

Section 2: Heaps and Asymptotics

0. Big-Oh Proofs

For each of the following, prove that $f \in \mathcal{O}(g)$.

(a) $f(n) = 7n$ $g(n) = \frac{n}{10}$

(b) $f(n) = 1000$ $g(n) = 3n^3$

(c) $f(n) = 7n^2 + 3n$ $g(n) = n^4$

(d) $f(n) = n + 2n \lg n$ $g(n) = n \lg n$

1. Is Your Program Running? Better Catch It!

For each of the following, determine the tight $\Theta(\cdot)$ bound for the worst-case runtime in terms of the free variables of the code snippets.

(a)

```
1 int x = 0
2 for (int i = n; i >= 0; i--) {
3     if ((i % 3) == 0) {
4         break
5     }
6     else {
7         x += n
8     }
9 }
```

(b)

```
1 int x = 0
2 for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
3     for (int j = 0; j < (n * n / 3); j++) {
4         x += j
5     }
6 }
```

(c)

```
1 int x = 0
2 for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
3     for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {
4         x += j
5     }
6 }
```

(d)

```
1 int x = 0
2 for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
3     if (n < 1000000) {
4         for (int j = 0; j < i * i * n; j++) {
5             x += 1
6         }
7     } else {
8         x += 1
9     }
10 }
```

(e)

```
1 int x = 0
2 for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
3     if (i % 5 == 0) {
4         for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
5             if (i == j) {
6                 for (int k = 0; k < n; k++) {
7                     x += i * j * k
8                 }
9             }
10         }
11     }
12 }
```

2. Asymptotics Analysis

Consider the following method which finds the number of unique Strings within a given array of length n .

```
1 int numUnique(String[] values) {
2     boolean[] visited = new boolean[values.length]
3     for (int i = 0; i < values.length; i++) {
4         visited[i] = false
5     }
6     int out = 0
7     for (int i = 0; i < values.length; i++) {
8         if (!visited[i]) {
9             out += 1
10            for (int j = i; j < values.length; j++) {
11                if (values[i].equals(values[j])) {
12                    visited[j] = true
13                }
14            }
15        }
16    }
17    return out;
18 }
```

Determine the tight $\mathcal{O}(\cdot)$, $\Omega(\cdot)$, and $\Theta(\cdot)$ bounds of each function below. If there is no $\Theta(\cdot)$ bound, explain why. Start by (1) constructing an equation that models each function then (2) simplifying and finding a closed form.

(a) $f(n)$ = the worst-case runtime of `numUnique`

(b) $g(n)$ = the best-case runtime of `numUnique`

(c) $h(n)$ = the amount of memory used by `numUnique` (the space complexity)

3. Oh Snap!

For each question below, explain what's wrong with the provided answer. The problem might be the reasoning, the conclusion, or both!

(a) Determine the tight $\Theta(\cdot)$ bound for the worst-case runtime of the following piece of code:

```
1 public static int waddup(int n) {
2     if (n > 10000) {
3         return n
4     } else {
5         for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
6             System.out.println("It's dat boi!")
7         }
8         return 0
9     }
10 }
```

Bad answer: The runtime of this function is $\mathcal{O}(n)$, because when searching for an upper bound, we always analyze the code branch with the highest runtime. We see the first branch is $\mathcal{O}(1)$, but the second branch is $\mathcal{O}(n)$.

(b) Determine the tight $\Theta(\cdot)$ worst-case runtime of the following piece of code:

```
1 public static void trick(int n) {
2     for (int i = 1; i < Math.pow(2, n); i *= 2) {
3         for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
4             System.out.println("(" + i + "," + j + ")")
5         }
6     }
7 }
```

Bad answer: The runtime of this function is $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$, because the outer loop is conditioned on an expression with n and so is the inner loop.

4. Look Before You Heap

(a) Insert 10, 7, 15, 17, 12, 20, 6, 32 into a *min heap*.

(b) Now, insert the same values into a *max heap*.

(c) Now, insert 10, 7, 15, 17, 12, 20, 6, 32 into a *min heap*, but use Floyd's buildHeap algorithm.

(d) Insert 1, 0, 1, 1, 0 into a *min heap*.

5. \mathcal{O} My God!

Recall the definition of $f \in \Omega(g)$ is as follows:

$$\exists(c, n_0 > 0). \forall(n \geq n_0). f(n) \geq cg(n)$$

Prove that $4n^2 + n^5 \in \Omega(n)$.