

1. Homework

Due **1/21/10** before class

1. Code snippets (5 points)

For each of the two code snippets below give their Θ -runtime depending on n . Justify your answers.

(a) (3 points)

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for(i=1; i<=n; i=i*3){
  for(j=n; j>=1; j=j/3){
    for(l=2; l<=n; l=1*l*1){
      print(" ");
    }
  }
}
```

(b) (2 point)

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for(i=n/2; i>=1; i=i-1){
  for(j=i; j<=n; j=j+i){
    print(" ");
  }
}
```

2. Big-Oh (2 points)

Prove the following, using the definitions of Big-Oh:

$$n^3 + 2n + 1 \notin O(n^2)$$

3. Theta (2 points)

Use the definition of Θ to prove the following:

$$g_1(n) + g_2(n) \in \Theta(\max(g_1(n), g_2(n)))$$

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4. Big-Oh ranking (15 points)

Rank the following 16 functions by order of growth, i.e., find an arrangement f_1, f_2, \dots of the functions satisfying $f_1 \in O(f_2)$, $f_2 \in O(f_3), \dots$. Partition your list into equivalence classes such that f and g are in the same class if and only if $f \in \Theta(g)$. For every two functions f_i, f_j that are adjacent in your ordering, prove shortly why $f_i \in O(f_j)$ holds. And if f and g are in the same class, prove that $f \in \Theta(g)$.

$$\begin{array}{lll} 4^{\log n} & \log n & n^n \\ 2^n & \log^3 n & 4^{n+4} \\ 4^n & \sqrt{\log n} & \sqrt{\log \sqrt{n}} \\ \log \sqrt{n} & n \log n & n \\ \log \log n & n^2 & n^3 \\ 42n + 3n^2 & & \end{array}$$

As a reminder: $\log^2 n = (\log n)^2$ and $\log \log n = \log(\log n)$. Bear in mind that in some cases it might be useful to show $f(n) \in o(g(n))$, since $o(g(n)) \subset O(g(n))$. If you try to show that $f(n) \in o(g(n))$, then it might be useful to apply the rule of l'Hôpital which states that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f'(n)}{g'(n)}$$

if the limits exist; where $f'(n)$ and $g'(n)$ are the derivatives of f and g , respectively.