

15-122: Principles of Imperative Computation

Recitation Week 2

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Checkpoint 0

A water main break in GHC has, confusingly, broken the C0 compiler's `-d` option! C0 contracts are now being treated as comments, and the only way to generate assertion failures is with the `assert()` statements.

Insert `assert()` statements into the code below so that, when the code runs, all operations (C0 statements, conditional checks, and assertions) are performed at runtime in the *exact same sequence* that would have occurred if we compiled with `-d`. Not all of the blanks need to be filled in.

```
1 int mult(int x, int y)
2 //@requires x >= 0 && y >= 0;
3 //@ensures \result == x*y;
4 {
5   /* 1 */                               /* 1 */_____
6   int k = x; int n = y;
7   int res = 0;
8
9   /* 2 */                               /* 2 */_____
10  while (n != 0)
11  //@loop_invariant x * y == k * n + res;
12  {
13    /* 3 */                               /* 3 */_____
14    if ((k & 1) == 1) res = res + n;
15    k = k >> 1;
16    n = n << 1;
17    /* 4 */                               /* 4 */_____
18  }
19  /* 5 */                               /* 5 */_____
20
21  /* 6 */                               /* 6 */_____
22  return res;
23  /* 7 */                               /* 7 */_____
24 }
25
26 int main() {
27   int a;
28
29   /* 8 */                               /* 8 */_____
30   a = mult(3,4);
31
32   /* 9 */                               /* 9 */_____
33   return a;
34 }
```

Checkpoint 1

Rank these big-O sets from left to right such that every big-O is a subset of everything to the right of it. (For instance, $O(n)$ goes farther to the left than $O(n!)$ because $O(n) \subset O(n!)$.) If two sets are the same, put them on top of each other.

$O(n!)$ $O(n)$ $O(4)$ $O(n \log(n))$ $O(4n + 3)$ $O(n^2 + 20000n + 3)$ $O(1)$ $O(n^2)$ $O(2^n)$
 $O(\log(n))$ $O(\log^2(n))$ $O(\log(\log(n)))$

Checkpoint 2

Using the formal definition of big-O, prove that $n^3 + 300n^2 \in O(n^3)$.

Checkpoint 3

Using the formal definition of big-O, prove that if $f(n) \in O(g(n))$, then $k * f(n) \in O(g(n))$ for $k > 0$.

One interesting consequence of this is that $O(\log_i(n)) = O(\log_j(n))$ for all i and j (as long as they're both greater than 1), because of the change of base formula:

$$\log_i(n) = \frac{\log_j(n)}{\log_j(i)}$$

But $\frac{1}{\log_j(i)}$ is just a constant! So, it doesn't matter what base we use for logarithms in big-O notation.

Checkpoint 4

Simplify the following big-O bounds without changing the sets they represent:

$O(3n + 2)$, $O(n^{2.5} + \log_2(n))$, $O(\log_{10}(n) + \log_2(7n))$.