

Use the definition with constants to show that $f(n) = n\sqrt{n} - n + 20\lg n$ is $\Theta(n\sqrt{n})$.

Definition: $f(n)$ is $\Theta(g(n))$ if there exist positive constants c_1 , c_2 and n_0 such that:

$$c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n) \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_0.$$

Here $g(n) =$

For c_2 :

$$f(n) = n\sqrt{n} - n + 20\lg(n) \leq n\sqrt{n} + 20\lg(n) \leq n\sqrt{n} + 20n\sqrt{n} = 21n\sqrt{n}, \forall n \geq 2 \Rightarrow c_2=21, n_2=1$$

We also want c_1 and n_1 : $c_1 n\sqrt{n} \leq n\sqrt{n} - n + 20\lg(n), \forall n \geq n_1$. It suffices to show that

$$c_1 n\sqrt{n} \leq n\sqrt{n} - n \Rightarrow$$

$$n\sqrt{n} - c_1 n\sqrt{n} - n \geq 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$n[\sqrt{n}(1 - c_1) - 1] \geq 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\sqrt{n}(1 - c_1) - 1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\sqrt{n}(1 - c_1) \geq 1$$

$(1 - c_1) > 0 \Rightarrow c_1 < 1$. If we pick $c_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ we can solve for $n \Rightarrow$

$$\sqrt{n}\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \geq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2} \geq 1 \Rightarrow n \geq 4 \Rightarrow n_1 = 4$$

We want both inequalities to hold at the same time \Rightarrow pick $n_0 = \max(n_1, n_2) = \max(1, 4) =$

$4 \Rightarrow c_1 = 1/2, c_2 = 21, n_0 = 4$.