

Choose any 2 of the 3 problems.

If you answer all three questions, only questions 1 and 2 will be graded.

**Question1-Part A) (10 points)** For each of the following scenarios, determine the correct relationship between  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$ . Multiple answers may apply.

**Note:** Please select the correct options **only**. **Incorrect or extra selections will result in a penalty of -0.5 points per mistake.**

- 1) Let  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  be two functions representing algorithmic runtimes. The growth rate of  $f(n)$  compared to  $g(n)$  can be analyzed using the limit below:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = c$$

where  $c$  is a **positive constant**. Based on this limit, identify the correct relationship between  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$ . Select all correct cases. No justification needed.

- a)  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  (Big-O)
- b)  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$  (Big-Omega)
- c)  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$  (Theta)
- d)  $f(n) = o(g(n))$  (Little-o)
- e)  $f(n) = \omega(g(n))$  (Little-omega)

- 2) Now, consider the case where:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \infty$$

Based on this limit, identify the correct relationship between  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$ . Select all correct cases. No justification needed.

- a)  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  (Big-O)
- b)  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$  (Big-Omega)
- c)  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$  (Theta)
- d)  $f(n) = o(g(n))$  (Little-o)
- e)  $f(n) = \omega(g(n))$  (Little-omega)

- 3) Let  $f(n) = n!$  and  $g(n) = n^n$  (that is,  $n$  to the power of  $n$ ). Select all correct cases below. No justification needed.

- a)  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  (Big-O)
- b)  $g(n) = O(f(n))$  (Big-O)
- c)  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$  (Theta)
- d)  $g(n) = \Theta(f(n))$  (Theta)
- e)  $f(n) = o(g(n))$  (Little-o)
- f)  $g(n) = o(f(n))$  (Little-o)

**Question1- Part B) (10 points)** For each function  $f(n)$  below, give **an asymptotic upper bound using “Big-Oh”**. You should give the tightest bound possible. No need to justify your answers.

- a)  $f(n) = 45n^2 + \log(n^3) + n$
- b)  $f(n) = n^k + 50 \log n + 10$ , where  $k \geq 1$  is a constant
- c)  $f(n) = n^2 + n \log n$
- d)

$$f(n) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} n^4 + 2n, & n \leq 12 \\ 3n + 5, & n > 12 \text{ and } n \text{ is odd} \\ 12n^2, & n > 12 \text{ and } n \text{ is even} \end{array} \right\}$$

**Question 2) (20 points)**

Count the precise number of "basic operations" executed in the codes below. Your answer should be a function of  $n$  ( $n \geq 0$ ) in closed form. Note that “closed form” means that you must resolve all  $\sum$ 's, recursive relations, etc. An asymptotic answer (such as one that uses Big-O, Theta, and similar) is **not** acceptable. **Show all your work.**

**Note:** For a recursive function, you first need to write the corresponding recurrence relation and then solve it precisely to come up with the closed form function of  $n$ .

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A)
void fun(int n)
{
    Perform 1 basic operation;
    if (n >= 1)
    {
        fun (n-2);
    }
}
```

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B)
for(int i = 1; i <= n; i++)
{
    for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++)
        Perform 1 basic operation;
    //endfor j
} //endfor i

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### Question 3 (20 points): Set Subtraction Using Singly Linked Lists

We have two sets of integers, **set A** and **set B**, implemented as two **unsorted singly linked lists**. We define **the set difference** operation, **A - B**, as producing a set containing all elements in **A** that are **not present in B**, while maintaining the **original order of elements** in **A**.

For example, given:

**A** = {**1, 2, 8, 4**} and **B** = {**2, 8, 10, 3**},  
the result of **A - B** is {**1, 4**}.

Each linked list node consists of:

- An integer **key**
- A pointer to the **next** node

Assume that **A** has **n** elements and **B** has **m** elements, where **n, m ≥ 0**.

#### (a) Implementation (15 points)

Write a **C++ function** *subtract* that performs in-place subtraction of two given linked lists, **A** and **B**, as described above. The function should modify **A** directly, removing nodes that contain values found in **B**, while preserving the order of elements in **A**.

#### Assumptions and Constraints:

- Do **not** create a new or temporary linked list as you implement the *subtract* function.
- The function should return a pointer to the head of the modified list **A**, representing **A - B**.

#### Example:

If **A** is represented as **1 → 2 → 8 → 4** and **B** as **2 → 8 → 10 → 3**, after subtraction, **A** should be modified to **1 → 4** without allocating extra space for a new list.

Ensure you

- (1) **(5 points)** Declare your data structure first.
- (2) **(10 points)** Code the search **function** in C++ only as described above.

**(b) Complexity Analysis (5 points)**

Analyze the **worst-case time complexity** of your function from part (a) and provide a **justification** for your answer.

**Note:** Your codes should be in C/C++ only. No points for other programming languages.