

Analysis of Loops
Solutions to Exercises

1. The inner loop iterates $(2i\lfloor \log_5(i) \rfloor - 7 + 1)$ times and takes $ci\lfloor \log_2(i) \rfloor$ time.

$$\text{Running time is } T(n) = \sum_{i=3}^{n^2} ci\lfloor \log_2(i) \rfloor.$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=3}^{n^2} ci\lfloor \log_2(i) \rfloor \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n^2} cn^2\lfloor \log_2(n^2) \rfloor = n^2cn^2\log_2(n^2) = 2cn^4\log_2(n) \in O(n^4\log_2(n)).$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \sum_{i=3}^{n^2} ci\lfloor \log_2(i) \rfloor \geq \sum_{i=\lceil n^2/2 \rceil}^{n^2} ci(\log_2(i) - 1) \geq \sum_{i=\lceil n^2/2 \rceil}^{n^2} c(n^2/2)(\log_2(n^2/2) - 1) \\ &\geq (n^2 - (n^2/2))c(n^2/2)(\log_2(n^2) - \log_2(2) - 1) \geq c(n^2/2)(n^2/2)(2\log_2(n) - 2) \\ &= cn^4\log_2(n)/2 - cn^2/2 \in \Omega(n^4\log_2(n)). \end{aligned}$$

Since $T(n) \in O(n^4\log_2(n))$ and $T(n) \in \Omega(n^4\log_2(n))$, we conclude that $T(n) \in \Theta(n^4\log_2(n))$.

2. Inner while loop (steps 3-7) iterates $(i^3 - i)/4$ times and takes ci^3 time for some $c > 0$.

$$\text{Runing time is } T(n) = \sum_{i=3}^{\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor} ci^3.$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=3}^{\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor} ci^3 \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor} c(\sqrt{n})^3 = \sqrt{n}cn^{1.5} \leq cn^2 \in O(n^2).$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=3}^{\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor} ci^3 \geq \sum_{i=\lceil \sqrt{n}/2 \rceil}^{\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor} ci^3 \geq \sum_{i=\lceil \sqrt{n}/2 \rceil}^{\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor} c(\sqrt{n}/2)^3 \geq (\sqrt{n} - \sqrt{n}/2)cn^{1.5}/2^3 \geq c(n^2)/2^4 \in \Omega(n^2).$$

Since $T(n) \in O(n^2)$ and $T(n) \in \Omega(n^2)$, we conclude that $T(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$.

3. Inner for loop (steps 4-6) iterates $(6i + 21 - 6i + 1) = 22$ times or takes time c .

$$\text{Running time is } T(n) = \sum_{i=2n}^{n^2} \sum_{j=i}^{n^2} c = \sum_{i=2n}^{n^2} c(n^2 - i + 1).$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=2n}^{n^2} c(n^2 - i + 1) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n^2} c(n^2) = n^2c(n^2) = cn^4 \in O(n^4).$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \sum_{i=2n}^{n^2} c(n^2 - i + 1) \geq \sum_{i=2n}^{\lfloor n^2/2 \rfloor} c(n^2 - i + 1) \geq \sum_{i=2n}^{\lfloor n^2/2 \rfloor} c(n^2 - \lfloor n^2/2 \rfloor + 1) \\ &\geq \sum_{i=2n}^{\lfloor n^2/2 \rfloor} c(n^2/2) \geq (n^2/2 - 2n)c(n^2/2) = c(n^4)/4 - cn^3 \in \Omega(n^4). \end{aligned}$$

Since $T(n) \in O(n^4)$ and $T(n) \in \Omega(n^4)$, we conclude that $T(n) \in \Theta(n^4)$.

