

**Big O notation:-**

$f(n) = O(g(n))$  means there are positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$ , such that  $0 \leq f(n) \leq cg(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0 > 0$

 **$\Omega$  notation:-**

$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$  means there are positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$ , such that  $0 \leq cg(n) \leq f(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0 > 0$

 **$\Theta$  notation:-**

$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$  means there are positive constants  $c_1, c_2$  and  $n_0$ , such that  $0 < c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0 > 0$ .

**1.  $2^{n+1} = O(2^n)$** **Solution:-**

Let  $f(n) = 2^{n+1}$  and  $g(n) = 2^n$

$f(n) = 2 \cdot 2^n = 2 \cdot g(n)$

With  $c=2$  and  $n_0=1$ , we have  $2 \times 2^n \geq 2^{n+1}$  for all  $n \geq 2$

Therefore,  $2^{n+1} = O(2^n)$

**2.  $(n+1)^5 = O(n^5)$** 

**Solution:-** Let  $f(n) = (n+1)^5$  and  $g(n) = n^5$

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= (n+1)^5 \\ &= (n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n + 1)(n+1) \\ &= (n^5 + 5n^4 + 10n^3 + 10n^2 + 5n + 1) \\ &\leq (n^5 + 5n^5 + 10n^5 + 10n^5 + 5n^5 + n^5) \quad (\text{for } n_0=1) \\ &\leq 32n^5 \end{aligned}$$

So, for  $c=32$  and  $n_0=1$ ,  $(n+1)^5 \leq cn^5$

**3. Let  $p(n) = a_k n^k + a_{k-1} n^{k-1} + \dots + a_0$  be an asymptotically non-negative polynomial of degree  $k$ ,  $k > 0$  is a constant, prove that  $p(n) \in O(n^k)$**

**Note:-** This is the proof why lower order terms and multiplicative constants don't matter

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution:- } p(n) &= a_k n^k + a_{k-1} n^{k-1} + \dots + a_0 \\ &= a_k n^k \left( 1 + \frac{a_{k-1}}{a_k} \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) + \frac{a_{k-2}}{a_k} \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right) + \dots + \frac{a_0}{a_k} \left( \frac{1}{n^k} \right) \right) \\ &\leq a_k n^k \left( 1 + \left( \frac{|a_{k-1}|}{a_k} \right) \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) + \left( \frac{|a_{k-2}|}{a_k} \right) \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right) + \dots + \left( \frac{|a_0|}{a_k} \right) \left( \frac{1}{n^k} \right) \right) \\ &\leq a_k n^k \left( 1 + \left( \frac{|a_{k-1}|}{a_k} \right) + \left( \frac{|a_{k-2}|}{a_k} \right) + \dots + \left( \frac{|a_0|}{a_k} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } n_0=1 \text{ and } c &= a_k \left( 1 + \left( \frac{|a_{k-1}|}{a_k} \right) + \left( \frac{|a_{k-2}|}{a_k} \right) + \dots + \left( \frac{|a_0|}{a_k} \right) \right), \\ p(n) &\leq c \cdot n^k \\ \Rightarrow p(n) &\in O(n^k) \end{aligned}$$

**4.  $n^3 = O(n^3 \log n)$** 

**Solution:-** Let  $f(n) = n^3$  and  $g(n) = n^3 \log n$

for  $n \geq 2$ , we can say  $1 \leq \log_2 n$

$$\Rightarrow n^3 \leq n^3 \log_2 n$$

$$\Rightarrow n^3 \leq c n^3 \log_2 n, \text{ where } c=1$$

So, for  $n_0=2$  and  $c=1$ ,  $n^3 = O(n^3 \log n)$

**5.  $\max(f(n), g(n)) = \Theta(f(n) + g(n))$**

**Solution:-** Let  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  be asymptotically nonnegative functions

By  $\Theta$  definition, we need to proof following inequations

$$(1) c_1 (f(n) + g(n)) \leq \max(f(n), g(n))$$

$$(2) \max(f(n), g(n)) \leq c_2 (f(n) + g(n))$$

(1) holds because  $\max(f(n), g(n)) \geq f(n)$  and  $\max(f(n), g(n)) \geq g(n)$ . Thus we get  $\max(f(n), g(n)) \geq (f(n) + g(n))/2$ , obviously, we can choose  $c_1 = 1/2$ .

(2) holds because  $\max(f(n), g(n)) \leq f(n) + g(n)$  and  $c_2 \geq 1$

**6.  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = O(n^3)$**

**Solution:-**

Let  $f(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n i^2$  and  $g(n) = n^3$

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 \\ &= n(n+1)(2n+1)/6 \\ &= (2n^3 + 3n^2 + n)/6 \end{aligned}$$

Using proof 3, we can prove that  $f(n) = O(n^3)$

**7.  $\sum_{i=1}^n (i / 2^i) = O(1)$**

**Solution:-**

Let  $S = \sum_{i=1}^n (i / 2^i)$

$$S = (1/2 + 2/2^2 + 3/2^3 + \dots + n/2^n)$$

$$S/2 = (1/2^2 + 2/2^3 + \dots + (n-1)/2^n + n/2^{n+1})$$

$$S - S/2 = (1/2 + 1/2^2 + 1/2^3 + \dots + 1/2^n) - n/2^{n+1}$$

For geometric series, if  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $r < 1$ , the formula for sum is  $a/(1-r)$ , where  $a$  is the first term in the series

$$S/2 = (1/2)/(1 - 1/2) - n/2^{n+1}$$

$$S = 2(1 - n/2^{n+1})$$

Since  $n > 0$ ,  $n/2^{n+1} > 0$

$\Rightarrow S = 2 * (\text{something less than } 1)$

$\Rightarrow S < 2$

$\Rightarrow S = O(1)$