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Given functions:

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

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, \sqrt{n}, n, 2n, n \log \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.