4. Running time is:

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}^{\lfloor 4n\sqrt{n} \rfloor} \sum_{j=3}^i \sum_{k=j}^i c = \sum_{i=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}^{\lfloor 4n\sqrt{n} \rfloor} \sum_{j=3}^i (i-j+1)c.$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \sum_{i=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}^{\lfloor 4n\sqrt{n} \rfloor} \sum_{j=3}^i (i-j+1)c \leq \sum_{i=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}^{\lfloor 4n\sqrt{n} \rfloor} \sum_{j=1}^i c(4n\sqrt{n}) = \sum_{i=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}^{\lfloor 4n\sqrt{n} \rfloor} c(4n\sqrt{n})i \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor 4n\sqrt{n} \rfloor} c(4n\sqrt{n})^2 \leq (4n\sqrt{n})16cn^3 = 64cn^{4.5} \in O(n^{4.5}). \\ \sum_{j=3}^i (i-j+1)c &\geq \sum_{j=\lceil i/2 \rceil}^i (i-j+1)c \geq \sum_{j=\lceil i/2 \rceil}^i (i-\lceil i/2 \rceil)c \\ &\geq (i-\lceil i/2 \rceil)(i-\lceil i/2 \rceil)c \geq (i/2)^2c = ci^2/4. \\ T(n) &= \sum_{i=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}^{\lfloor 4n\sqrt{n} \rfloor} \sum_{j=3}^i (i-j+1)c \geq \sum_{i=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}^{\lfloor 4n\sqrt{n} \rfloor} ci^2/4 \geq \sum_{i=\lfloor 2n\sqrt{n} \rfloor}^{\lfloor 4n\sqrt{n} \rfloor} ci^2/4 \geq \sum_{i=\lfloor 2n\sqrt{n} \rfloor}^{\lfloor 4n\sqrt{n} \rfloor} c(2n\sqrt{n})^2 \\ &= (\lfloor 4n\sqrt{n} \rfloor - \lfloor 2n\sqrt{n} \rfloor + 1)c(2n\sqrt{n})^2 \geq c(2n\sqrt{n})^3 = 8cn^{4.5} \in \Omega(n^{4.5}). \end{aligned}$$

Since $T(n) \in O(n^{4.5})$ and $T(n) \in \Omega(n^{4.5})$, we conclude that $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{4.5})$.

5. Inner while loop (steps 5-8) iterates $\lfloor (n-8)/\lceil \log_2(n) \rceil \rfloor$ times and takes $c_1n/\log_2(n)$ time.

Outer while loop iterates $\lfloor (n^2-4)/\lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil \rfloor$ times or about $c_2n^{3/2}$ times for some constant c_2 .

Total running time is $c_2n^{3/2}c_1n/\log_2(n) = c_1c_2n^{5/2}/\log_2(n) \in \Theta(n^{5/2}/\log_2(n))$.

6. Inner while loop (steps 5-8) iterates $\lfloor (i^3-6)/i \rfloor$ times and takes ci^2 time.

Outer while loop iterates $\lfloor (n^{3/2}-4)/n \rfloor \approx \sqrt{n}$ times.

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= c5^2 + c(5+n)^2 + c(5+2n)^2 + \dots + c(n^{3/2})^2 \\ &\leq \underbrace{c(n^{3/2})^2 + c(n^{3/2})^2 + \dots + c(n^{3/2})^2}_{\sqrt{n}} \leq c\sqrt{n}(n^{3/2})^2 = cn^{7/2}. \\ T(n) &= c5^2 + c(5+n)^2 + c(5+2n)^2 + \dots + c(n^{3/2})^2 \\ &\geq c(n^{3/2}/2)^2 + c(n^{3/2}/2+n)^2 + c(n^{3/2}/2+2n)^2 + \dots + c(n^{3/2})^2 \\ &\geq \underbrace{c(n^{3/2}/2)^2 + c(n^{3/2}/2)^2 + \dots + c(n^{3/2}/2)^2}_{\sqrt{n}/2} \\ &= (\sqrt{n}/2)c(n^{3/2})^2/4 = cn^{7/2}/8. \end{aligned}$$

Since $cn^{7/2}/8 \leq T(n) \leq cn^{7/2}$, we conclude that $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{7/2})$.

