

You will submit your solution to this assignment to the Curator System (as HW02). Your solution must be either a plain text file (e.g., NotePad) or a typed MS Word document; submissions in other formats will not be graded.

Except as noted, credit will only be given if you show relevant work.

1. [25 points] Using the rules given in the course notes, perform an exact count complexity analysis, for the worst case, of the body of the following function.

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void Mystery(int M[N][N], const int N) {
    for (int R = 0; R < N; R++) {           // 1 before, 2 per pass, 1 to exit
        for (int C = 1; C < N; C++) {      // 1 before, 2 per pass, 1 to exit
            if (M[R][C-1] < M[R][C])     // 6: 4 index, one arith, one comp
                M[R][C-1] = M[R][C];    // 6: 4 index, one arith, 1 assign
            else {
                M[R][C] = M[R][C-1];     // 6: 4 index, one arith, 1 assign
                M[R][C-1] = 0;           // 4: 2 index, one arith, 1 assign
            }
        }
    }
}
```

State both a complexity function  $T(N)$  and the  $\Theta$ -complexity of  $T(N)$ .

**According to the counts in the comments added above, and the rules for iteration and selection from the course notes, the operation count is given by:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(N) &= 1 + \sum_{R=0}^{N-1} \left( 2 + 1 + \sum_{C=1}^{N-1} (2 + 6 + \max(6, 10)) + 1 \right) + 1 \\
 &= \sum_{R=0}^{N-1} \left( \sum_{C=1}^{N-1} (14) + 4 \right) + 2 \\
 &= \sum_{R=0}^{N-1} (14N + 4) + 2 \\
 &= \sum_{R=1}^{N-1} (14N + 4) + 4 + 2 \\
 &= 14 \sum_{R=1}^{N-1} N + \sum_{R=1}^{N-1} 4 + 6 \\
 &= 14N(N-1) + 4(N-1) + 6 \\
 &= 14N^2 - 10N + 2
 \end{aligned}$$

**From the theorems in the course notes, it's immediately apparent that  $T(N)$  is  $\Theta(N^2)$ .**

2. [25 points] Consider the following function, where  $\alpha$  is an unknown positive constant:

$$f(n) = n^\alpha + \log n$$

Use Theorem 8 from the course notes on asymptotics to prove each of the following facts:

- a)  $f(n)$  is  $\Theta(n^\alpha)$  if  $\alpha > 0$

**We can begin by setting up the appropriate limit to apply Theorem 8:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^\alpha + \log n}{n^\alpha} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{\log n}{n^\alpha} \right) = 1 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\log n}{n^\alpha} \right)$$

**From here, we need to know that the last limit is indeterminate, since the numerator and denominator are both going to infinity. Hence, we can apply l'Hopital's rule:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^\alpha + \log n}{n^\alpha} = 1 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\log n}{n^\alpha} \right) = 1 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1/n \ln 2}{\alpha n^{\alpha-1}} \right) = 1 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\ln 2}{\alpha n^\alpha} \right) = 1 + 0 = 1$$

**So, by Theorem 8,  $n^\alpha + \log n$  is  $\Theta(n^\alpha)$ .**

- b)  $f(n)$  is  $\Theta(\log n)$  if  $\alpha < 0$

**We can begin by setting up the appropriate limit to apply Theorem 8:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^\alpha + \log n}{\log n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^\alpha}{\log n} + 1 \right) = 1 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^\alpha}{\log n} \right)$$

**Now, since  $\alpha < 0$ , we can rewrite the quotient in the limit as shown below, and since we know that  $n$  is raised to a positive value in that quotient, we can immediately see that the limit follows:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^\alpha + \log n}{\log n} = 1 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^\alpha}{\log n} \right) = 1 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^{-\alpha} \log n} \right) = 1 + 0 = 1$$

**So, by Theorem 8,  $n^\alpha + \log n$  is  $\Theta(\log n)$ .**

3. [25 points] For each part, determine the simplest possible function  $g(n)$  such that the given function is  $\Theta(g)$ . No justification is necessary, but you might have to do some analysis using the theorems from the notes.

a)  $a(n) = 14n^2 + 3n \log n$

By the theorems, the dominant term here is  $14n^2$ , and so  $a(n)$  is  $\Theta(n^2)$ .

b)  $b(n) = 3n^2 \log n$

By the theorems,  $b(n)$  is  $\Theta(n^2 \log n)$ .

c)  $c(n) = 3n \log^2 n + 3n^2 \log n$

The theorems don't cover this directly; since  $n$  dominates  $\log n$ , from the list of common terms, we might guess that the dominant term here is  $n^2 \log n$ . We can validate that guess by computing the relevant limit and applying Theorem 8:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n \log^2 n + 3n^2 \log n}{n^2 \log n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{3n \log^2 n}{n^2 \log n} + 1 \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{3 \log n}{n} + 1 \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{3/n \ln 2}{1} + 1 \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{3}{n \ln 2} + 1 \right) = 0 + 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

d)  $d(n) = 10n^2 + 2^n$

By the theorems from the notes,  $d(n)$  is  $\Theta(2^n)$ .

e)  $e(n) = \frac{1}{n}$

This is so easy it may have been confusing. There's only one term, and  $\Theta$  is reflexive, so  $e(n)$  is  $\frac{1}{n}$ .

4. [25 points] Suppose that executing an algorithm on input of size  $N$  requires executing  $T(N) = 3N \log N + 16N$  instructions. How long would it take to execute this algorithm on hardware capable of carrying out  $2^{25}$  instructions per second if  $N = 2^{30}$ ? (Give your answer in hours, minutes and seconds, to the nearest second.)

**The total number of instructions executed would be:**

$$T(2^{30}) = 3 \cdot 2^{30} \log 2^{30} + 16 \cdot 2^{30} = 3 \cdot 2^{30} \cdot 30 + 16 \cdot 2^{30} = 106 \cdot 2^{30}$$

**The time required would be:**

$$\frac{T(2^{30})}{2^{25}} = \frac{106 \cdot 2^{30}}{2^{25}} = 106 \cdot 2^5 = 3392 \text{ seconds}$$

**And that is 56 minutes 32 seconds.**