

Problem 2

a. 4^n is $O(2^n)$? \rightarrow false

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^n}{2^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2^n)^2}{2^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n = \infty, \text{ which is not finite, so it is } \mathbf{false}.$$

b. $\log n$ is $\Theta(\log_3 n)$? \rightarrow True

$$1. \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n}{\log_3 n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\log_3 n}{\log_3 2}}{\log_3 n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\log_3 2} = c_1 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$2. \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_3 n}{\log n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\log n}{\log 3}}{\log n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\log 3} = c_2 \rightarrow (2)$$

From (1) and (2) above: $\log n$ is $\Theta(\log_3 n)$.

c. $\frac{n}{2} \log \frac{n}{2}$ is $\Theta(n \log n)$? \rightarrow True

$$1. \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n}{2} \log \frac{n}{2}}{n \log n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\log \frac{n}{2}}{2}}{\log n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n - \log 2}{2 \log n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - \frac{\log 2}{\log n}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow c_1 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$2. \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \log n}{\frac{n}{2} \log \frac{n}{2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 \log n}{\log \frac{n}{2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 \log n}{\log n - \log 2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{1 - \frac{\log 2}{\log n}} = 2 \rightarrow c_2 \rightarrow (2)$$

From (1) and (2): $\frac{n}{2} \log \frac{n}{2}$ is $\Theta(n \log n)$.