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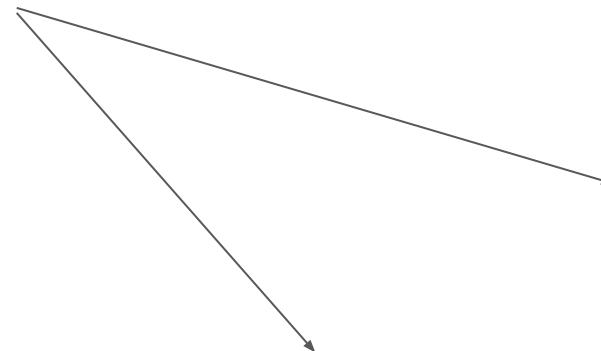
# Introductions

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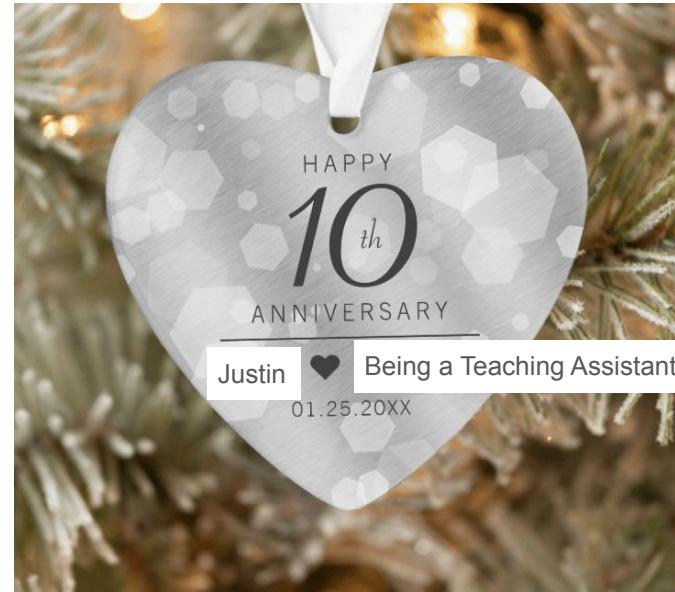


# Some other things about this PSO (and me)

- Usually on slides
- I try to cover everything
- Raise your hand whenever
- 3-time 251 TA, 10-time overall TA

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What is this question **NOT** asking?

Something with a  $\Sigma$  or  $\prod$  in it

An asymptotic answer

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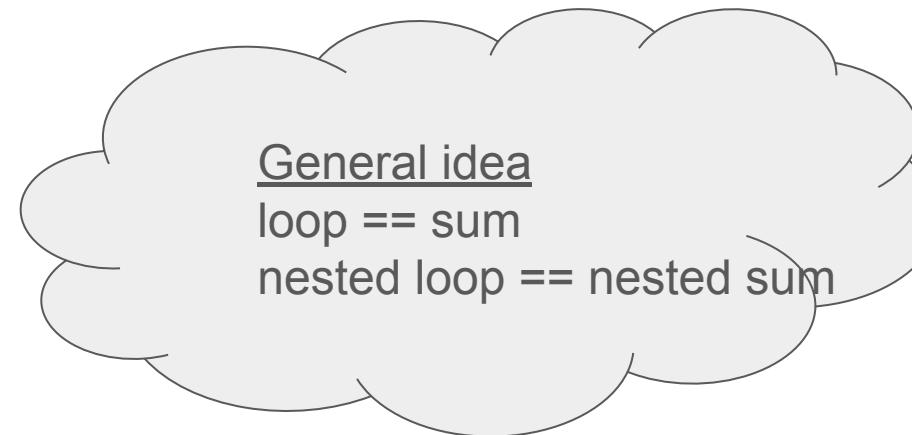
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<u>k</u>	0	1	2	...	? $3^{K_{\text{end}}} = n$
$i = 3^k$	1	3	9	...	<u>n</u>
$j (i \text{ to } i^2)$	1 to 1	3 to 9	9 to 81		$n$ to $n^2$

Next step: write i in terms of k

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$$K_{\text{end}} = \log_3 n$$

