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# Given functions:

\$ n, \sqrt{n}, n^{1.5}, n^2, n \log n, n \log \log n, n \log^2 n, \frac{2}{n}, 2n, \frac{2^n}{2}, 37, n^2 \log n, n^3 \$

To sort the given functions according to their growth rate from **slowest** to **fastest**, we analyze their asymptotic behavior using **Big-O notation**.

## Step 1: Identify Growth Rates

### 1. Constant Function (slowest growth):

$$\circ$$
 \$ 37 = O(1) \$

### 2. **Inverse Growth** (decreasing function):

 $\circ$  \$\frac{2}{n} = O(1/n) \$ (shrinks as \$ n \$ increases)

## 3. Logarithmic and Sublinear Growth:

- $\circ$  \$ \sqrt{n} = O(n^{0.5}) \$
- \$ n \log \log n \$ (grows slightly faster than \$ n \$)
- \$ n \log n \$ (grows faster than \$ n \log \log n \$)

#### 4. Polynomial Growth:

- $\circ$  \$ n = O(n) \$
- \$ 2n = O(n) \$ (same growth as \$ n \$, just a constant multiplier)
- $\circ$  \$ n^{1.5} = O(n^{1.5}) \$
- $\circ$  \$ n^2 = O(n^2) \$
- \$ n^2 \log n \$ (slightly faster than \$ n^2 \$)
- $\circ$  \$ n^3 = O(n^3) \$

#### 5. **Exponential Growth** (fastest growth):

\$\frac{2^n}{2} = O(2^n) \$ (dominates all polynomial functions)

## Step 2: Sorting by Growth Order

From slowest to fastest:  $\frac{2}{n}$ , 37,  $\frac{n}{n}$ , n, 2n, n  $\log n$ , n  $\log n$ , n^{1.5}, n  $\log^2 n$ , n^2, n^2  $\log n$ , n^3,  $\frac{2^n}{2}$ 

This order reflects increasing growth rates based on asymptotic analysis.