

# CSE 250 - Midterm Exam - Version 1

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## Part 1 - Bounds and Runtime Analysis

[18 Points]

1. For the following summation determine the unqualified  $\mathcal{O}$ ,  $\Omega$ , and  $\Theta$  bounds, [4 points] if they exist. For any bounds that do not exist, give a reason why.

$$f(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n^3} \sum_{j=1}^n 16i$$

$\mathcal{O}(n^7)$ ,  $\Omega(n^7)$ ,  $\Theta(n^7)$

2. For the following function determine the unqualified  $\mathcal{O}$ ,  $\Omega$ , and  $\Theta$  bounds, [4 points] if they exist. For any bounds that do not exist, give a reason why.

$$f(n) = 15n + \log(2^{n^4}) - 16\log(n)$$

$\mathcal{O}(n^4)$ ,  $\Omega(n^4)$ ,  $\Theta(n^4)$

3. For the following function determine the unqualified  $\mathcal{O}$ ,  $\Omega$ , and  $\Theta$  bounds, [4 points] if they exist. For any bounds that do not exist, give a reason why.

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 18n & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 3n\log(n) & \text{if } n \text{ is a power of 2} \\ 2n^3 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ ,  $\Omega(n)$ ,  $\Theta$  bound does not exist, because tight  $\mathcal{O}$  and tight  $\Omega$  are not the same.

4. For the following functions, prove that  $f(n) \in O(g(n))$  by finding appropriate values for the constants  $c$  and  $n_0$ . Show all work. [6 points]

$$f(n) = 16n + 3n^2 - 24$$

$$g(n) = 6n^2$$

**Consider the following inequalities:**

$$3n^2 \leq c_1 * 6n^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{This is true if } c_1 = 2 \text{ and } n_0 = 0$$

$$16n \leq c_2 * 6n^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{This is true if } c_2 = 3 \text{ and } n_0 = 0$$

$$-24 \leq c_3 * 6n^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{This is true if } c_3 = 1 \text{ and } n_0 = 0$$

So if we set  $c$  to 6 and  $n_0$  to 0, we have:

$f(n) \leq c * g(n)$  for all  $n > n_0$ , therefore  $f(n)$  is in  $O(g(n))$

[1 point] for valid  $c$  and  $n_0$  or for showing the limit test

[2 points] for correct setup (showing what it means to be in  $O$ )

[3 points] for valid work

*Note there are many constants that satisfy this inequality*

## Part 2 - Data Structure Selection

[20 Points]

Each of the following two questions describe a particular use-case or application with a need that could be satisfied by the data structures we have discussed in class so far. **For each question you must state 3 things:** the ADT from class that best fits the usage pattern described, a specific data structure implementing that ADT that best meets the performance needs, and in at most one sentence give a reason why that data structure is the best choice.

5. Bob is a user of popular social media site TwitTok, and he wants to learn more about how many people his posts have reasonable potential to reach. To do this, he downloaded data about all of the sites users and who they follow (the site's privacy is awful). He then plans to search through this data to find out how many people on the site are at most 3 steps away from him (people who follow him are one step away, people who follow someone one step away from him are two steps away, etc). What ADT would help him organize the data in a searchable way, what data structure should he use to implement that ADT, and what makes that data structure the best choice? [10 points]

**[3 points] ADT: Graph (1 point if mentioning queue for BFS)**

**[3 points] Data Structure: Adjacency List**

**[4 points] Reason: The runtime to search through the graph is smaller than for edge lists and adjacency matrices since each vertex stores its incident edges**

6. Alice is working on processing a bunch of her old photos by writing a program that automatically applies filters and touch-ups to batches of photos all at once. Through some experimentation, she has found that working in batches of size 100 has the best performance. What ADT can be used to store these batches of photos, and what data structure should she use to implement that ADT and why? [10 points]

**[3 points] ADT: Sequence or Seq (1 point for queue or buffer)**

**[3 points] Data Structure: Array (1 point for ArrayBuffer)**

**[4 points] Reason: We have fixed size of 100, so we don't need the ability to add/remove, and there are advantages to having memory be contiguous. Updates are  $O(1)$ . No extra memory overhead for Array**

## Part 3 - Stacks and Queues

[17 Points]

For questions in this part, consider the following code:

```

val seq = new MysterySequence()
seq.addSomething("S")
seq.addSomething("C")
print(seq.removeSomething())
seq.addSomething("O")
seq.addSomething("R")
print(seq.removeSomething())
print(seq.removeSomething())
seq.addSomething("E")
seq.addSomething("N")
print(seq.removeSomething())
print(seq.removeSomething())

```

7. What is printed if `MysterySequence` is a queue, and `addSomething` and `removeSomething` are `enqueue` and `dequeue` respectively? What are the contents of the queue after this code is run? [5 points]

