

# University of Nevada, Las Vegas Computer Science 477/677 Spring 2024

## Answers to Assignment 6: Due Saturday April 5 2025

1. Fill in the blanks.

- (a) True or false: Open hashing uses open addressing. **false**.
- (b) When two data have the same hash value, that is called a **collision**.
- (c) A **perfect** hash function gives a 1-1 correspondence between the data and the indices of the hash table.
- (d) In closed hashing, if a collision occurs, one of the data uses a **probe** sequence to search for an unused index.
- (e) A connected acyclic graph (not digraph) with 25 vertices must have **24** edges.
- (f) In open hashing, the data which share a hash value must be stored in a **search structure**. (Choose one of these answers: **search structure**, **priority queue**, **virtual array**, **directed graph**.)
- (g) In **cuckoo** hashing, each datum has more than one possible hash value.
- (h) An optimal binary prefix code for a given weighted alphabet can be computed using **Huffman's** algorithm.
- (i) In an unweighted directed graph, the shortest path between two given vertices can be found by **breadth**-first search. (Choose one of these answers: **Depth**, **Breadth**.)
- (j) Binary search tree sort (or simply *tree sort*) is a fast implementation of **insertion** sort. (Choose of these answers: **selection**, **bubble**, **insertion**, **quick**.)
- (k) A **topological** order of a directed graph  $G$  is an ordering of the vertices of  $G$  such that vertex  $x$  must come earlier than vertex  $y$  in the ordering if there is an arc from  $x$  to  $y$ ,
- (l) The subproblems of a dynamic program must be worked in **topological** order.

2. Write the asymptotic time complexity for each code fragment, using  $\Theta$  notation.

- (a) 

```
for (int i=1; i < n; i++)  
    for (int j=i; j > 0; j--)
```

 $\Theta(n^2)$
- (b) 

```
for (int i=1; i < n; i=2*i)  
    for (int j=i; j < n; j++)
```

 $\Theta(n \log n)$
- (c) 

```
for (int i=1; i < n; i++)  
    for (int j=1; j < i; j = j*2)
```

 $\Theta(n \log n)$
- (d) 

```
for (int i=1; i < n; i++)  
    for (int j=i; j < n; j = j*2)
```

 $\Theta(n)$
- (e) 

```
for (int i=2; i < n; i = i*i)
```

 $\Theta(\log \log n)$
- (f) 

```
for (int i=1; i*i < n; i++)
```

 $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$

3. Give an asymptotic solution to each of these recurrences, using the Bentley-Blostein-Saxe method, otherwise known as the master theorem. Some of them may require substitution.

(a)  $F(n) = 2F(n/2) + n$

$$F(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$$

(b)  $F(n) = 4F(n/2) + n^3$

$$F(n) = \Theta(n^3)$$

(c)  $F(n) = 4F(n/2) + n^2$

$$F(n) = \Theta(n^2 \log n)$$

(d)  $F(n) = 4F(n/2) + n$

$$F(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$

(e)  $T(n) = 7T(n/7) + n$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$$

(f)  $T(n) = 9T(n/3) + n^2$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^2 \log n)$$

(g)  $T(n) = 8T(n/2) + n^3$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^3 \log n)$$

(h)  $T(n) = T(\sqrt{n}) + 1$       Use substitution:  $m = \log n$ .

$$T(n) = \Theta(\log \log n)$$

(i)  $T(n) = 2T(n-1) + 1$  Use substitution:       $n = \log m$ , *i.e.*  $m = 2^n$ .

$$T(n) = \Theta(2^n)$$

4. Give an asymptotic solution to each of these recurrences using the Akra-Brazzi method, otherwise known as the generalized master theorem.

