

Homework

Question 5:

Use the definition of Θ in order to show the following:

a. $5n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n = \Theta(n^3)$

Solution:

In order to prove that $f = \Theta(g)$, we must first prove that $f = O(g)$ and $f = \Omega(g)$:

Proof of $f = O(g)$:

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= 5n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n \\ g(n) &= n^3 \end{aligned}$$

First, we will use $c=10$ and $n_0=1$.

We will show that for any $n \geq 1$, $f(n) \leq c * g(n)$.

For $n \geq 1$, it is clear that $n \leq n^2 \leq n^3$:

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= 5n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n \leq f(n) = 5n^3 + 2n^3 + 3n^3 \\ f(n) &= 5n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n^3 \leq f(n) = 10n^3 = 10 * g(n) \end{aligned}$$

The result after combining the inequalities is:

$$f(n) = 5n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n \leq 10n^3 = 10 * g(n)$$

We have come to the conclusion that $f \leq 10 * g(n)$ and therefore $f = O(g)$.

Proof of $f = \Omega(g)$:

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= 5n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n \\ g(n) &= n^3 \end{aligned}$$

First, we will use $c=5$ and $n_0=1$.

We will show that for any $n \geq 1$, $f(n) \geq c * g(n)$.

For $n \geq 1$, it is clear that $n \geq 1, 2n^2 + 3n \geq 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{When adding } 5n^3 \text{ to both sides, we get the following:} \\ 5n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n &\geq 5n^3 = 5n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n \geq 5 * g(n) \end{aligned}$$

We have come to the conclusion that $f \geq 5 * g(n)$ and therefore $f = \Omega(g)$.

Both $f = O(g)$ and $f = \Omega(g)$ have been proven and, as a result, we have proved that $f = \Theta(g)$. ■

$$b. \sqrt{7n^2 + 2n - 8} = \Theta(n)$$

Solution:

In order to prove that $f = \Theta(g)$, we must first prove that $f = O(g)$ and $f = \Omega(g)$:

Proof of $f = O(g)$:

$$f(n) = \sqrt{7n^2 + 2n - 8}$$

First, we will use $c=10$ and $n_0=1$.

We will show that for any $n \geq 1$, $f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$.

Since $f(n)$ is included, we know the following :

$$7n^2 + 2n - 8 \leq 7n^2 + 2n^2 = 7n^2 + 2n - 8 \leq 9n^2$$

In order to get our $f(n)$, we can take the square root of both sides:

$$\text{We solve for } c \cdot g(n) \text{ as } \sqrt{9n^2} = 3n.$$

$$\text{It has also been shown that } 7n^2 + 2n - 8 \leq 9n^2$$

$$\text{And, } \sqrt{7n^2 + 2n - 8} \leq 3n$$

$$\text{In other words, } f(n) \leq 3 \cdot n.$$

Therefore, it has been proven that $f = O(g)$.

Proof of $f = \Omega(g)$:

$$f(n) = \sqrt{7n^2 + 2n - 8}$$

$$g(n) = \sqrt{7n^2}$$

First, we will use $c = 2$ and $n_0 = 4$.

We will show that for any $n \geq 4$, $f(n) \geq c \cdot g(n)$.

Because $f(n)$ must be greater than $g(n)$, we can go ahead and begin to eliminate expressions:

$$\text{In } f(n) = \sqrt{7n^2 + 2n - 8}, \text{ it is understood that } 7n^2 \geq 7n^2, 2n \geq 2n \text{ and } 0 \geq -8.$$

$$\text{We can go ahead and add that } g(n) = \sqrt{7n^2}$$

Because $2n - 8 \geq 0$, it is understood that $n \geq 4$.

The bound must be less than $\sqrt{7}$ and, consequently, we are left with $c = 2$.

Therefore, it has been proven that $f = \Omega(g)$.

Both $f = O(g)$ and $f = \Omega(g)$ have been proven and, as a result, we have proved that $f = \Theta(g)$. ■