

Problem Set 7 – Due Wednesday, March 2, at 5pm

1. (a) Given an equal arm balance capable of determining only relative weights of two quantities, and given **8** coins, all of equal weight except possibly one that is lighter, explain how to determine if there is a light coin, and how to identify it, in just **2** weighings.
 (b) Given an equal arm balance as in (a), and given 80 coins, all of equal weight except possibly one that is lighter, show how to determine if there is a light coin and how to identify it with at most **4** weighings.
2. Sort the following functions into groups G_1, G_2, \dots such that all functions in a group have the same $\Theta(\cdot)$ -complexity, and functions grow asymptotically faster as the group index increases.

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 5n \lg n & 6n^2 - 3n + 7 & 1.5^n & \lg n^4 & 10^{10^{10}} & \sqrt{n} \\
 15n & \lg \lg n & 9n^{0.7} & n! & n + \lg n & \lg^4 n \\
 \sqrt{n} + 12n & \lg n! & \log n & e^n & 2^n & n \lceil \lg n \rceil
 \end{array}$$

3. Compute the $\Theta(\cdot)$ -running time for the following code fragment. Assume that **S** takes unit time to run.

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for i = 1 to n do
  for j = 1 to i do
    for k = 1 to j*j do
      for m = k to k+100 do
        S
    
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4. Solve the following recurrence relations to get at $\Theta(g(n))$ result. Assume that all of the recurrence relations are a positive constant for all sufficiently small n . Show all of your work, not making use of any “Master” theorem you might have seen.

(a) $T(n) = T(n - 1) + n^2$.

(b) $T(n) = 5T(n/5) + n$.

(c) $T(n) = 2T(n/3) + n$

5. Five misanthropes (all computer science professors) live on a triangular island of the south Pacific. The island’s dimensions are 2 miles \times 2 miles \times 2 miles. Show that some two of the misanthropes must live within a mile of one another. (They won’t be happy about it.) (English usage: two people who live one mile apart *do* live “within a mile” of one another.)
6. In honor of twosday, calculate $\text{gcd}(22022022, 222222)$. Show your work. Don’t factor the numbers.
7. Prove that for any positive number n there is a nonzero multiple of n whose digits, base-10, are all 0s and 1s. *Hint: Pigeons* 1, 11, 111, \dots