**[4 points] SCORE, [1 point] remaining contents "N"**

8. What is printed if `MysterySequence` is a stack, and `addSomething` and `removeSomething` are `push` and `pop` respectively? What are the contents of the stack after this code is run? [5 points]

**[4 points] CRONE, [1 point] remaining contents "S"**

9. State the unqualified and amortized runtimes of `addSomething` and `removeSomething` for `ArrayBuffer` and `LinkedList` implementations of `MysterySequence`. [7 points]

	ArrayBuffer		LinkedList	
	Unqualified	Amortized	Unqualified	Amortized
<code>addSomething</code>	$\Theta(n)$	$O(1)$	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(1)$
<code>removeSomething</code>	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(1)$

**[1 point] per correct answer (max of 7)**

## Part 4 - Arrays and Linked Lists

[20 Points]

For questions in this part, consider the following code, in which `array` is an `ArrayBuffer[String]`, and `list` is a `LinkedList[String]`. Assume we don't know anything about the value of `x`.

```
array.insert(idx = array.length, elem = "foo")
array.insert(idx = x, elem = "bar")
list.insert(idx = list.length, elem = "baz")
```

10. What is the unqualified worst-case runtime for the call inserting "foo" in the above code if we assume that the underlying array in our `ArrayBuffer` is not full? How does your answer change if we cannot assume that the underlying array is not full? [5 points]

**[2 points]  $O(1)$ , [3 points] without the assumption it becomes  $O(n)$**

11. What is the unqualified worst-case runtime for the call inserting "bar" in the above code if we assume that the underlying array in our `ArrayBuffer` is not full? How does your answer change if we cannot assume that the underlying array is not full? [5 points]

**[2 points]  $O(n)$ , [3 points] without the assumption it is still  $O(n)$**

12. What is the unqualified worst-case runtime for the call inserting "baz" in the above code if `list` is a singly linked list? [5 points]

**[5 points]  $O(n)$**

13. What is the unqualified worst-case runtime for the call inserting "baz" in the above code if `list` is a doubly linked list? [5 points]

**[5 points]  $O(1)$**

## Part 5 - Short Answer

[10 Points]

14. In one or two sentences, describe the difference between an ADT and a data structure. Then name 2 ADTs and 2 data structures we have described in class. [5 points]

**[1 point] ADTs just describe what you can do with the data, the data structure is the actual implementation of those capabilities.**

**[2 points] ADTs: Seq, Buffer, Stack, Queue, Graph**

**[2 points] Data Structures: Array, ArrayBuffer, LinkedList, EdgeList, AdjList, AdjMatrix**

15. Consider the following runtime function for a recursive algorithm: [5 points]

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ 2 \cdot T(\frac{n}{2}) + \Theta(1) + \Theta(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

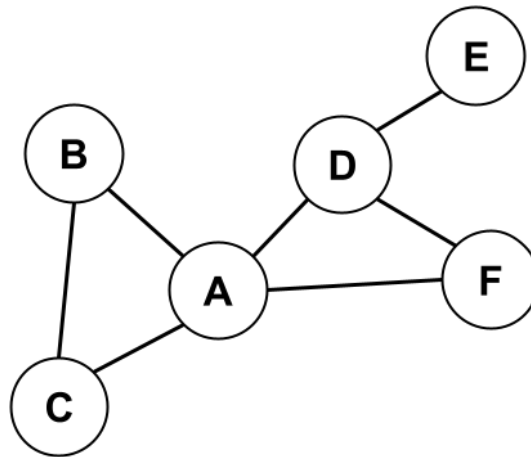
If we hypothesize that the runtime of this recursive algorithm is  $O(n \log(n))$  state inequality we must prove for the base case, and state the inequality we must use as the assumption for the inductive case.

**[2 points] Base:  $T(1) \leq c * 1 * \log(1)$**

**[3 points] Assumption:  $T(n/2) \leq c * n/2 * \log(n/2)$**

## Part 6 - Graphs

[15 Points]



16. Draw below a spanning tree of the above graph that could be found using a breadth-first search starting at vertex **A**: [15 points]

**[5 points] The drawn subtree must be a spanning subgraph (contain all nodes),  
[5 points] a tree (no cycles),  
[5 points] and for BFS ordering it must NOT include edges BC and edge DF**



## Part 7 - Extra Credit

[5 Points]

17. Is it possible to have a function,  $f(n)$ , that is in both  $O(n^3)$  and  $\Omega(n)$ ?  
If so, give an example.

**[1 point] Yes. [4 points] Many possible examples:  $n^3$ ,  $n$ , case functions, etc.**

## Scrap Paper