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Answer:

- a. Using basic property of log function which is $\log a^b = b \log a$, then $g(n) = \log_2(n^{\log_2 n})^2 = \log_2(n^{2 \log_2 n}) = 2 \log_2 n * \log_2 n = 2 (\log_2 n)^2$. Clearly, $g(n) = \theta(f(n))$.

- b. In order to show $f(n) = O(g(n))$ we have to show $f(n) \leq cg(n)$.

We take \log on the both sides, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\log n^{10} &\leq \log c + \log 2^{\sqrt[10]{n}} \\ 10 \log n &\leq \log c + \sqrt[10]{n}\end{aligned}$$

We take $c = 1$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}10 \log n &\leq \sqrt[10]{n} \\ \frac{10 \log n}{\sqrt[10]{n}} &\leq 1\end{aligned}$$

We have to show

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10 \log n}{\sqrt[10]{n}} \leq 1$$

We use L'Hopital's rule

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10 \log n}{\sqrt[10]{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(10 \log n)'}{(\sqrt[10]{n})'} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{100}{n^{-0.9} \ln 2 \cdot n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{100}{n^{0.1} \ln 2} = 0 \leq 1$$

Hence, we take $c = 1$ is enough to show $f(n) = O(g(n))$ for all sufficiently large n .

- c. Clearly, we can see when $n = 2k$ ($k \in \mathbb{N}$), $(-1)^n = 1$, then we have the equation $f(n) = n^2$, thus for any fixed constant $c > 0$, $n^2 > cn$.

When $n = 2k - 1$ ($k \in \mathbb{N}$), $(-1)^n = -1$, then we have the equation $f(n) = n^0 = 1$, thus for any fixed constant $c > 0$, $1 \leq cn$.

Hence, neither $f(n) = O(g(n))$ nor $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$.