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COLLEGE OF COMPUTER & INFORMATION SCIENCES  
DEPT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

CSC512 Computer Algorithms

First Semester 1427/1428 AH

Due:

Nov 20 at start of class

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**Assignment #2**

1. Show that for any constants  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  (positive integer), then  
 $(n + a)^k = \Theta(n^k)$ .
2. If  $f(n) = n^{\log_2 m}$  and  $g(n) = m^{\log_2 n}$ , indicate which of these relations are true and prove your answers:  $f(n) = O(g(n))$ ,  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ , and  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ .

3. Consider the following list of functions and arrange them in ascending (increasing) order of growth rate.

$$f_1(n) = 10^n$$

$$f_2(n) = n^{1/3}$$

$$f_3(n) = n^n$$

$$f_4(n) = \log_2 n$$

$$f_5(n) = 2^{\sqrt{\log n}}$$

4. Show that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} = O(\log n).$$

5. Suppose that an algorithm  $A$  runs in worst-case time  $f(n)$  and that algorithm  $B$  runs in worst-case time  $g(n)$ . Is  $A$  faster than  $B$  for all  $n$  greater than some  $n_0$  if  $g(n) = \Omega(f(n) \log n)$ ? Answer either *yes*, *no*, or *can't tell* and explain why.

**Reading Assignment (Introduction to Algorithms, 2/e).**

- The Rabin-Karp string matching algorithm (Section 32.2, pp. 911-5).
- Heapsort (Sections 6.1-6.4, pp. 127-37).