(a)  $F(n) = 2F(n/4) + F(n/2) + 1$

$$\gamma = 1 \text{ since } 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$F(n) = \Theta(n)$$

(b)  $F(n) = 2F(n/4) + F(n/2) + n$

$$\gamma = 1 \text{ since } 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$F(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$$

(c)  $F(n) = 2F(n/4) + F(n/2) + n^2$

$$\gamma = 1 \text{ since } 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$F(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$

(d)  $F(n) = F(3n/5) + F(4n/5) + n^2$

$$\gamma = 2, \text{ since } \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$F(n) = \Theta(n^2 \log n)$$

(e)  $F(n) = F(n/3) + 5F(2n/3) + 1$

$$\gamma = 4, \text{ since } \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4 + 5\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 = 1$$

5. Give an asymptotic solution to each these recurrences, using the anti-derivative method.

(a)  $F(n) = F(n - \log n) + \log n$

$$\frac{F(n) - F(n - \log n)}{\log n} = 1$$

$$F'(n) = \Theta(1)$$

$$F(n) = \Theta(n)$$

(b)  $G(n) = G(n - 1) + n^c$  where  $c \geq 1$  is a constant.

$$\frac{G(n) - G(n - 1)}{1} = n^c$$

$$G'(n) = \Theta(n^c)$$

$$G(n) = \Theta(n^{c+1})$$

(c)  $K(n) = K(n - \sqrt{n}) + n$

$$\frac{K(n) - K(n - \sqrt{n})}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{n}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$K'(n) = \Theta(\sqrt{n})$$

$$K(n) = \Theta(n^{3/2})$$

6. What is the asymptotic complexity of the function `martha(n)` given below, in terms of `n`? Write a recurrence and solve. (I mean the actual value of `martha(n)`, not the time to compute it.)

```
int martha(int n)
{
    assert(n >= 0);
    if(n < 1) return 0;
    else return 2*martha(n/2) + n;
}
```

$$\text{martha}(n) = 2\text{martha}(n/2) + n$$

$$\text{martha}(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$$

7. What is the asymptotic time complexity of the above code which computes **martha(n)**? Assume that each addition or multiplication takes constant time.

Let  $T(n)$  be the time for the above code to compute **martha(n)**. Then

$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 1$  since it only takes 1 step to fetch  $n$ .

$T(n) = \Theta(n)$ .

8. If you actually need the value of **martha(n)** and not other values of **martha**, the above recursive code is rather inefficient. Describe a faster method. What is its asymptotic time complexity? Assume that each addition or multiplication takes constant time.

We can use dynamic programming, which takes  $\Theta(n)$  time:

```
martha[0] = 0;
for(int i = 1; i <= n; i++)
    martha[i] = 2*martha[i/2] + i
```

```
write martha[n]
```

We can use memoization, which takes  $\Theta(\log n)$  time: Assume memos of the form  $(i, \text{martha}(i))$  are stored in a search structure.

```
int martha(int i)
    if (there is a memo (i,m)) return m;
    else
        if(i == 0) m = 0;
        else
            m = martha(i/2) + i;
            store the memo (i,m)
            return m;
```

```
write martha(n)
```

9. What is the asymptotic complexity of the function **george(n)** given below, in terms of  $n$ ? Write a recurrence and solve. (I mean the actual value of **george(n)**, not the time to compute it.)

```
int george(int n)
{
    assert(n >= 0);
    if(x <= 1) return 1;
    else return george(3*n/5) + george(4*n/5) + n*n;
}
```

The recurrence is  $\text{george}(n) = \text{george}(3n/5) + \text{george}(4n/5) + n^2$

Using the Akra-Brazzi method,  $\gamma = 2$ .

The solution is  $\text{george}(n) = \Theta(n^2 \log n)$ .

10. What is the asymptotic time complexity of the above code which computes `george(n)`? Assume that each operation takes constant time.

The recurrence is:

The recurrence is  $T(n) = T(3n/5) + T(4n/5) + 1$

Using the Akra-Brazzi method,  $\gamma = 2$ .

The solution is  $T(n) = n^2$ .

11. The following table gives two possible hash values for each of a set of 8 data. Can you construct a closed hash table of size 8 which contains all the data?

If so, construct the table. Otherwise, convince me that it's impossible.

Abe	1	4
Bob	7	3
Cec	5	6
Dan	5	7
Eve	1	6
Fay	2	3
Hal	4	8
Ida	8	2

1	<del>Abe</del> Eve Abe
2	Fay
3	Bob
4	<del>Abe</del> Hal
5	<del>Cec</del> <del>Dan</del> Cec
6	<del>Cec</del> Eve
7	<del>Bob</del> Dan
8	Ida