

CPSC 319 Assignment 1: Analysis of Algorithm

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Question 1: (3 marks)

Consider an algorithm where exact number of steps has been defined as $f(n)=4n+3n^2-1$. Perform a growth rate analysis by identifying Time Unit, Prop to and rate. Below is general template we discussed in the class:

It requires $4n+3n^2-1$ time units to solve a problem of size n

It requires time proportional to $3n^2$

Its growth rate is Quadratic

Question 2: (2 marks)

Consider the below functions we discussed in our lecture:

Linear, logarithmic, linear logarithmic exponential, quadratic, constant, cubic,

Write the above function from top to bottom order from most to least efficient considering the input size becomes very large.

Solution:

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|----|--------------------|--------|-----------------|
| 1. | Constant | —————> | Most efficient |
| 2. | Logarithmic | | |
| 3. | Linear | | |
| 4. | Linear logarithmic | | |
| 5. | Quadratic | | |
| 6. | Cubic | | |
| 7. | Exponential | —————> | Least efficient |

Question 3: (5 marks)

Consider the below code fragment where n is the size of the input:

```

int test = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++){
    for (int j = 0; j < n; j++){
        test = test + i * j;
    }
}

```

Solution:

1	Line #	Algorithm	Cost	Times	Comments
2	1	int test = 0;	C1=1	1	one op: assign
3	2	for (int i = 0; i < n; i++){	C2=1	1	Loop initializing (assigning a value)
4			C3=2	n	Loop incrementation: • Two ops: an addition and an assignment • done n times
5			C4=1	n+1	Loop termination test: • a comparison i < n each time • n successes and one failure
6			C5=1	1	Loop initializing (assigning a value)
7	3	for (int j = 0; j < n; j++){	C6=2	n*n	Loop incrementation: • Two ops: an addition and an assignment • done n*n times
8			C7=1	n*(n+1)	Loop termination test: • a comparison j < n each time • n successes and one failure
9	4	test = test + i * j;	C8=3	n*n	Three ops per iteration (i.e., mult, add, assign). • executed n*n times



$$\begin{aligned}
 f(n) &= C1*1 + C2*1 + C3*n + C4*(n+1) + C5*1 + C6*(n^2) + C7*(n(n+1)) + C8*(n^2) \\
 &= C1 + C2 + C3*n + C4 + C4*n + C5 + C6*(n^2) + C7*(n^2) + C7*n + C8*(n^2) \\
 &= (C6 + C7 + C8)*(n^2) + (C3 + C4 + C7)*n + (C1 + C2 + C4 + C5) \\
 &= (2+1+3)*(n^2) + (2+1+1)*n + 1+1+1+1 \\
 &= 6*(n^2) + 4n + 4
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, its growth rate is quadratic and its Big-O running time is $O(n^2)$.

Question 4: (2 marks)

Consider the below code fragment:

```
int func(){
    int test = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++){
        test = test + 1;
    }
    for (int j = 0; j < n; j++){
        test = test - 1;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

What is its Big-O running time? Explain your answer.

Solution:

Its Big-O running time is $O(n)$.

This question is different from the last question. Question 3 is a nested loop so the big-O running time is $O(n)*O(n) = O(n^2)$.

Instead, this question contains two independent “for loops” and each loop has nothing to do with another. Each loop’s Big-O running time is $O(n)$. (Note: $O(n)$ not $O(\log n)$ because of $i++$ instead of $i*2$)

Since the two loops are independent, we just need to add them up. The final Big-O Running time should be $O(n)+O(n) = O(n)$.

Question 5: (5 marks)

Consider the below code fragment:

```
int func(n){
    int i = n;
    int count = 0;
    while (i > 0){
        count = count + 1;
        i = i // 2;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

What is the growth rate function? Also identify the Big-O running time? Explain your answer.

