

Prove the each statements. Use the theorem on polynomial orders and results from the theorems and exercises in Section 5.2

Problem 33.

$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \cdots + n^3$ is $\theta(n^4)$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \cdots + n^3 &= \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{n^2 + n}{4} \right) \left(\frac{n^2 + n}{4} \right) \\ &= \frac{n^4 + 2n^3 + n^2}{16} \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{n^4 + 2n^3 + n^2}{16}$ is $\theta(n^4)$ by the theorem on polynomial orders. ■

Problem 35.

$5 + 10 + 15 + 20 + 25 + \cdots + 5n$ is $\theta(n^2)$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} 5(1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n) &= 5\left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{5}{2}(n^2 + n) \\ &= \frac{5}{2}n^2 + \frac{5}{2}n \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{5}{2}n^2 + \frac{5}{2}n$ is $\theta(n^2)$ by the theorem on polynomial orders. ■

Problem 37.

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (k+3) \text{ is } \theta(n^2)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n k + 3 \sum_{k=1}^n 1 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 3(n) \\ &= \frac{n^2 + n}{2} + 3n \\ &= \frac{n^2 + 7n}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$n^2 + 7n$ is $\theta(n^2)$ by the theorem on polynomial orders. ■

Problem 39.

$$\sum_{k=3}^n (k^2 - 2k) \text{ is } \theta(n^3)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=3}^n k^2 &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - 1^2 - 2^2 \\ \sum_{k=3}^n 2k &= 2 \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 1 - 2 \right) \\ \sum_{k=3}^n k^2 - \sum_{k=3}^n 2k &= \left(\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - 5 \right) - 2 \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 3 \right) \\ &= \frac{n(2n^2 + 3n + 1)}{6} - 5 - n^2 + n - 6 \\ &= \frac{2n^3 + 3n^2 + n - 30}{6} - \frac{6n^2 + 6n - 36}{6} \\ &= \frac{2n^3 - 3n^2 - 5n + 6}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{2n^3 - 3n^2 - 5n + 6}{6}$ is $\theta(n^3)$ by the theorem on polynomial orders. ■