7. Inner for loop takes ci time.

Running time is:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= c + 7c + 7^2c + 7^3c + \dots + \lfloor 6n^{3/2} \rfloor c/7^2 + \lfloor 6n^{3/2} \rfloor c/7 + \lfloor 6n^{3/2} \rfloor c \\ &= \lfloor 6n^{3/2} \rfloor c + \lfloor 6n^{3/2} \rfloor c/7 + \lfloor 6n^{3/2} \rfloor c/7^2 + \dots 7^2c + 7c + c \\ &= \lfloor 6n^{3/2} \rfloor c(1 + 1/7 + 1/7^2 + 1/7^3 + \dots + 1/\lfloor 6n^{3/2} \rfloor) \\ &\leq 6n^{3/2}c(1 + 1/7 + 1/7^2 + 1/7^3 + \dots) \\ &= 6n^{3/2}c \frac{1}{1-1/7} = (7/6)6n^{3/2}c \in O(n^{3/2}). \end{aligned}$$

$$T(n) = \lfloor 6n^{3/2} \rfloor c(1 + 1/7 + 1/7^2 + 1/7^3 + \dots + 1/\lfloor 6n^{3/2} \rfloor) \geq \lfloor 6n^{3/2} \rfloor c \in \Omega(n^{3/2}).$$

Therefore $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{3/2})$.

8. At the end of the k 'th iteration of the inner while loop (steps 4-7), variable j equals $7 * 3^k$. While loop terminates when:

$$\begin{aligned} 7 * 3^k &= 3i, \text{ or} \\ 3^k &= 3i/7, \text{ or} \\ k &= \log_3(3i/7) = \log_3(i) + \log_3(3/7). \end{aligned}$$

Thus the inner while loop takes $c \log_2(i)$ times for some constant c .

Running time is $T(n) = \sum_{i=n}^{2n^2} c \log_2(i).$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=n}^{2n^2} c \log_2(i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{2n^2} c \log_2(2n^2) = 2n^2 c(2 \log_2(n) + \log_2(2)) = 4cn^2 \log_2(n) + cn^2 \in O(n^2 \log_2(n)).$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \sum_{i=n}^{2n^2} c \log_2(i) \geq \sum_{i=n^2}^{2n^2} c \log_2(i) \geq \sum_{i=n^2}^{2n^2} c \log_2(n^2) \\ &= (2n^2 - n^2 + 1)2c \log_2(n) \geq 2cn^2 \log_2(n) \in \Omega(n^2 \log_2(n)). \end{aligned}$$

Since $T(n) \in O(n^2 \log_2(n))$ and $T(n) \in \Omega(n^2 \log_2(n))$, we conclude that $T(n) \in \Theta(n^2 \log_2(n))$.

9. At the end of the k 'th iteration of the inner while loop (steps 4-8), variable j equals $3n^3/4^k$. Inner while loop terminates when:

$$\begin{aligned} 3n^3/4^k &= 18, \text{ or} \\ 3n^3/18 &= 4^k, \text{ or} \\ k &= \log_4(3n^3/18) = 3 \log_4(n) + \log_4(3/18). \end{aligned}$$

Thus the inner while loop takes $c \log_2(n)$ times for some constant c .

At the end of the k 'th iteration of the outer while loop, variable i equals $n4^k$. Outer while loop terminates when:

$$\begin{aligned} n4^k &= 5n^3, \text{ or} \\ 4^k &= 5n^3/n = 5n^2, \text{ or} \\ k &= \log_4(5n^2) = 2 \log_4(n) + \log_4(5). \end{aligned}$$

Thus the outer while loop takes $c_2 \log_2(n)$ times for some constant c_2 .

Since the running time of the inner while loop does not depend upon the running time of the outer while loop, the total running time is $(c \log_2(n) * c_2 \log_2(n)) \in \Theta((\log_2(n))^2)$.

