

R1.2 To find the value  $n_0$  where Algorithm A becomes more efficient than Algorithm B, we need to solve the inequality:

 $10n \log n < n^2$ 

This inequality is difficult to solve analytically. However, we can use numerical methods or plotting techniques to find an approximate value for  $n_0$ .

By plotting the two functions  $10n \log n$  and  $n^2$  on a graph, we can visually determine the intersection point, which will give us an approximate value for  $n_0$ .

To order functions by their big-O notation, we need to compare their growth rates as n approaches infinity. Here's the ordered list:

1. Constant functions: 1/n, 2

2. **Logarithmic functions:** log log n, 4 log n

3. **Polynomial functions:** n, n log n, n<sup>2</sup> log n, n<sup>3</sup>

4. Exponential functions: 2<sup>n</sup>, 4<sup>n</sup>, 2<sup>n</sup> log n

## R-1.10 Give a big-O characterization, in terms of n, of the running time of the Loop1 method below:

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Algorithm Loop1(n)
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s = 0

for i = 1 to n do

s = s + i

The loop iterates n times. In each iteration, a constant-time operation is performed. Therefore, the total running time is O(n).

## R-1.14 Perform a similar analysis for method Loop5 below:

Algorithm Loop5(n)

s = 0

for i = 1 to n do

for j = 1 to i do

s = s + i

The outer loop iterates n times. For each iteration of the outer loop, the inner loop iterates i times. The total number of iterations is:

$$1 + 2 + 3 + ... + n = n(n+1)/2$$

This is approximately  $O(n^2)$ .

Prove:  $\log b(x^a) = a \log b(x)$ 

We can use the properties of logarithms to prove this:

Let  $y = \log b(x^a)$ . Then, by the definition of logarithms:

Taking the logarithm of both sides with base b:

$$Log b(b^y) = log b(x^a)$$

Using the property  $\log b(b^x) = x$ :

$$y = a \log b(x)$$

Therefore,  $\log b(x^a) = a \log b(x)$ .