

# Quiz 2

1) You want to show using induction that a statement  $A(n)$  holds for all  $n$  of the form  $n = 2^k$ , with  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ . Which of the following combinations of base case and induction step would form a valid proof?

Select one or more:

- a. Base case:  $A(1)$  holds.  
Induction step:  $A(n) \implies A(2n)$  for all integers  $n \geq 1$ .
- b. Base case:  $A(0)$  holds.  
Induction step:  $A(2^k) \implies A(2^{k+1})$  for all integers  $k \geq 1$ .
- c. Base case:  $A(1)$  holds.  
Induction step:  $A(2^k) \implies A(2^{k+1})$  for all integers  $k \geq 1$ .

✓ still true!

- d. Base case:  $A(1)$  holds.  
Induction step:  $A(2^k) \implies A(2^{k+1})$  for all integers  $k \geq 0$ .

✓ more convenient

2)  $\sum_{k=1}^n k^{0.3} \leq O(n^{1.3})$ ?

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^{0.3} = \Theta(n^{1.3}) \Rightarrow \leq O(n^{1.3})$$

(detailed:  $\sum_{k=1}^n k^{0.3} \leq \sum_{k=1}^n n^{0.3} = n \cdot n^{0.3} = n^{1.3}$ )

what is used?

Induction Explanation W1

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^k = \Theta(n^{k+1})$$

3) Recall that  $f = \Theta(g)$  if and only if  $f \leq O(g)$  and  $g \leq O(f)$ .

Is it true that  $n^2 + n - 1 = \Theta(n^3 - n^2)$ ?

→ given

$$n^2 + n - 1 \leq O(n^3 - n^2) \text{ but } n^3 - n^2 \not\leq O(n^2 + n - 1)$$

or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + n - 1}{n^3 - n^2} = 0 \neq C \in \mathbb{R}^+$

alternative:

• If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = C \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , then  $f = \Theta(g)$ .

4) Consider the following pseudocode snippet:

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i ← 1
while i ≤ n:
    i ← i + 2
    f()
    
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Which of the following expressions in  $\Theta$ -notation correctly describe the number of calls to  $f$ ?

Select one or more:

- a.  $\Theta(n^2)$
- b.  $\Theta(n \log n)$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n/2} 1 = n/2 = \Theta(n)$$

✓  $\Theta(n)$

✓  $\Theta(n/2)$

↳ =  $\Theta(n)$  /2 doesn't make a difference

Loop Counting Explanation W3

5) Consider the following pseudocode snippet:

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x ← n^2
while x ≥ 2:
    x ← x/2
    f()
    
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(x is not necessarily an integer!)

$$x: n^2, \frac{n^2}{2}, \frac{n^2}{2^2}, \frac{n^2}{2^3} \dots$$

Assume  $n \geq 2$ . Which of the following expressions in  $\Theta$ -notation correctly describes the number of calls to  $f$ ?

- a.  $\Theta(\log_2 n)$
- b.  $\Theta(n^2 \log_2 n)$
- c.  $\Theta(n/2)$
- d.  $\Theta((\log_2 n)^2)$

$$n = 2^k \quad \log_2(n^2) \text{ times}$$

$$\log_2(n^2) = 2 \cdot \log_2(n) = \Theta(\log_2 n)$$

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