

### Exercises 7-31.

**Ex 7. a)** True.  $2^{n+1} = 2 \cdot 2^n$ , but when  $c = 3$  we have that  $2 \cdot 2^n \leq 3 \cdot 2^n = c \cdot 2^n$  for all positive  $n$ .

**Ex 7. b)** False. Observe that  $2^{2n} = 2^n \cdot 2^n$ . There exists no positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $2^n \geq c$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

**Ex 8. a)** Note that  $f(n) = \log(n^2) = 2\log(n)$ . Then for all  $n \geq b^5$  where  $b$  is the base of the logarithm

$$\begin{aligned} 2\log(n) &\leq 3\log(n) + 15 = c_1(\log(n) + 5) && \text{when } c_1 = 3 \\ 2\log(n) &\geq \log(n) + 5 = c_2(\log(n) + 5) && \text{when } c_2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $f(n) \in \Theta(\log(n) + 5)$ .

**Ex 8. b)** We show that  $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$ . Because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\log(n)} = \infty$ , it follows that there exists positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \geq c$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . This is equivalent to the big-Omega definition.

**Ex 8. c)** Observe that when  $c = 1$  and  $n \geq b$  where  $b$  is the base of the logarithm, it follows that  $f(n) = \log(n)\log(n) \geq \log(n) = c \cdot g(n)$ . Thus  $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$ .

**Ex 8. d)** We show that  $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$ . Because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\log^2(n)} = \infty$ , it follows that there exists positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \geq c$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . This is equivalent to the big-Omega definition.

**Ex 8. e)** We show that  $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$ . Because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n\log(n) + n}{\log(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n + \frac{n}{\log(n)} = \infty$ , it follows that there exists positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \geq c$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . This is equivalent to the big-Omega definition.

**Ex 8. f)** Note that both  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  are constant functions. In other words, they do not depend on  $n$ . Then let  $d = \log(10) > 0$  and observe that

$$\begin{aligned} 10 \geq 1 &= \frac{1}{d} \cdot d = c_1 \cdot d && \text{where } c_1 = \frac{1}{d} \\ 10 \leq 11 &= \frac{11}{d} \cdot d = c_2 \cdot d && \text{where } c_2 = \frac{11}{d} \end{aligned}$$

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

**Ex 8. g)** We show that  $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$ . Because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{10n^2} = \infty$ , it follows that there exists positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \geq c$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . This is equivalent to the big-Omega definition.

**Ex 8. h)** Observe that  $c \cdot g(n) = 3^n \geq 2^n$  when  $c = 1$  for all positive  $n$ . Thus  $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ .

**Ex 9. a)** Observe that  $c \cdot f(n) = \frac{n^2 - n}{2} \geq 6n = g(n)$  when  $c = 1$  for all  $n \geq 13$ . Thus  $g(n) \in O(f(n))$ .

**Ex 9. b)** Observe that  $c \cdot g(n) = 100n^2 \geq n + 2\sqrt{n} = f(n)$  when  $c = 100$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Thus  $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ .

**Ex 9. c)** We show that  $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ . Because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \log(n)}{n \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(n)}{\frac{\sqrt{n}}{2}} = 0$ , it

follows that there exists positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \leq c$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . This is equivalent to the big-O definition.

**Ex 9. d)** Observe that  $f(n) = n + \log(n) \geq n \geq \sqrt{n} = g(n)$  for all positive  $n$ . Thus  $g(n) \in O(f(n))$ .

**Ex 9. e)** We show that  $g(n) \in O(f(n))$ . Because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(n)}{f(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(n) + 1}{2(\log(n))^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\log(n)} + \frac{1}{2(\log(n))^2} = 0$ , it follows that there exists positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $\frac{g(n)}{f(n)} \leq c$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . This is equivalent to the big-O definition.

**Ex 9. f)** We show that  $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ . Because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n \log(n) + n}{\frac{n^2 - n}{2}} = 0$ , it follows that

there exists positive  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \leq c$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . This is equivalent to the big-O definition.

**Ex 10. Proposition:**  $n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 1 \in \Theta(n^3)$ .

*Proof.* (Direct.)

Because

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 1}{n^3} =$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 - \frac{3}{n} - \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^3} = 1$$

, it follows that there exists positive constants  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ , and  $n_0$  such that  $\frac{n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 1}{n^3} \geq c_1$  for all  $n \geq n_0$  and  $\frac{n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 1}{n^3} \leq c_2$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . These two statements are respectively equivalent to the big-Omega and big-O definition. Thus we have shown  $n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 1 \in \Omega(n^3)$  and  $n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 1 \in O(n^3)$ . Consequently  $n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 1 \in \Theta(n^3)$ . □

**Ex 11. Proposition:**  $n^2 \in O(2^n)$ .

*Proof.* (Direct.)

