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Prove the following: $1^k + 2^k + 3^k + \dots + n^k = O(n^{k+1})$

- 1) This can be rewritten as:
 - a) $1^k + 2^k + 3^k + \dots + n^k \leq n^{k+1}$
- 2) Using the additive property for BigO, which is $O(A) + O(B) = \max(O(A), O(B))$
we can simplify the left side of the equation to the following:
 - a) $O(1^k + 2^k + 3^k + \dots) + O(n^k) = O(n^k)$
 - b) We can do this because the slower parts of the algorithm will always dominate the faster parts. We could also see this as a group of comparisons like the following:
 - i) $O(1^k) + O(2^k) = O(2^k)$
 - ii) $O(2^k) + O(3^k) = O(3^k)$
 - iii) ...
 - iv) $O((n-1)^k) + O(n^k) = O(n^k)$
- 3) So we can simplify to the following:
 - a) $n^k \leq n^{k+1}$
 - b) can be rewritten as $n^k \leq n \cdot n^k$
- 4) $n^k \leq n \cdot n^k$ is always true for all real numbers and therefore shows that $1^k + 2^k + 3^k + \dots + n^k = O(n^{k+1})$ is true.