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$j (i \text{ to } i^2)$	1 to 1	3 to 9	9 to 81		$n \text{ to } n^2$

$$j \in [3^k, 3^{k+1})$$
  
Now write  $j$  in terms of  $k$

$$3^{\log_3 n} = n$$

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$$(3^k + 3^{2k})$$

$$\sum_{K=0}^{\log_3 n} 3^{2K} c$$

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$$\log_3 n \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \log_3 n \rfloor} 3^k$$

Pro technique:

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$$\sum_{k=0}^{\log_3 n} 3^{zk} c$$

$$= \frac{9}{8}cn^2 - \frac{3}{2}cn + \left(\frac{11}{8} + \log_3 n\right)c$$

Cheat sheet

i) consecutive sum

$$\sum_{i=0}^K 1 = \frac{K(K+1)}{2}$$

ii) geometric sum

$$\sum_{i=1}^K r^i = \frac{r^{K+1} - 1}{r - 1}$$

Pro technique: *Left as an exercise to the reader*

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Let's follow the same steps

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The image shows handwritten mathematical notation on lined paper. It features two nested summation symbols. The outer summation symbol has  $n^4 - 1$  above it and  $i=0$  below it. The inner summation symbol has  $n^3 - 1$  above it and  $j=i$  below it. To the right of the inner summation symbol is the number 1.

Simple! (Fishy..)

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$$\sum_{i=0}^{n^4-1} \sum_{j=i}^{n^3-1} 1$$

When  $i > n^3 - 1$ , inner loop does not run so this sum is wrong!

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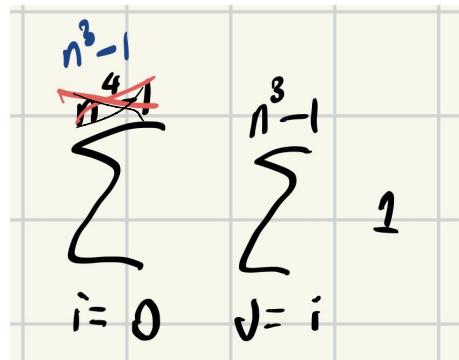
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The right sum

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$$\sum_{j=i}^k 1 = k-i+1$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n^3-1} \left( \sum_{j=i}^{n^3-1} 1 \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{n^3-1} (n^3 - i + 1) = \sum_{i=0}^{n^3-1} (n^3 - i)$$

$$\underbrace{n^3 + (n^3-1) + \dots + (1)}$$

$$= 1 + \dots + n^3$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n i = \boxed{\frac{n^3(n^3+1)}{2}}$$

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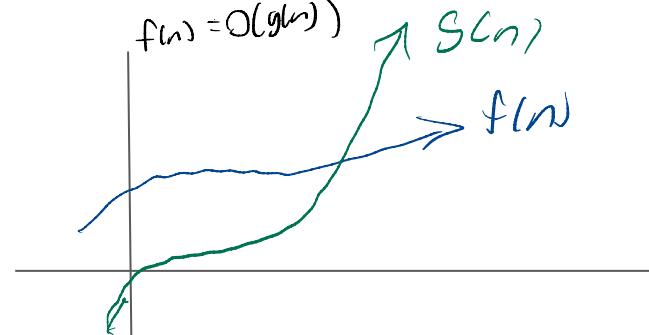
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$$\log_2 4 = 2$$

(Suppose log is base 2) wts:  $\exists c > 0, n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $c n^2 \leq 5^{\log n}$  ( $n \geq n_0$ )

$$n^c \quad c \quad 5^{\log n} = n^{\log 5}$$

$$\text{True } \log(5^{\log n}) = \log(n^{\log 5}) \\ \log n \times \log 5 = \log 5 \times \log n \quad c=1 \quad n_0=1 \quad c n^2 \leq n^{2.3}$$

$$n^{\frac{\log 5}{\log 2}} \approx 2.3$$

(For general log base b, this is only true when..)

$$n^2 \leq n^{\log_b 5}$$

$$\text{Take log: } 2 \log n \leq \log_b 5 \log n \text{ so when } 2 \leq \log_b 5$$

