

# Inlab8 – Big-O Notation

## Objective

The objective of this in lab is to gain some practice with Big-O notation.

The definition of Big-O notation is as follows:

Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are real-valued functions defined on the non-negative integers.

We say:

$$f \in O(g) \Leftrightarrow \exists c > 0, \text{ and } n_0 \geq 0 \text{ such that } \forall n \geq n_0 \ f(n) \leq cg(n)$$

In this exercise  $f$  will be the running time function  $T(n)$  for the program or algorithm in question. The function  $g$  will be a simple function like  $n$ ,  $n^2$ ,  $n^3$ , etc.

## Part I

For each  $T(n)$  below, what is the Big-O complexity? You should provide the “tightest” simple function:

1.  $T(n) = 10n + 100$
2.  $T(n) = 3n^2 + 1$
3.  $T(n) = n^4 / 100 + 9999n^3 - 100n + 2000$
4.  $T(n) = 10$
5.  $T(n) = n + 10\log(n)$

## Part II

For each  $f$  and  $g$ , decide if  $f \in O(g)$ .

If you think the answer is true, indicate appropriate  $c$  and  $n_0$  choices.

$f$	$g$
$20n$	$n + 5$
$100$	$n + 5$
$3n^3$	$10n^2 + n$
$\log_2(n)$	$n$
$100n^2$	$n^3 / 100$

## What to Turn In

Turn in your written answers to the TA.