

# Homework 6

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**Question 5:**

Use the definition of  $\theta$  in order to show the following:

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

Proof:

Let  $f(n) = 5n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n$  and  $g(n) = (n^3)$ ,  
we will prove that  $c_2 * g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_1 * g(n)$  for any  $n_0 \geq 1$ .

For any  $n \geq 1$ , we know that  $5n^3 \leq 5n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n$ .  
So if we take  $c_2 = 5$ , and  $n_0 = 1$ , then  $5n^3 \leq 5n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n$ .

**Therefore,  $5 * g(n) \leq f(n)$  and  $f = \Omega(g)$**

For any  $n \geq 1$ , we know that  $n^2$  and  $n^3$  are larger than  $n$ .  
So, we know that  $5n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n \leq 5n^3 + 2n^3 + 3n^3$ .  
So if we take  $c_1 = 10$  and  $n_0 = 1$ , then  $5n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n \leq 10n^3$ .

**Therefore,  $f(n) \leq 10 * g(n)$  and  $f = O(g)$**

There for if we take  $c_1 = 10$ ,  $c_2 = 5$  and  $n_0 = 1$ ,  
then for all  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $f = O(g)$  and  $f = \Omega(g)$ ,

**Therefore,  $f = \theta(g) = \theta(n^3)$**

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

Proof:

Let  $f(n) = \sqrt{7n^2 + 2n - 8}$  and  $g(n) = (n)$ ,  
we will prove that  $c_2 * g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_1 * g(n)$  for any  $n_0 \geq ?$ .

Using the expression  $7n^2 + 2n - 8$ , we can see that  $7n^2 \leq 7n^2 + 2n - 8$ ,  
when  $2n - 8 \geq 0$ . This gives us  $n_0 = \sqrt{4} = 2$ . So we take  $c_2 = \sqrt{7n^2}$   
and round  $\sqrt{7}$  down to 2 and take  $c_2 = 2$ . So, for all  $n \geq 2$ ,  $2n \leq \sqrt{7n^2 + 2n - 8}$ .

**Therefore,  $2 * g(n) \leq f$  and  $f = \Omega(g)$**

Using the expression  $7n^2 + 2n - 8$ , we know that  $7n^2 + 2n - 8 \leq 7n^2 + 2n^2$ .

So, we know that  $7n^2 + 2n - 8 \leq 9n^2$ .  $\sqrt{9n^2}$  gives us  $3n$ .

So if we take  $c_1 = 3$  and  $n_0 = 2$ , then  $\sqrt{7n^2 + 2n - 8} \leq 3n$ .

**Therefore,  $f(n) \leq 3 * g(n)$  and  $f = O(g)$**

There for if we take  $c_1 = 3$ ,  $c_2 = 2$  and  $n_0 = 2$ ,

then for all  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $f = O(g)$  and  $f = \Omega(g)$ ,

**Therefore,  $2 * g(n) \leq f \leq 3 * g(n)$  and  $f = \theta(g) = \theta(n)$**