Because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{2^n} = 0$ , it follows that there exists positive  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $\frac{n^2}{2^n} \leq c$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . This is equivalent to the big-O definition. Thus  $n^2 \in O(2^n)$ . □

**Ex 12. a)**  $c = 1.5$

**Ex 12. b)**  $c = 2$

**Ex 12. c)**  $c = 2$

**Ex 13. Proposition:** If  $f_1(n) \in O(g_1(n))$  and  $f_2(n) \in O(g_2(n))$ , then  $f_1(n) + f_2(n) \in O(g_1(n) + g_2(n))$ .

*Proof.* (Direct.) Suppose  $f_1(n) \in O(g_1(n))$  and  $f_2(n) \in O(g_2(n))$ .

By our supposition it follows that there exists positive constants  $c_1, c_2, n_1, n_2$  such that  $f_1(n) \leq c_1 \cdot g_1(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_1$  and  $f_2(n) \leq c_2 \cdot g_2(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_2$ . Then let  $c_3 = \max(c_1, c_2)$  and  $n_3 = \max(n_1, n_2)$ . So  $f_1(n) \leq c_3 \cdot g_1(n)$  and  $f_2(n) \leq c_3 \cdot g_2(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_3$ . After adding the second inequality to the first, we have that  $f_1(n) + f_2(n) \leq c_3 \cdot (g_1(n) + g_2(n))$  for all  $n \geq n_3$ . Consequently  $f_1(n) + f_2(n) \in O(g_1(n) + g_2(n))$ . □

**Ex 14. Proposition:** If  $f_1(n) \in \Omega(g_1(n))$  and  $f_2(n) \in \Omega(g_2(n))$ , then  $f_1(n) + f_2(n) \in \Omega(g_1(n) + g_2(n))$ .

*Proof.* (Direct.) Suppose  $f_1(n) \in \Omega(g_1(n))$  and  $f_2(n) \in \Omega(g_2(n))$ .

By our supposition it follows that there exists positive constants  $c_1, c_2, n_1, n_2$  such that  $f_1(n) \geq c_1 \cdot g_1(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_1$  and  $f_2(n) \geq c_2 \cdot g_2(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_2$ . Then let  $c_3 = \min(c_1, c_2)$  and  $n_3 = \max(n_1, n_2)$ . So  $f_1(n) \geq c_3 \cdot g_1(n)$  and  $f_2(n) \geq c_3 \cdot g_2(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_3$ . After adding the second inequality to the first, we have that  $f_1(n) + f_2(n) \geq c_3 \cdot (g_1(n) + g_2(n))$  for all  $n \geq n_3$ . Consequently  $f_1(n) + f_2(n) \in \Omega(g_1(n) + g_2(n))$ .  $\square$

**Ex 15. Proposition:** If  $f_1(n) \in O(g_1(n))$  and  $f_2(n) \in O(g_2(n))$ , then  $f_1(n) \cdot f_2(n) \in O(g_1(n) \cdot g_2(n))$ .

*Proof.* (Direct.) Suppose  $f_1(n) \in O(g_1(n))$  and  $f_2(n) \in O(g_2(n))$ .

By our supposition it follows that there exists positive constants  $c_1, c_2, n_1, n_2$  such that  $f_1(n) \leq c_1 \cdot g_1(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_1$  and  $f_2(n) \leq c_2 \cdot g_2(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_2$ . Then let  $c_3 = \max(c_1, c_2)$  and  $n_3 = \max(n_1, n_2)$ . So  $f_1(n) \leq c_3 \cdot g_1(n)$  and  $f_2(n) \leq c_3 \cdot g_2(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_3$ . After multiplying the second inequality with the first, we have that  $f_1(n) \cdot f_2(n) \leq (c_3)^2 \cdot (g_1(n) \cdot g_2(n))$  for all  $n \geq n_3$ . Consequently  $f_1(n) \cdot f_2(n) \in O(g_1(n) \cdot g_2(n))$ .  $\square$

**Ex 16. Proposition:** For all  $k \geq 1$  and all sets of constants  $\{a_k, a_{k-1}, a_{k-2}, \dots, a_1, a_0\} \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a_k n^k + a_{k-1} n^{k-1} + a_{k-2} n^{k-2} + \dots + a_1 n + a_0 \in O(n^k)$ .

*Proof.* (Direct.)

