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Note:

(1) All “lg”s are based 2 if unspecified.

(2) Points of subproblems are evenly distributed in each problem.

1. (14') True or false.

- _____ (a) The sorting problem is of $\Omega(n)$
- _____ (b) If the input list is already sorted, Quicksort runs in $\Theta(n \lg n)$ time
- _____ (c) If the input list is already sorted, Randomized Quicksort runs in expected $\Theta(n \lg n)$ time
- _____ (d) Mergesort runs in $\Theta(n)$ best-case time.
- _____ (e) $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ implies $f(n) \neq o(g(n))$.
- _____ (f) $f(n) \neq o(g(n))$ implies $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$.
- _____ (g) $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ implies $f(n) \neq o(g(n))$.

2. (16') For each problem, write ALL correct asymptotic relationships in $\{O, \Theta, \Omega\}$ between the given functions. (Determine if any or some of the following relationships hold: $f(x) = O(g(x))$, $f(x) = \Theta(g(x))$, $f(x) = \Omega(g(x))$)

- (a) $f(x) = x^2 - x$, $g(x) = 3x^2 + 20$. _____
- (b) $f(x) = 6x + 1$, $g(x) = 3 \lg^2 x + 2$. _____
- (c) $f(x) = 1/(\lg x)$, $g(x) = (\lg x)/x$. _____
- (d) $f(x) = x^{\lg 7}$, $g(x) = x^3$. _____

You might need the following facts:

$$\lg^a b = (\log b)^a; \lg(ab) = \lg a + \lg b; \lg_a b = \lg_c b / \lg_c a \quad (a, b, c > 0 \ \& \ \neq 1)$$

3. (16') Here is a recursive algorithm to solve the Tower of Hanoi problem:

Algorithm TowerofHanoi(n, Source, Spare, Destination)

Input : The n smallest rings are stacked on Source

Output: The n smallest rings are stacked on Destination

begin

TowerofHanoi(n - 1, Source, Destination, Spare)

Move the nth-largest ring directly from Source to Destination (takes time 1)

TowerofHanoi(n - 1, Spare, Source, Destination)

end algorithm

- (a) What's the recurrence relation of the algorithm? _____
- (b) How many levels are there in the recursion tree? _____
- (c) Obtain an asymptotic expression for $T(n)$? _____
- (d) Obtain an exact expression for $T(n)$. _____

4. (20') Determine the *asymptotic* behavior of each of the following recurrence relations using the Master Method. Identify the values $a, b, f(n)$, and the relationship between $f(n)$ and $n^{\lg_b(a)}$. If Master method is not applicable, write "Does not apply".

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

(b) $T(n) = 8T(n/2) + 3n^3 + 4n + 10$

(c) $T(n) = 2T(2n^{1/3}) + 10n$

(d) $T(n) = T(n/3) + \lg n$

5. (16') A "double-1" fair die when tossed will give the value 1 to 5, where the probability of 1 is twice than any other side (two sides with "1", and no "6").

(a) A "double-1" fair die is tossed, what is the expected value of the toss, under the condition that the value produced is odd? _____

(b) Suppose two "double-1" fair dice are tossed, what is the probability that they will all produce equal values? _____

(c) Suppose two "double-1" fair dice are tossed, what is the probability that the sum of their values will equal to 3? _____

(d) What is the expected value for the sum of two tosses of a "double-1" fair die? _____

6. (8') The following algorithm prints all divisors of the number n

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x = 1;
while ( x <= n ) {      // Run x = 1, 2, ..., n
  if ( n % x == 0 ) {  // x is a divisor of n
    System.out.println(x); // Print x (because it's a divisor)
  }
  x++;
}
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(a) State a loop invariant for the **while** loop.

At the beginning of the i th loop, we have ...

(b) Assume the loop invariant in (a) holds, prove the correctness of the algorithm.

7. (10') You are given k nuts N and k bolts B , each of different diameter. For any pair $(n,b) \in N*B$, you will learn either $n < b$, $n > b$ or they fit ($n=b$). Note that you cannot compare nut to nut or bolt to bolt directly. We'd like to find all pairs that fit.

In the case that NOT every nut has a bolt that it is paired with and vice versa, prove that any algorithm must do $\Omega(k^2)$ tests in the worst case, for some input.