

Problem 1. Suppose we have two sorting algorithms. One of them performs at most  $\frac{1}{2}n^2$  (runtime) operations and the other algorithm performs at most  $6n \lg n + 6n$  (runtime) operations. Show their runtime in a single plot as  $n$  grows and answer the following questions:

- (a) Which algorithm would you prefer for smaller values of  $n$ ? Why?
- (b) Which algorithm would you prefer for larger values of  $n$ ? Why?
- (c) If your choice for the previous two parts is not the same, what is the approximate cross over point for  $n$  when your preference for one or the other algorithm changes?

Problem 2. Assume you have an array,  $A$ , of length,  $n$ , where every value is an integer between 1 and  $n$ , inclusive. You do not have direct access to the array  $A$ . You do have a function,  $equal(i, j)$  that will return TRUE if  $A[i] = A[j]$ , and FALSE otherwise.

- (a) Give a quadratic ( $\theta(n^2)$ ) algorithm that counts the number of pairs  $(A[i], A[j]) (i \neq j)$  such that  $A[i] = A[j]$ . The algorithm can only use a constant amount of extra memory. Just give the “brute force” algorithm.
- (b) Analyze exactly how many times the algorithm calls  $equal(i, j)$  (as a function of  $n$ ). Show your work.

Problem 3. We are going to generalize *Problem 1* to two dimensions. Assume you have a 2-dimensional array,  $A$ , of size,  $n \times n$ , where every value is an integer between 1 and  $n^2$ , inclusive. You do not have direct access to the array,  $A$ . You do have a function  $square(i, j, k)$  (where  $1 \leq i < i + k \leq n$  and  $1 \leq j < j + k \leq n$ ) that will return TRUE if the four values  $A[i, j]$ ,  $A[i + k, j]$ ,  $A[i, j + k]$ , and  $A[i + k, j + k]$  are all equal, and FALSE otherwise.

- (a) Given a cubic ( $\theta(n^3)$ ) algorithm that counts the number of squares  $A$  has. The algorithm can only use a constant amount of extra memory. Just give the “brute force” algorithm.
- (b) Analyze exactly how many times the algorithm calls  $square(i, j, k)$  (as a function of  $n$ ). Show your work.