Because

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k n^k + a_{k-1} n^{k-1} + a_{k-2} n^{k-2} + \dots + a_1 n + a_0}{n^k} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_k + \frac{a_{k-1}}{n} + \frac{a_{k-2}}{n^2} + \dots + \frac{a_1}{n^{k-1}} + \frac{a_0}{n^k} = a_k$$

, it follows that there exists positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $\frac{a_k n^k + a_{k-1} n^{k-1} + a_{k-2} n^{k-2} + \dots + a_1 n + a_0}{n^k} \leq c$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . This is equivalent to the big-O definition. Thus  $a_k n^k + a_{k-1} n^{k-1} + a_{k-2} n^{k-2} + \dots + a_1 n + a_0 \in O(n^k)$ .  $\square$

**Ex 17. Proposition:**  $(n + a)^b = \Theta(n^b)$  for any real constants  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $b > 0$ .

*Proof.* (Direct.)

Observe that when we multiply  $(n + a)^b$  with  $\frac{n^b}{n^b}$  we get  $(n + a)^b \cdot \frac{n^b}{n^b} = \frac{(n + a)^b}{n^b} \cdot n^b = \left(1 + \frac{a}{n}\right)^b \cdot n^b$ .

Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{a}{n}\right)^b n^b}{n^b} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{a}{n}\right)^b = 1$  implies that  $(n + a)^b = \Theta(n^b)$ .  $\square$

**Ex 18.**

$$\lg(\lg(n)) \ll \ln(n) \equiv \lg(n) \ll (\lg(n))^2 \ll \sqrt{n} \ll n \ll n \log(n) \ll n^{1+\varepsilon} \ll n^2 + \lg(n) \equiv n^2 \ll n^3 \ll n - n^3 + 7n^5 \ll 2^n \equiv 2^{n-1} \ll e^n \ll n!$$

**Ex 19.**

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n \ll 6 \ll \log(\log(n)) \ll \log(n) \equiv \ln(n) \ll (\log(n))^2 \ll n^{1/3} + \log(n) \ll \sqrt{n} \ll \frac{n}{\log(n)} \ll n \ll n \log(n) \ll n^2 + \log(n) \equiv n^2 \ll n^3 \ll n - n^3 + 7n^5 \ll \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n \ll 2^n \ll n!$$

**Ex 20. a)** Let  $f(n) = n$  and  $g(n) = n^2$ . Then  $f(n) \in o(g(n))$ , but  $f(n) \notin \Theta(g(n))$ .

**Ex 20. b)** None

**Ex 20. c)** None

**Ex 20. d)** Let  $f(n) = n^2$  and  $g(n) = n$ . Then  $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$ , but  $f(n) \notin O(g(n))$ .

**Ex 21.** a) True b) False c) True d) False e) True f) True g) False

**Ex 22.** a)  $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$  b)  $f(n) \in O(g(n))$  c)  $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$

**Ex 23. a)** Yes.  $O(n^2)$  in worst case does not preclude  $O(n)$  for some other case.

**Ex 23. b)** Technically yes. Big-O is an upper bound, if an algorithm always runs in constant time, we can technically say that worst case is  $O(2^n)$ . Likewise, worst case  $O(n^2)$  can always run in  $O(n)$ .

**Ex 23. c)** Yes, the lower bound of  $n^2$  (theta specifies lower and upper bound) only applies for the worst-case input.

**Ex 23. d)** No, this conclusion follows from the definition of theta. The worst-case input has a lower bound of  $n^2$ .

**Ex 23. e)** Yes.

**Ex 24.** a) No b) Yes c) Yes d) Yes. All answers based on the definitions of Big-O and Big-Omega.

**Ex 25.** a)  $g(n) = f(n)$  b)  $g(n) = n$  c)  $g(n) = n \log(n)$  d)  $g(n) = \log(n!)$

**Ex 26.**  $f_4 \ll f_2 \ll f_1 \ll f_3$

**Ex 27.**  $f_1 \ll f_2 \ll f_3 \ll f_4$

**Ex 28.** a)  $g(n) = n^4$  b)  $g(n) = 4^n$  c)  $g(n) = 9^n$

**Ex 29.** a) True b) True c) True

**Ex 30.** a)  $g(n) = 4^n$  b)  $g(n) = n \log n$  c)  $g(n) = \log(n)^{10}$  d)  $g(n) = n^{100}$

**Ex 31.**

- a) A is  $\Omega$  and  $\omega$  of B.
- b) A is  $\Omega$  and  $\omega$  of B.
- c) None
- d) A is  $\Omega$  and  $\omega$  of B.
- e) A is  $\Omega$  and  $\omega$  of B.
- f) A is  $\Omega$  and  $\omega$  of B.