

6.006 Homework

**Problem Set 1, Part A**

# 1 – Asymptotic Growth

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- (a) Group 1:  $f_3, f_4, f_1, f_2$
- (b) Group 2:  $f_1, f_2, f_4, f_3$
- (c) Group 3:  $f_3, f_4, f_2, f_1$

Note that we can simply solve this problem using the 1D-peak-finding algorithm. Here's our pseudocode:

```
def findMaxOfUnimodal(A):
    lowerBound = 0
    upperBound = len(A)

    while (true):
        index = (upperBound - lowerBound) / 2
        if (A[index - 1] < A[index] and A[index] < A[index + 1]):
            lowerBound = index
        elif (A[index - 1] > A[index] and A[index] > A[index + 1]):
            upperBound = index
        else:
            return (index, A[index])
```

1. This doesn't change either the dot product of  $D_1$  (the vector for last year's speech) and  $D_2$  (the vector for this year's) nor the sizes of them. Thus this doesn't help Banach at all and  $\Theta = 0$ .
2. This in fact helps Banach. The dot product doesn't change although the product of their lengths does.
3. This also helps Banach a little bit. This time it's not quite as obvious however. Both the dot product and product of lengths are reduced. If  $D_1$  is the vector of last year's speech while  $D_2$  is the vector of this year's, we'll have that  $D_1 \circ D_2 = D_1 \circ D_1 = \|D_1\|^2$ . Thus:

$$\frac{D_1 \circ D_2}{\|D_1\| \|D_2\|} = \frac{\|D_1\|}{\|D_2\|}$$

which is less than 1 and thus  $\Theta$  is closer to  $\pi/2$ .

- (a) Save the tree into a sorted list using an inorder-walk. From here, you can iterate through the sorted list, counting elements once you reach  $a$  and returning the count after you reach  $b$ . Another option is to binary search for  $a$  and  $b$ , getting their indices in the list, and taking the difference to find the answer. Both methods are bound by the time it takes to do an inorder-walk through the tree and have a runtime of  $O(n)$ . Note that we can do no better than  $O(n)$  since we must visit every node within the range  $a$  to  $b$  and there may be  $n$  nodes in that range.

Another (slower) option is to find  $a$  in the tree and call next-larger until you reach a node with  $b$  as the key. Since next-larger takes  $O(\log n)$  time in an AVL tree and we could potentially call next-larger  $O(n)$  times, the runtime of this option is  $O(n \log n)$ .

- (b) Say each node contains the field `size`, indicating the size of the subtree rooted at that node. Consider the operation `num-prices-below` as described below, which returns the number of keys found in the entire tree smaller than  $k$ :

```
num-prices-below(k):
    count = 0
    n = root
    while n != NIL:
        if n = k:
            return count + n.left.size
        elif n < k:
            count = count + 1 + n.left.size
            n = n.right
        else:
            n = n.left
    return count
```

Similarly, we can create the operation `num-prices-above` as described below, which returns the number of keys found in the entire tree larger than  $k$ :

```
num-prices-above(k):
    count = 0
    n = root
    while n != NIL:
        if n = k:
            return count + n.right.size
        elif n > k:
            count = count + 1 + n.right.size
            n = n.left
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    else:
        n = n.right
    return count
```

Using `num-prices-below`, we can find out how many keys are smaller than  $a$  and using `num-prices-above`, we can find out how many keys are larger than  $b$ . The sum of the two gives you the number of prices outside of the range  $a$  to  $b$ . Simply subtract this from the total size of the tree to get the number of prices within the range  $a$  to  $b$ .

```
num-textbooks-in-range( $a, b$ ) returns  
root.size - num-prices-below( $a$ ) - num-prices-above( $b$ ).
```