10. At the end of the k 'th iteration of the inner while loop (steps 4-8), variable j equals $9 * 3^k$. Inner while loop terminates when:

$$\begin{aligned} 9 * 3^k &= i^2, \text{ or} \\ 3^k &= i^2/9, \text{ or} \\ k &= \log_3(i^2/9) = 2\log_3(i) - \log_3(9). \end{aligned}$$

Thus the inner while loop takes $c \log_2(n)$ times for some constant c .

Total running time is $T(n) = c \log_2(n) + c \log_2(n+4) + c \log_2(n+8) + \dots + c \log_2(\lfloor n \log_5(n) \rfloor)$.

$$\log_2(\lfloor n \log_5(n) \rfloor) \leq \log_2(n \log_5(n)) = \log_2(n) + \log_2(\log_5(n)) \leq 2 \log_2(n).$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \underbrace{c \log_2(n) + c \log_2(n+4) + c \log_2(n+8) + \dots + c \log_2(\lfloor n \log_5(n) \rfloor)}_{(\lfloor n \log_5(n) \rfloor - n)/4} \\ &\leq c \underbrace{(2 \log_2(n) + 2 \log_2(n) + \dots + 2 \log_2(n))}_{(\lfloor n \log_5(n) \rfloor - n)/4} \\ &\leq c(n \log_5(n)/4) 2 \log_2(n) = (c/2)n(\log_2(n)/\log_2(5)) \log_2(n) \\ &= (c/2)(1/\log_2(5))n(\log_2(n))^2 \in O(n(\log_2(n))^2). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \underbrace{c \log_2(n) + c \log_2(n+4) + c \log_2(n+8) + \dots + c \log_2(\lfloor n \log_5(n) \rfloor)}_{(\lfloor n \log_5(n) \rfloor - n)/4} \\ &\geq \underbrace{c \log_2(n) + c \log_2(n) + c \log_2(n) + \dots + c \log_2(n)}_{(\lfloor n \log_5(n) \rfloor - n)/4} \\ &= (\lfloor n \log_5(n) \rfloor - n)/4 c \log_2(n) \geq (n \log_5(n)/8)c \log_2(n) \\ &= (cn/8)(\log_2(n)/\log_2(5)) \log_2(n) = (cn/8)(1/\log_2(5))(\log_2(n))^2 \in \Omega(n(\log_2(n))^2). \end{aligned}$$

Since $T(n) \in O(n(\log_2(n))^2)$ and $T(n) \in \Omega(n(\log_2(n))^2)$, we conclude that $T(n) \in \Theta(n(\log_2(n))^2)$.

11. Inner while loop iterates $(n^2 - 5)/i$ times and takes cn^2/i time.

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= cn^2 + cn^2/2.5 + cn^2/(2.5)^2 + cn^2/(2.5)^3 + \dots + cn^2/3n \\ &= cn^2(1 + 1/2.5 + (1/2.5)^2 + (1/2.5)^3 + \dots + 1/3n) \\ &\leq cn^2(1 + 1/2.5 + (1/2.5)^2 + (1/2.5)^3 + \dots) \\ &= cn^2 \frac{1}{1 - (1/2.5)} = cn^2(2.5/1.5) \in O(n^2). \\ T(n) &= cn^2 + cn^2/2.5 + cn^2/(2.5)^2 + \dots + cn^2/3n \geq cn^2 \in \Omega(n^2). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $T(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$.

12. Inner while loop iterates $(2n^3 - n)/3$ times and takes cn^3 time.

At the end of the k 'th iteration of the outer while loop, variable i equals n^2 . Outer while loop terminates when:

$$\begin{aligned} 4^k &= n^2, \text{ or} \\ k &= \log_4(n^2) = 2 \log_4(n). \end{aligned}$$

Thus the outer while loop takes $c_2 \log_2(n)$ times for some constant c_2 .

Since the running time of the inner while loop does not depend upon the outer while loop, the total running time is $(cn^3 c_2 \log_2(n)) \in \Theta(n^3 \log_2(n))$.