

Review for Exam 1

The exam will be closed notes, closed book, and no calculators. The only thing you will have is the statement of the Master Theorem.

The exam may include true/false, multiple choice, short answer, and short proofs. When doing proofs, you must explain all of your steps.

Suggestion: carefully review all lab problems and class notes. Reread relevant sections in text.

1. Proof by induction - review homework problems. At least one of the homework problems will appear on the exam.

2. Asymptotic Notation

- Know the definitions of Ω , Θ , ω , O and o .
- Know how to use the definitions in a proof.
- Know how to use limits to determine complexity of a function. Be able to use L'Hopital's Rule.
- Know the common growth functions shown in figure 2.3.2 on page 50 of your text.
- Know how to do basic manipulation of exponentials and logs.
- Know how to sum arithmetic series and geometric series.
- Know how to experimentally calculate the complexity.

3. Solving Recurrences

- Guess and check method with induction.
- Iteration method (e.g. telescoping).
- Be able to apply the Master Theorem.