

1 | Asymptotically Analyze

1.1 | 1.a

$$f(n) = n^2, g(n) = 3n + 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{3n + 1} = \infty \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n + 1}{n^2} = 0 \quad (3)$$

Therefore:

- $g = o(f)$
- $g = O(f)$

1.2 | 1.b

$$f(n) = \frac{3n - 7}{n + 4}, g(n) = 4 \quad (4)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{3n-7}{n+1}}{4} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n-7}{(n+1)4} = \frac{3}{4} \quad (5)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{\frac{3n-7}{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4(n+1)}{(3n-7)} = \frac{4}{3} \quad (6)$$

Therefore:

- $f = O(g)$
- $g = O(f)$
- $f = \theta(g)$

1.3 | 1.c

$$f(n) = 4^n, g(n) = 2^n \quad (7)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^n}{2^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n = \infty \quad (8)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{4^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{-n} = 0 \quad (9)$$

Therefore:

- $g = o(f)$
- $g = O(f)$

1.4 | 1.d

$$f(n) = n!, g(n) = n^n \quad (10)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{n^n} = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^n}{n!} = \infty \quad (12)$$

Therefore:

- $f = o(g)$
- $f = O(g)$

1.5 | 1.e

$$f(n) = 2^n, g(n) = 2^{\frac{n}{2}} \quad (13)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{2^{\frac{n}{2}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2^n} = \infty \quad (14)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{\frac{n}{2}}}{2^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} = 0 \quad (15)$$

Therefore:

- $g = o(f)$
- $g = O(f)$

1.6 | 1.f

$$f(n) = n^8, g(n) = 1.1^n \quad (16)$$

For this expression, we need to apply l'hospital's rule repeatedly as both the top and bottom evaluates to ∞ until the final n :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^8}{1.1^n} = \dots = C \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1.1^n} = 0 \quad (17)$$

where C is some constant generated by the power rule.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1.1^n}{n^8} = \dots = C \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1.1^n = \infty \quad (18)$$

Therefore:

- $f = o(g)$
- $f = O(g)$

2 | Vampires

The open-form recurrence relationship for vampires is as follows:

- $T(1) = 2$
- $T(n) = 2T(n-1) + 1$

We will first generate a table relating n, T :

n	T(n)	Guess
1	2	2
2	5	5
3	11	11
4	23	23
5	47	47
6	95	95
7	191	191
8	383	383
9	767	767
10	1535	1535

The guessed formula is as follows:

$$f(n) = 2^n + 2^{n-1} - 1 \quad (19)$$

We will now proof this via induction. We will set our inductive hypothesis as, at some $P(n)$ for some n , $P(n) = 2^n + 2^{n-1} - 1 = T(n)$. At our base case $P(1) = 2^1 + 2^0 - 1 = 2 == 2$.

Induction:

- $T(n+1) = 2T(n) + 1$, given
- $T(n+1) = 2(2^n + 2^{n-1} - 1) + 1$, replacing the inductive hypothesis
- $T(n+1) = 2^{n+1} + 2^n - 2 + 1$, simplify
- $T(n+1) = 2^{n+1} + 2^n - 1$, simplify
- $T(n+1) = 2^{(n+1)} + 2^{(n+1)-1} - 1$, simplify

Since $P(n)$ implies $P(n+1)$, and we have proven the base case, by induction this statement is true.

3 | TriSort

3.1 | Three Sorted Lists

For every element, it will take two comparisons to remove. However, for the last two elements, we only need one comparison as it is only comparing exactly two things against each other. Therefore:

- $2(n - 2) + 1$
- $2n - 4 + 1$
- $2n - 3$

Therefore, for a three sorted list, each with $\frac{n}{3}$ elements, the worst case runtime would be $2n - 3$ to merge the lists together—the worst-case case is to place a pointer on each element to do incremental element comparison.

3.2 | Recurrence Running Time

- $T(1) = 1$
- $T(n) = 3T(\frac{n}{3}) + (2n - 3)$

Furthermore:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2n - 3} = \frac{1}{2} < \infty \quad (20)$$

Therefore: $2n - 3 = \theta(n)$.