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Order of growth

1) Prove  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is  $O(n^2)$

Proof: consider  $c=33$  and  $k=200$ .

Then for any  $n \geq k$ ,  $n^2 \geq 200n \geq 17n + 1$ . Since  $n$  is positive, we also have  $0 \leq 32n^2 + 17n + 1$

Therefore for any  $n \geq k$ ,  $0 \leq 32n^2 + 17n + 1 \leq 32n^2 + n^2 = 33n^2 = cn^2$

So  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is  $O(n^2)$

$32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is not  $O(n)$  nor  $O(n \log n)$

Proof by contradiction: suppose  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is  $O(n)$

Then there are  $c$  and  $k$  such that  $0 \leq 32n^2 + 17n + 1 \leq cn$  for every  $n \geq k$  but  $32n^2 + 17n + 1 \leq cn$  implies that  $n \leq 32n + 17 + (1/n) \leq c$ . But this fails for any  $n$  that is greater than  $32n + 17 + (1/n)$  and as  $n$  approaches infinity there won't be a  $c$  that is greater than  $32n + 17 + (1/n)$ . So we have a contradiction and  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is not  $O(n)$ .

Proof by contradiction: suppose  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is  $O(n \log n)$

Then there are  $c$  and  $k$  such that  $0 \leq 32n^2 + 17n + 1 \leq C(n \log n)$  for every  $n \geq k$

However, there is no  $c$  that will satisfy  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  being greater than  $C(n \log n)$  as  $n$  gets closer to infinity.

So  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  must not be  $O(n \log n)$

2) Prove  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is both  $\Omega(n^2)$  and  $\Omega(n)$

To prove  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is  $\Omega(n^2)$ , prove there exists a  $c$  such that  $c(n^2) < 32n^2 + 17n + 1$

For any  $c \leq 32$  this inequality holds true.

Therefore  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is  $\Omega(n^2)$

To prove  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is  $\Omega(n)$ , prove there exists a  $c$  such that  $c(n) < 32n^2 + 17n + 1$

For every  $n > 0$ , if  $c$  is less than  $(32n^2 + 17n + 1)/n$  then this inequality holds true.

For example, if  $n=20$  and  $c < 81$  then  $(81)(20) < 32((20)^2) + 17(20) + 1$

Therefore, there exists a  $c$  such that  $c(n) < 32n^2 + 17n + 1$  and  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is  $\Omega(n)$ .

Prove  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is not  $\Omega(n^3)$

If  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  was  $\Omega(n^3)$  then there would exist a  $c$  such that  $c(n^3) < 32n^2 + 17n + 1$

For any  $n > 0$ . This implies that every  $c \leq (32/n) + (17/n^2) + (n^3)$  as you approach infinity the right side will get very small and it won't be possible for there to be a  $c$  that fits the inequality

3) Prove that  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is  $\Theta(n^2)$

$f(n)$  is  $\Theta(n^2)$  if  $f(n)$  is bounded both above and below by  $n^2$  therefore it is both  $O(n^2)$  and  $\Omega(n^2)$ ,

To prove  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is  $\Omega(n^2)$  and bounded below, prove there exists a  $c$  such that  $c(n^2) < 32n^2 + 17n + 1$

For any  $c \leq 32$  this inequality holds true.

Therefore  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is  $\Omega(n^2)$

To prove  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is  $O(n^2)$  and bounded above consider  $c=33$  and  $k=200$ .

Then for any  $n \geq k$ ,  $n^2 \geq 200n \geq 17n + 1$ . Since  $n$  is positive, we also have  $0 \leq 32n^2 + 17n + 1$

Therefore for any  $n \geq k$ ,  $0 \leq 32n^2 + 17n + 1 \leq 32n^2 + n^2 = 33n^2 = cn^2$

So  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is  $O(n^2)$

Since it is bounded both above and below by  $n^2$ ,  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is  $\Theta(n^2)$

Prove that  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is neither  $\Theta(n)$  nor  $\Theta(n^3)$

in order for  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  to be  $\Theta(n)$  it needs to be bounded above and below i.e. both  $O(n)$  and  $\Omega(n)$

It is not bounded above and therefore not  $O(n)$  as proven by contradiction: suppose  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is  $O(n)$

Then there are  $c$  and  $k$  such that  $0 \leq 32n^2 + 17n + 1 \leq cn$  for every  $n \geq k$  but  $32n^2 + 17n + 1 \leq cn$  implies that  $n \leq 32n + 17 + (1/n)$  But this fails for any  $n$  that is greater than  $32n + 17 + (1/n)$  So we have a contradiction and  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is not  $O(n)$  and therefore it is not bounded from above by  $n$  and cannot be  $\Theta(n)$

In order for  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  to be  $\Theta(n^3)$  it needs to be both  $O(n^3)$  and  $\Omega(n^3)$

If  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  was  $\Omega(n^3)$  then there would exist a  $c$  such that  $c(n^3) < 32n^2 + 17n + 1$

For any  $n > 0$ . This implies that every  $c \leq (32/n) + (17/n^2) + (n^3)$  as you approach infinity the right side will get very small and it won't be possible for there to be a  $c$  that fits the inequality. Therefore, it is not bounded from below by  $n^3$  so  $32n^2 + 17n + 1$  is not  $\Theta(n^3)$

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