



*Assuming we aim to delete all values of 2 in the array and we delete the first occurrence of 2, upon deletion the new list looks like the one below as all indexes are decremented*

Index 0	Index 1	Index 2	Index 3	Index 4
data 1	data 2	data 4	data 5	data 1



*We increment our position by 1 thereby missing the second occurrence of two or skipping one element*

*To fix this, we could condition on a delete event in the following manner,*

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Begin
  p = first(L)
  while <> End(L) do
    Begin
      If retrieve(p, L) = x then
        delete(p, l)
        p = p # dont increment the pointer as new list is defined wih prior indexes
              - 1
      Else
        p = next(p, L)
    End
  End

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So we only increment our pointer if an item was not deleted

**2.11)** Suppose  $L$  is a LIST and  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  are positions. As a function of  $n$ , the length of list  $L$ ,

determine how many times the functions FIRST, END, and NEXT are executed by the following program.

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p := FIRST(L);    Line 1  First runs 1 time

  while p <> END(L) do begin    Line 2  End runs n times

    q := p;          Line 3

    while q <> END(L) do begin    Line 4  End runs n-q+1 times

      q := NEXT(q, L);    Line 5  Next runs n-q times

      r := FIRST(L);    Line 6    First runs n-q times

      while r <> q do    Line 7

        r := NEXT(r, L)    Line 8 Next runs q-1 times

      end;    Line 9

      p := NEXT(p, L)    Line 10 Next runs n-1 times

    end;    Line 11

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**First()**

*→ runs once in line 1*

*→ runs  $n - q$  in line 8 with  $q$  taking values 1 to  $n - 1$*

*and  $n$  taking values  $n - 1$  to 1  $\rightarrow \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$*

**End()**

*→ runs  $n$  times in line 2*

*→ runs  $n - q + 1$  times in line 4 with  $q$  taking values in the range 1 to  $n - 1$  and  $n$  taking values in the range  $n$  to 2  $\rightarrow$*

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2} - 1 \rightarrow \frac{n(n-1)}{2} - 1.$$



**Next()**

in line 5, runs  $n - q$  times with  $q$  taking values in the range 1 to  $n - 1$  and  $n$  taking values in the range  $n - 1$  to 1 for  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$

→ in line 8, runs  $q$

– 1 times with  $q$  taking values in the range 2 to  $n$  and  $n$  taking values in the range 1 to  $n - 2$  for  $\frac{(n-2)(n-1)}{2}$  → in line 10 runs  $n - 1$  times for a total of

$$\rightarrow \frac{n(n-1)}{2} + \frac{(n-2)(n-1)}{2} + (n-1)$$