

Analysis of Algorithms - Scrimmage I

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Please attempt as many problems as you can in class. The scrimmage will not be graded, i.e. there are no points. The solutions are posted at:

<http://www.csee.wvu.edu/~ksmani/courses/fa02/cs320/cs320.html>

1. Prove using mathematical induction:

(a) $\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n \cdot (n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$.

(b) $7^n - 2^n$ is divisible by 5.

(c) Show that $13^n - 6^n$ is divisible by 7.

(d) Show that

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

You may need to use the following identities from trigonometry

$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$i^2 = -1$$

2. Compare $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ using asymptotic notation; you may either describe $f(n)$ in terms of $g(n)$ (for instance, $f(n) = O(g(n))$) or $g(n)$ in terms of $f(n)$ (for instance, $g(n) = \omega(f(n))$). Make sure that your description is as precise as possible.

(a) $f(n) = n \log^5 n$, $g(n) = n^2$

(b) $f(n) = n \log_4 n$, $g(n) = n \log_{35} n$

(c) $f(n) = \log^3 n$, $g(n) = n^{\frac{1}{3}}$

(d) $f(n) = 2^n$, $g(n) = 2^{n+1}$