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The population of the coins follow a binomial distribution; meaning each coin has two possibilities in state:

- i) Real
- ii) Fake

This means that for  $n$  coins there exists  $2^n$  possible answers in which a single coin is a fake and  $2^{n+1}$  possible answers in which the possibility that all are real exist.

We can also show this in terms of a decision tree in which, given  $n$  coins, each coin has the option to be lighter or heavier. Because there are  $n$  leaves (coins) which can be lighter, or  $n$  leaves to be heavier or one case in which they are all real; The amount of leaves is  $2^{n+1}$

Because the decision tree is a ternary tree with 3 possibilities at each branch (heavier, lighter, equal), the height of the tree,  $h$ , can be used to calculate the maximum number of leaves the tree has by evaluating  $3^h$  (by definition of a ternary tree).

This means that  $3^h \geq 2^{n+1}$

If we solve for  $h$ :

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h ≥ log(3, 2^{n+1})
h ≥ ceiling(log(3, 2^{n+1})) (because h is an integer)
[read: ceiling of log base 3 of 2^{n+1}]
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Therefore the algorithm must perform at least  $\text{ceiling}(\log(3, 2^{n+1}))$  weighings.

QED

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Definition Of Lower Bound  $\Omega$ :

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Let  $T(n)$ ,  $T : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , be a function that describes the worst-case running time of a given algorithm in terms of steps to be completed per size of input  $n$ .

We say that  $T(n)$  is  $\Omega(f(n))$  i.e. we say that  $T(n)$  is asymptotically lower bounded by  $f(n)$ ,  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , i.e. if there is a constant  $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$T(n) \geq c \cdot f(n)$  for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq n_0$ . If  $T(n)$  is  $\Omega(f(n))$  we also write  $T(n) = \Omega(f(n))$

Using This definition, then it logically follows that if  $f \in \Omega(g)$  is equivalent to  $f(n) \geq c \cdot g(n)$  for some  $c$  and  $n \geq n_0$ .

We can first prove that  $f \in \Omega(g)$ :

Premise 1:  $f(n) \geq c \cdot g(n)$

Let:

$$f(n) = n$$

$$g(n) = n$$

$$c < c$$

$$n_0 = 1$$

If we then evaluate the function in Premise 1:

$$n \geq (c) \cdot (n) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_0$$

Which holds true and can be proven by taking the first derivative of each side of the function

$$d/dn(n) = 1$$

$$d/dn(nc) = c$$

As the first derivative of  $n$  is greater than or equal to  $nc$  when  $0 \leq c \leq 1$  and the second derivative of both is zero:

We have shown  $f \in \Omega(g)$  and Premise 1 holds.

Now we can prove that  $f^2 \in \Omega(g^2)$ :

Since we have proven Premise 1, it is a trivial matter to prove that applying any exponential growth function to either side will lead to the same result by applying the same method of proving as for Premise 1:

Let:

$$f(n) = n$$

$$g(n) = n$$

$$c = c$$

$$n_0 = 1$$

If we evaluate the function:

$$(f(n))^2 \geq c \cdot (g(n))^2 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_0$$

$$(n)^2 \geq (c) \cdot (n)^2 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_0$$

The function holds true and can be proven by taking the first and second derivatives of each side.

$$\text{derivative}(n^2) = 2n$$

$$\text{derivative}(2n) = 2$$

$$\text{derivative}(c(n)^2) = 2(c)(n)$$

$$\text{derivative}(2cn) = 2(c)$$

As any value  $c \geq 1$  will make the rate of the rate of growth of  $c(n)^2$  greater than that of  $n^2$ ,

$$(f(n))^2 \geq c \cdot (g(n))^2 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_0$$

holds true, we have proven that if  $f \in \Omega(g)$  is true,  $f^2 \in \Omega(g^2)$  is also TRUE.

QED

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FALSE;

Definition of Upper Bound O:

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Let  $T(n)$ ,  $T : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , be the function that describes the worst-case running

time of a given algorithm in terms of steps to be completed per site size of input  $n$ . We say that  $T(n)$  is  $O(f(n))$  (read " $T(n)$  is of order  $f(n)$ ") if  $T$  is asymptotically upper bounded by  $f(n)$ ,  $f : N \rightarrow R^+$ , i.e. if there is a constant  $c \in R^+$  and  $n_0 \in N$  such that  $T(n) \leq c \cdot f(n)$  for  $\forall n \in N, n \geq n_0$ . If  $T(n)$  is  $O(f(n))$ , we also write  $T(n) = I(f(n))$ .

Using the definition of Upper Bound  $O$ ,  $f \in O(g)$  is equivalent to  $f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$  for some  $c$  and  $n \geq n_0$ .

This means that  $g(n)$  is not necessarily a member of  $f(n)$  however a constant  $c$  exists that when multiplied together with  $g(n)$  makes it so.

With this in mind, we can make an example in which:

$$f(n) = 2n$$

$$g(n) = n$$

We know that:

some  $c$  exists such that  $f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$

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Example:  if (c == 3) {
           f(n) < c · g(n)
        }
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However this property does not transfer to a function which applies  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  as an exponential value; such as the one asked here;

If we define  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  using the same values as they were earlier when showing that  $f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$  we get:

$$f(n) = 2n$$

$$g(n) = n$$

This means that:

$$2^{f(n)} = 2^{2n}$$

$$2^{g(n)} = 2^n$$

The question asks to prove/disprove  $2^f \in O(2^g)$ , so mathematically speaking, for some  $c$ :

$$2^{f(n)} \leq c \cdot 2^{g(n)}$$

$$2^{2n} \leq c \cdot 2^n$$

Must be true for all values  $n$  greater than some  $n_0$ .

To state this otherwise is:

$$\text{Limit}(2^{2n}, \text{infinity}) \leq \text{Limit}(2^n, \text{infinity})$$

[Read: Limit of  $2$  to the power of  $2n$  is lesser than or equal to the limit of  $2$  to the power of  $n$  when  $n$  approaches infinity]

We can show this is never true as taking the second derivative of both evaluate to:

$$\text{derivative}(\text{derivative}(2^{2n})) = 4^{n+1} \cdot \log^2(2)$$

$$\text{derivative}(\text{derivative}(2^n)) = 2^n \cdot \log^2(2)$$

As shown, the rate which the rate of  $2^{2n}$  increases is greater than the rate of the rate of  $2^n$ , therefore, no  $c$  exists such that:

$$2^{2n} \leq c \cdot 2^n$$

can be true for some  $n \geq n_0$

We have proved that even if  $f \in O(g)$  is true,  $2^f \in O(2^g)$  is FALSE.

QED.