# CPSC 320 Midterm #1 (Screencast Edition)

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Reminders:

- $\sum_{y=1}^{x} y = \frac{x(x+1)}{2}$ , for  $x \ge 0$ .
- $\sum_{y=1}^{x} y^2 = \frac{x(x+1)(2x+1)}{6}$ , for  $x \ge 0$ .

For a recurrence like  $T(n) = aT(\frac{n}{b}) + f(n)$ , where  $a \ge 1$  and b > 1, the Master Theorem states three cases:

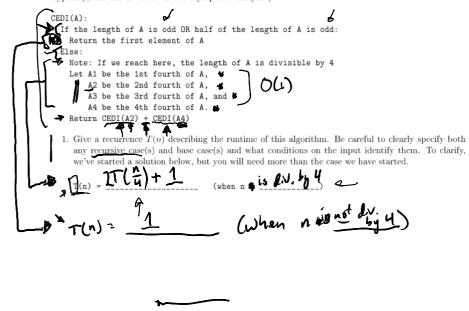
- 1. If  $f(n) \in O(n^c)$  where  $c < \log_b a$  then  $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ .
- $\text{2. If for some constant } k \geq 0, \, f(n) \in \Theta(n^c(\log n)^k) \text{ where } c = \log_b a, \, \text{then } T(n) \in \Theta(n^c(\log n)^{k+1}).$
- 3. If  $f(n) \in \Omega(n^c)$  where  $c > \log_b a$  and  $af(\frac{n}{b}) \le kf(n)$  for some constant k < 1 and sufficiently large n, then  $T(n) \in \Theta(f(n))$ .
- $f(n) \in O(g(n))$  (big-O, that is) exactly when there is a positive real constant c and positive integer  $n_0$  such that for all integers  $n \ge n_0$ ,  $f(n) \le c \cdot g(n)$ .
- $f(n) \in o(g(n))$  (little-o, that is) exactly when for all positive real constants c, there is a positive integer  $n_0$  such that for all integers  $n \ge n_0$ ,  $f(n) \le c \cdot g(n)$ .
- $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$  exactly when  $g(n) \in O(f(n))$ .
- $f(n) \in \omega(g(n))$  exactly when  $g(n) \in o(f(n))$ .
- $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$  exactly when  $g(n) \in O(f(n))$  and  $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$ .

These problems are meant to be generally representative of our midterm exam problems and—in some cases—may be **very** similar in form or content to the real exam. However, this is **not** a real exam. Therefore, you should not expect that it will fit the predicted exam timeframe or that the questions will be of the appropriate level of specificity or difficulty for an exam. (That is: the real exam may be shorter or longer and more or less vague!)

All of that said, you would benefit tremendously from working hard on this practice exam!

## 1 Vain-y Dividi Vici

Consider the following recursive algorithm called on an array of integers of length n. Note: in this particular problem, it is not relevant, but generally if we refer to "fourths" of an array n with length n that is not divisible by 4, the "fourths" of n won't be exactly length n, but each will have length either  $\lceil \frac{n}{4} \rceil$  or  $\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor$ . Typically, this has no effect on the asymptotic analysis.)



Repeated from problem intro:

CEDI(A):

If the length of A is odd OR half of the length of A is odd:
Return the first element of A

Else:

Note: If we reach here, the length of A is divisible by 4

Let A1 be the 1st fourth of A,
A2 be the 2nd fourth of A,
A3 be the 3rd fourth of A,
Return CEDI(A2) + CEDI(A4)

2. Would a good Ω-bound on the runtime of this algorithm in terms of be best described as a best-case bound, a worst-case bound, of neither? Choose one and briefly justify your answer.

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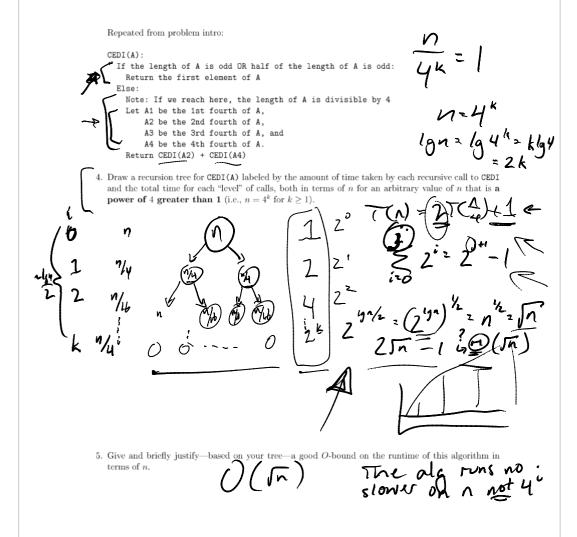
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3. Give and briefly justify a **good**  $\Omega$ -bound on the runtime of this algorithm in terms of n.

