

2. For the following functions prove whether  $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ ,  $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$  or  $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$  by using limit approach.

(a)  $f(n) = 99n$  and  $g(n) = n$

(b)  $f(n) = \sum_{x=1}^n x$  and  $g(n) = 4n + \log n$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) \in O(g(n)) &\longrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 0 \\ f(n) \in \Omega(g(n)) &\longrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \infty \\ f(n) \in \Theta(g(n)) &\longrightarrow 0 < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = c < \infty \end{aligned}$$

(a)  $f(n) = 99n$  and  $g(n) = n$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{99n}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 99 = 99$$

$$0 < c = 99 < \infty$$

Therefore  $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$ .

(b)  $f(n) = \sum_{x=1}^n x$  and  $g(n) = 4n + \log n$

$$\rightarrow f(n) = \sum_{x=1}^n x = \frac{n*(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n*(n+1)}{2}}{4*n+\log n} = \frac{n*(n+1)}{8*n+2\log n} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$\xrightarrow{L'hospital} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2*n+1}{8+\frac{2}{n*\ln 2}} = \frac{(2*n+1)*(n*\ln 2)}{8*n*\ln 2+2} = \frac{2*n^2*\ln 2+n*\ln 2}{8*n*\ln 2+2} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$\xrightarrow{L'hospital} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4*n+\ln 2}{8*\ln 2} = \infty$$

Therefore  $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$ .