



Please solve the following exercises and submit **BEFORE 12:00 pm (noon) of Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, November.**

Solve the following two exercises from **assignment 8** in case you have **NOT** already solved them.

### Assignment 8 Exercises:

#### **Exercise 9** **(10 points)**

Show that if there were a coin worth 12 cents, the greedy algorithm described in class using quarters, 12-cent coins, dimes, nickels, and pennies would not always produce change using the fewest coins possible.

#### **Exercise 10** **(10 points)**

Show that a greedy algorithm that schedules a set of talks in a lecture hall by selecting at each step the talk that overlaps the fewest with other talks does not always produce an optimal schedule.

### Assignment 9 Exercises:

#### **Exercise 1** **(10 points)**

Determine whether each of these functions is  $O(x^2)$ ,  $\Omega(x^2)$  and  $\theta(x^2)$ .

a)  $f(x) = 17x + 11$

d)  $f(x) = x^4/2$

b)  $f(x) = x^2 + 1000$

e)  $f(x) = 2^x$

c)  $f(x) = x \log x$

f)  $f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor \cdot \lceil x \rceil$

#### **Exercise 2** **(10 points)**

Arrange the functions  $\sqrt{n}$ ,  $1000 \log n$ ,  $n \log n$ ,  $2n!$ ,  $2^n$ ,  $3^n$ , and  $n^2/1,000,000$  in a list so that each function is a big- $O$  of the next function.

#### **Exercise 3** **(10 points)**

Give a big- $O$  estimate for each of these functions. For the function  $g$  in your estimate  $f(x)$  is  $O(g(x))$ , use a simple function  $g$  of smallest order.



a)  $(n^3 + n^2 \log n)(\log n + 1) + (17 \log n + 19)(n^3 + 2)$

b)  $(2^n + n^2)(n^3 + 3^n)$

c)  $(n^n + n2^n + 5^n)(n! + 5^n)$

**Exercise 4** **(10 points)**

Show that each of these pairs of functions are of the same order.

a)  $2x^2 + x - 7, x^2$

b)  $\lfloor x + 1/2 \rfloor, x$

c)  $\log(x^2 + 1), \log x^2$

d)  $\log_{10} x, \log_2 x$

**Exercise 5** **(10 points)**

Given a real number  $x$  and a positive integer  $k$ , determine the number of multiplications used to find  $x^{2^k}$  starting with  $x$  and successively squaring (to find  $x^2, x^4$ , and so on). Is this a more efficient way to find  $x^{2^k}$  than by multiplying  $x$  by itself the appropriate number of times?

**Exercise 6** **(10 points)**

What is the largest  $n$  for which one can solve a certain problem with input size  $n$  within a day using an algorithm that requires  $f(n)$  bit operations, where each bit operation is carried out in  $10^{-11}$  seconds, with these functions  $f(n)$ ?

a)  $\log n$

b)  $1000n$

c)  $n^2$

d)  $1000n^2$

e)  $n^3$

f)  $2^n$

g)  $2^{2n}$

h)  $2^{2^n}$

**Exercise 7** **(10 points)**

An algorithm is called **optimal** for the solution of a problem with respect to a specified operation if there is no algorithm for solving this problem using fewer operations.



- a) Is the linear search algorithm optimal with respect to the number of comparisons of integers (not including comparisons used for bookkeeping in the loop)?
- b) Show that the following Algorithm A is an optimal algorithm with respect to the number of comparisons of integers. [Note: Comparisons used for bookkeeping in the loop are not of concern here.]

**ALGORITHM A: Finding the Maximum Element in a Finite Sequence.**

**procedure**  $max(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ : integers)

$max := a_1$

**for**  $i := 2$  to  $n$

**if**  $max < a_i$  **then**  $max := a_i$

**return**  $max$  { $max$  is the largest element}

**Exercise 8** **(10 points)**

Describe an algorithm that takes as input a list of  $n$  integers in nondecreasing order and produces the list of all values that occur more than once. (Recall that a list of integers is nondecreasing if each integer in the list is at least as large as the previous integer in the list). Determine the worst-case time complexity in terms of comparisons for your algorithm.

**Exercise 9** **(10 points)**

Find the complexity of a brute-force algorithm for scheduling the talks by examining all possible subsets of the talks. [Hint: Use the fact that a set with  $n$  elements has  $2^n$  subsets.]

**Exercise 10** **(10 points)**

Describe how the number of comparisons used in the worst case changes when these algorithms are used to search for an element of a list when the size of the list doubles from  $n$  to  $2n$ , where  $n$  is a positive integer.

- a) linear search                      b) binary search