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6. Briefly explain why your bound from the previous part is  $\mathbf{not}$  a  $\Theta$ -bound.

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7. Briefly explain why we cannot use the Master Theorem to give a  $\Theta$ -bound on the runtime of this algorithm.

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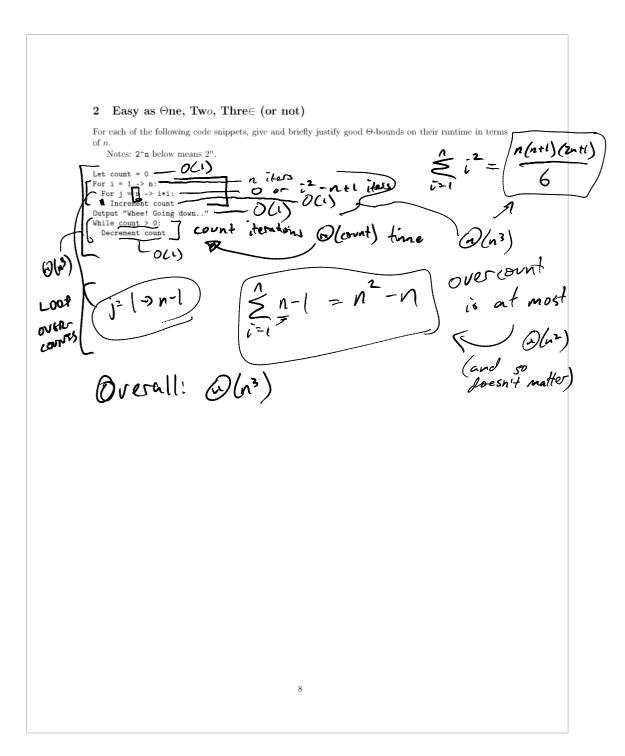
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8. If we consider only values of n that are powers of 4, we can apply the Master Theorem. Indicate the key parameters of the Master Theorem in this case and use it to re-justify your O-bound.

We are in case 1 blc  $f(n) \in Q(n^0)$ and  $0 < \log_{10} 2 = \frac{1}{2}$ Thusswe have  $0 (n \log_{10}) = 0(n^{1/2}) = 0$ 



Repeated from the problem intro: For each of the following code snippets, give and briefly justify good  $\Theta$ -bounds on their runtime in terms of n.

Let  $\operatorname{count} = 0 \ O(n)$ For i = 1 - 2n:

If i = i < n:

For j = 1 to i = i < n:

Increment count

Output "whee! Going down..."

While count=count > 0:

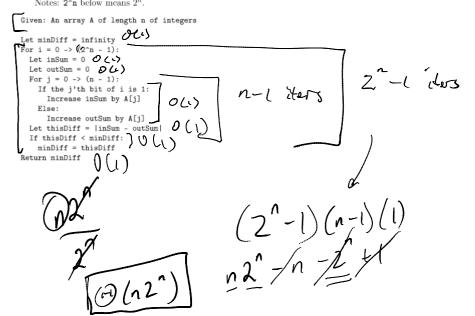
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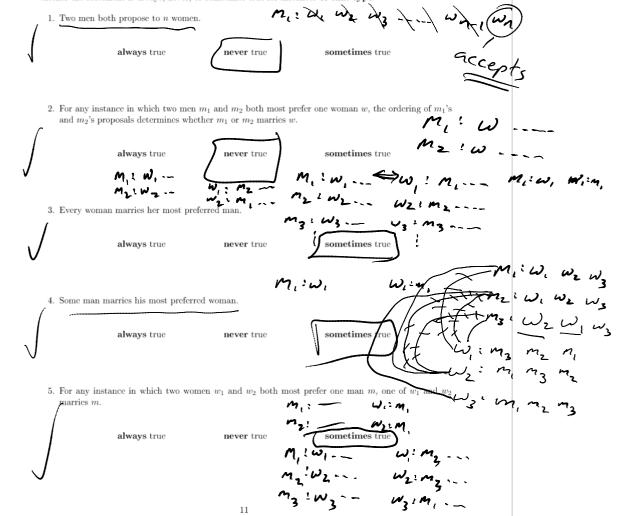
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### 3 Marriage Counselling

In this problem, we consider the Gale-Shapley algorithm with men proposing. For each statement, circle **one** answer to indicate whether the statement is **always** true, **never** true, or **sometimes** true (i.e., true for some instances but not for others).

Note: in some cases we restrict attention to just certain types of instances, in which case we're asking whether the statement is always, never, or sometimes true for instances of that type.