Solution:

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	A	B	C	D	E
1	Line #	Algorithm	Cost	Times	Comments
2	2	int i = n;	C1=1	1	one op: assign
3	3	int count = 0;	C2=1	1	one op: assign
4	4	while (i > 0){	C3=1	log(n)+2	Loop termination test: • a comparison i > 0 each time • log(n)+1 successes and one failure
5					
6					
7	5	count = count + 1;	C4=2	log(n)+1	Two ops per iteration (i.e. add, assign). • executed log(n)+1 times
8	6	i = i / 2;	C5=2	log(n)+1	Two ops per iteration (i.e. division, assign). • executed log(n)+1 times
9	8	return 0;	C6=1	1	one op: return from a method

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(n) &= C1*1 + C2*1 + C3*(\log(n)+2) + C4*(\log(n)+1) + C5*(\log(n)+1) + C6*1 \\
 &= C1 + C2 + C3*\log(n) + C3*2 + C4*\log(n) + C4 + C5*\log(n) + C5 + C6 \\
 &= \log(n)(C3 + C4 + C5) + C1 + C2 + C3*2 + C4 + C5 + C6 \\
 &= \log(n)(1 + 1 + 2) + 1 + 1 + 1*2 + 2 + 2 + 1 \\
 &= 4\log(n) + 9
 \end{aligned}$$

The growth rate function is $5\log(n)+9$. In order to find the Big-O running time, we just need to find the fastest growing term. Therefore, the Big-O running time is $O(\log n)$

Question 6: Write a scenario (or a code fragment), whose complexity is $O(n^3)$ (2 marks)

Solution:

```
int test = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++){
    for (int j = 0; j < n; j++){
        for (int y = 0; y < n; y++) {
            test = test + i * j;
        }
    }
}
```

Question 7: If an algorithm performing at $O(n^2)$ has the integer 10 as input, what is the worst case scenario for the algorithm? (1 marks)

Solution:

The worst scenario occurs when n equals 10. In other words, the worst scenario occurs when the algorithm runs 100 times. (Note: $10^2=100$)

Question 8: Use Big O Notation to describe the time complexity of the following function that determines whether a given year is a leap year: (1 marks)

```
bool foo(temp) {
    return (temp % 100 == 0) ? (temp % 400 == 0) : (temp % 4 == 0);
}
```

Solution:

The Big-O running time is $O(1)$

Question 9: Use Big O, to describe the time complexity of this function, which is below: **(4 marks)**

```
int chessboardSpace(numberOfGrains)
{
    chessboardSpaces = 1;
    placedGrains = 1;
    while (placedGrains < numberOfGrains) {
        placedGrains *= 2;
        chessboardSpaces += 1;
    }
    return chessboardSpaces;
}
```

Explain your answer.

Solution:

Let we assume numberOfgrain is 16.

PlacedGrains will be

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|----|-----------------------|--|
| 1 | (for the first time) | (both in Loop termination test and while loop execution) |
| 2 | (for the second time) | (both in Loop termination test and while loop execution) |
| 4 | (for the third time) | (both in Loop termination test and while loop execution) |
| 8 | (for the fourth time) | (both in Loop termination test and while loop execution) |
| 16 | (for the fifth time) | (only will be used in loop termination test) |

Then we can get Placedgrains = $2^0, 2^1, 2^2, 2^3, 2^4$.

Thus we can conclude that Placedgrain = $2^0, 2^1, 2^2, 2^3, 2^4, \dots, 2^k$.

Therefore $2^k = \text{numberOfgrain}$

$K = \log(n)$

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Line	Algorithm	Cost	Times	Comments
2	Line2	{ chessboardSpaces = 1;	C1=1	1	one op: assign
3	Line3	placedGrains = 1;	C2=1	1	one op: assign
4	Line4	while (placedGrains < numberOfGrains) {	C3=1	log(n)+1	Loop termination test: • a comparison placedGrains < numberOfGrains each time • log(n) successes and one failure
5	Line5	placedGrains *= 2;	C4=2	log(n)	Two ops per iteration (i.e. mult,assign). • executed log(n) times
6	Line6	chessboardSpaces += 1;	C5=2	log(n)	Two ops per iteration (i.e. add,assign). • executed log(n)+1 times
7	Line8	return chessboardSpaces; }	C6=1	1	one op:return from a method

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(n) &= C1*1 + C2*1 + C3*(\log(n)+1) + C4*\log(n) + C5*\log(n) + C6*1 \\
 &= C1 + C2 + C3*\log(n) + C3 + C4*\log(n) + C5*\log(n) + C6 \\
 &= \log(n)(C3 + C4 + C5) + C1 + C2 + C3 + C6 \\
 &= \log(n)(1 + 2 + 2) + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 \\
 &= 5\log(n) + 4
 \end{aligned}$$

The growth rate function is $5\log(n)+4$. In order to find the Big-O running time, we just need to find the fastest growing term and take the coefficient. Therefore, the Big-O running time is $O(\log n)$