

**CS:3330 Homework 2, Spring 2017**  
**Due at the start of class on Tue, Feb 2**

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1. Let  $f(n) = 2n^2 + 15n + 20$ .

(a) Find a constant  $c$  and a natural number  $n_0$  such that

$$f(n) \leq c \cdot n^2 \text{ for all } n \geq n_0.$$

Prove that your choice of  $c$  and  $n_0$  work. From this you can conclude that  $f = O(n^2)$ .

(b) Find a constant  $c$  and a natural number  $n_0$  such that

$$f(n) \geq c \cdot n \text{ for all } n \geq n_0.$$

Prove that your choice of  $c$  and  $n_0$  work. From this you can conclude that  $f = \Omega(n)$ .

2. Let  $f(n) = 7n \log_2 n$ . Prove that  $f = O(n^2)$  and  $f = \Omega(n)$ .

3. Take the following list of functions (from natural numbers to natural numbers) and arrange them in ascending order of growth. Thus, if a function  $g$  immediately follows  $f$  in the list, then  $f = O(g)$ .

(a)  $2^n$

(b)  $n^2 \log_2 n$

(c)  $n^{4/3}$

(d)  $2^{\sqrt{\log n}}$

(e)  $n \cdot (\log_2 n)^3$

(f)  $100n^2$

(g)  $n^3 / \log_3 n$

4. Analyze the running times of the following code fragments. For each code fragment, express your answer as a function of  $n$ , using the  $\Theta$  notation. Please show your work in order to receive partial credit.

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(a)   j ← n
      for i ← 1 to n do
        j ← 1
        while j ≤ i do
          print("hello")
          j ← 2 × j
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(b)   for i ← 1 to n do
      for j ← i to n do
        for k ← 1 to n/3 do
          print("hello")
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Here are some mathematical identities that will help you solve this problem:

- *Arithmetic series:*

$$a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \cdots + (a + (n - 1)d) = \frac{n(2a + (n - 1)d)}{2}.$$

If we set  $a = 1$  and  $d = 1$ , we get the particularly useful special case

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n + 1)}{2}.$$

- *Stirling's Approximation:*

$$\ln(n!) = n \ln n - n + O(\ln n).$$

5. You are given a list of  $n$  integers. Design an algorithm that returns the number of pairs of duplicates in this list. For example, if the list is  $(13, 3, 8, 3, 13, 7, 13, 9, 13)$ , then the four 13's in list yield 6 pairs of duplicates and the two 3's in the list yield one pair. The other elements in the list are all unique. Thus your algorithm should return 7 as the total number of pairs of duplicates. Your algorithm should run *asymptotically faster* than the simple  $\Theta(n^2)$  time algorithm that examines all pairs of elements in the list.
  6. Problem 6 from Chapter 2 in the Kleinberg-Tardos textbook.
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