#### 4 Demi-Glace

The minimum spanning tree problem becomes somewhat strange in the presence of negative edge weights. Imagine, for example, that you are a telecommunications company creating a communications network by connecting particular cities with fiber-optic cable. You want to ensure that all cities are connected by some path (i.e., that you've created a spanning tree). There is a cost to laying the cable, but some pairs of cities are also willing to pay you to do the job; so, the net cost of a particular connection may be positive, zero,

It will be handy for this problem to define a "spanning subgraph" rather than a "spanning tree". For a graph G=(V,E), a spanning subgraph is a graph G'=(V',E'), where V'=V,  $E'\subseteq E$ , and G'is connected (the "spanning" part).

A "minimum spanning subgraph" would then be the spanning subgraph of a graph whose total edge weight is smallest.

1. Prove that for non-negative edge weights, the minimum spanning tree of a graph is a minimum spanning subgraph.

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4. Prove that your reduction—paired with an optimal solution to the MST problem—is optimal.

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## 5 A Capital Idea

1. Prove that if  $f(n) \in o(g(n))$ , then  $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ .

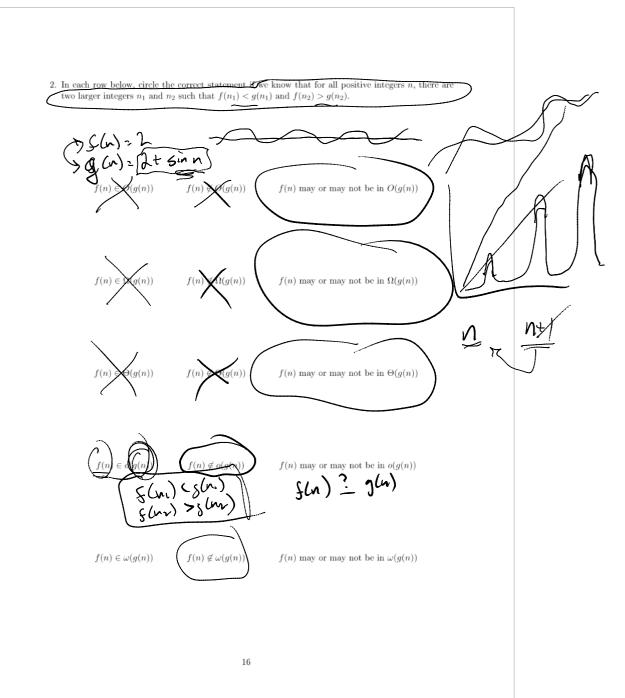
Assume  $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ .

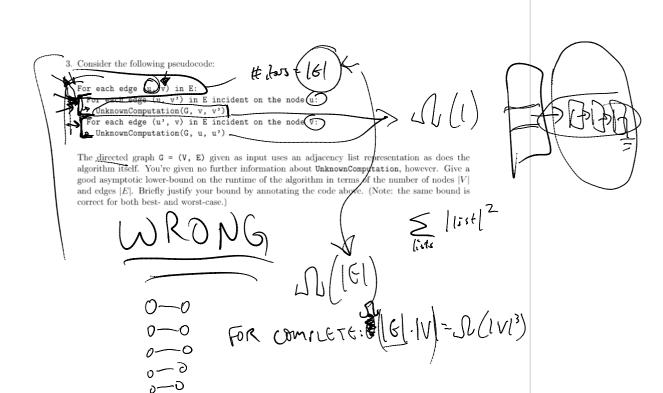
So for all constants  $C_1 \ni n_0$ ,  $f(n) \land cg(n)$ for  $n \ni n_0$ .

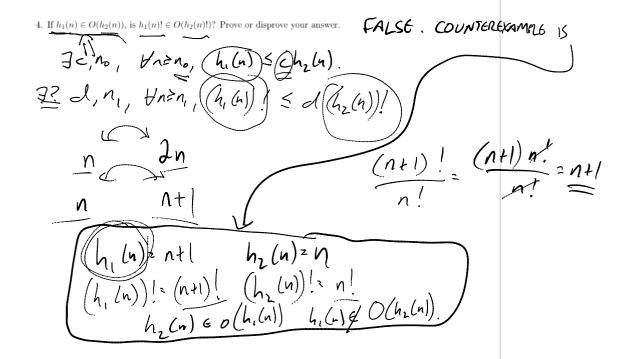
MUST SHOW:  $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ .

Let  $C_0 = 1$ . By assumption  $n_0 \in P(n)$  set.

Set.  $f(n) \land cog(n)$  for all  $n \ni n_0$ .

