

Analysis and Design of Algorithms, Winter 2017  
Assignment 1

**Exercise 1-1**

Prove that  $\Theta$  is an equivalence relation.

**Exercise 1-2**

Asymptotically rank the following functions.

$n$ ,  $n^{1/2}$ ,  $\log(n)$ ,  $\log(\log(n))$ ,  $\log^2 n$ ,  $(1/3)^n$ ,  $4$ ,  $(3/2)^n$ ,  $n!$ .

**Exercise 1-3**

Prove that, for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $b > a \rightarrow a^n = o(b^n)$ .

**Exercise 1-4**

Prove or disprove each of the following.

- a)  $f(n) = O(g(n)) \rightarrow g(n) = O(f(n))$ .
- b)  $f(n) + g(n) = \Theta(\min(f(n), g(n)))$ .
- c)  $f(n) = O((f(n))^2)$ .

**Exercise 1-5**

What is the worst-case time complexity of the following algorithm? (Find a tight bound in terms of  $O$  or  $\Theta$ .)

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Iterator(int n) {  
    for(i = 1; i <= n; i++)  
        for(j = i; j >= 1; j--)  
            for(k = 1; k <= j; k++)  
                print(j)  
}
```

**Exercise 1-6**

Using two different methods, prove that  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^p = \Theta(n^{p+1})$ , for  $p \geq 1$ .

**Exercise 1-7**

Prove that  $\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{i^2} = \Theta\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)$

**Exercise 1-8      Submission**  
**Due by 13:45, Saturday, September 23rd**

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Using two different methods, prove that  $\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} 2^i = \Theta(2^n)$ .