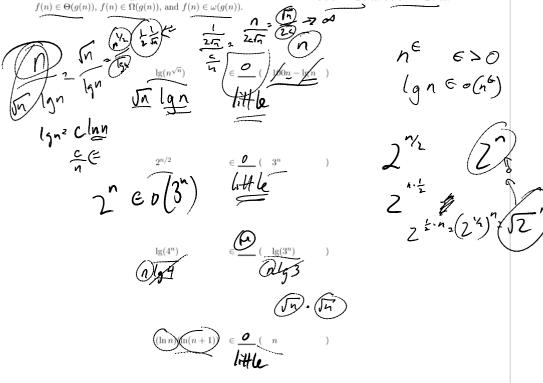






# 6 Pairs of Apples and Oranges

For each of the following, indicate the most restrictive true answer of  $f(n) \in o(g(n)), \ f(n) \in O(g$ 



$$n^{\frac{\sqrt{n^n}}{2}} = \left(n^n\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad \left(n^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^n = n^{\frac{1}{2} \cdot n}$$

# 7 Greedy Straw-Man Pessimality

You're solving the optimal caching problem except **maximizing** the number of cache misses rather than minimizing it.

UNNECESSARY FLAVOR TEXT: A systems research group (somewhere besides UBC) is trying to show how great their new caching algorithm is. They decide to test against the **worst** algorithm they can create. So, given the number of pieces of data n, the cache size k < n, the sequence of data items  $d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_m$ , and the initial contents of the cache  $\{c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_k\}$ —which for this version of the problem are "dummy" data items may never appear in the sequence of data items, i.e., the cache is effectively empty—they want an algorithm that gives an eviction schedule  $e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_j$  that **maximizes** the number of cache misses, but (1) **never** evicting an element unless the cache is full and a cache miss occurs and (2) always replacing the evicted item with that caused the cache miss. (I.e., it's a plausible strategy, even if terrible.)

Here is a greedy strategy that does not always cause the largest number of cache misses: Each time
a data item is not in the cache (a miss occurs), evict the item that was brought into the cache most
recently. (The initial "dummy" data items are evicted in an arbitrary order.)

Now, give a small example that shows that this strategy can fail.

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data: 1,2,3,1,2,1,3,1

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 $2. \ \, \text{Give a } \textbf{new} \ \text{greedy algorithm} \ (\text{either in English like the one above or in pseudocode}) \ \text{that } \textbf{correctly}$ solves this problem.

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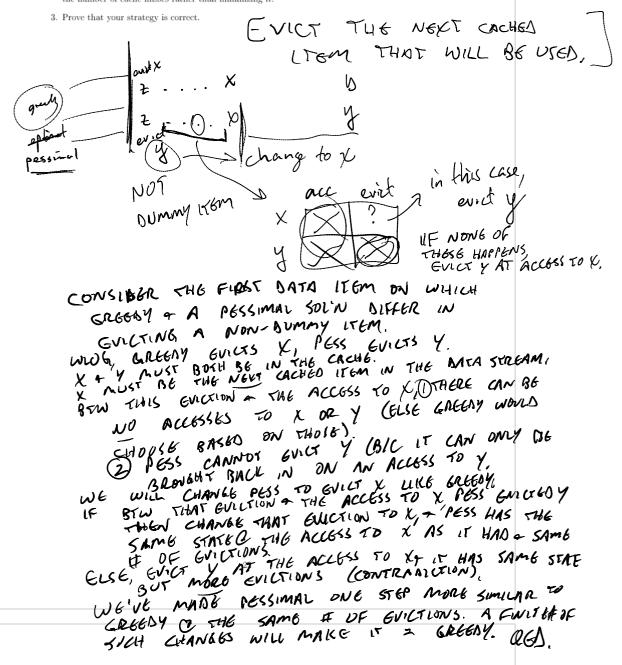
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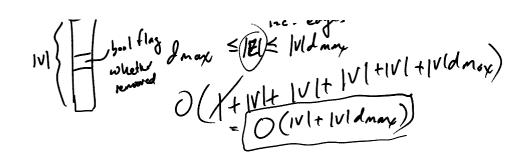
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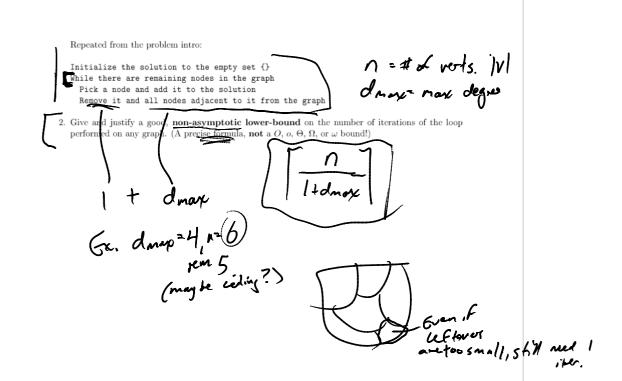
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## 8 Declaration of (a Degree of) Independence





3. **Briefly** explain why a lower-bound on the number of iterations of the algorithm above also gives a lower-bound on the size of the independent set in the input graph.

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Its size is equal to the that of ites.

So, that of ites is a lower-bound on the size of the new ind set.