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$$\sqrt{n} = \sqrt[n]{n}$$

$$\frac{\log n}{\sqrt{\log n}}$$

$$\log \log n \quad \text{vs} \quad \sqrt{\log n}$$

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$$\frac{\log n}{\text{small}} \quad \text{vs} \quad \frac{\log n}{\text{big}}$$

large  $\in \Theta(\text{small})$  F

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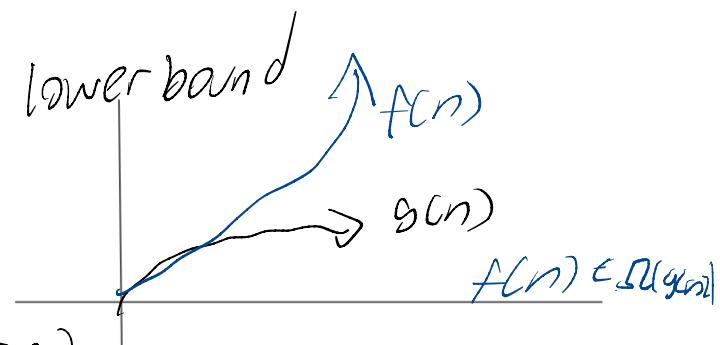
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$c f(n) \geq g(n) (n \geq n_0)$



$$n^{100} \ll n!$$

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idea: Compare pairwise

I can write  $n! = \underbrace{n \times (n-1) \times \dots \times (n-\log n+1) \times \dots \times 2 \times 1}_{n \text{ terms}}$

and  $n^{\log n} = \underbrace{n \times n \times \dots n}_{\log n \text{ terms}} \times \underbrace{1 \times 1 \times \dots \times 1}_{n-\log n \text{ 1's}}$

If I divide  $\frac{n!}{n^{\log n}}$ , and look at individual terms

$$\frac{n!}{n^{\log n}} = \frac{n \times (n-1) \times \dots \times (n-\log n+1) \times (n-\log n) \times \dots \times 2 \times 1}{n \times n \times \dots \times n \times 1 \times 1 \times \dots \times 1}$$

each term approaches  
(as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ )

$1 \times 1 \times \dots \times 1 \times (almost 1) \times (n-\log n) \times \dots \times 2 \times 1$

Multiplying all together, we get something unbounded.

i.e.

$$\frac{n!}{n^{\log n}} \rightarrow \infty \text{ implying } n! \gg n^{\log n}$$

So it cannot be the case that  $n^{\log n} \in \Omega(n!)$

False



(b) Sort the following functions in increasing order of asymptotic (big-O) complexity:

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$n^{\sqrt{n}}$  vs.  $2^n$        $\cancel{2^{\frac{n}{2}}}$        $\cancel{n^{10} \cdot 2^{\frac{n}{2}}}$        $\cancel{\binom{n}{2}}$

Intuition: Exponentials dominate

$\cancel{n^{10}}$   
 $\cancel{\binom{n}{2}}$   
 $\cancel{2^{\frac{n}{2}}}$   
 $n^{\sqrt{n}}$   
 $\overbrace{n^{(n-1)}}^2$   
 $\cancel{n^{10}}$   
 $O(n^2)$

Any clear relationships?

$$f_4 \ll f_1 \lesssim f_3 \leq f_2 \quad \text{vs} \quad \cancel{n^{10}}$$

$$\frac{f_1 \lesssim f_2}{\log(n^{\sqrt{n}})} = \sqrt{n} \times \log n < \sqrt{n} \times \sqrt{n} = n \leq \log(2^n)$$

#### Question 4

(a) Show that  $\max\{f(n), g(n)\} \in \Theta(f(n) + g(n))$  for any  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  that eventually become and stay positive.

(b) Give an example of  $f$  and  $g$  such that  $f$  is not  $O(g)$  and  $g$  is also not  $O(f)$ .

$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$  is defined as  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  and  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$  (simultaneously) i.e.

There exists constants  $c > 0, n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$cf(n) \leq g(n)$$

for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

AND

There exists constants  $c' > 0, n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$c'f(n) \geq g(n)$$

for all  $n \geq n_1$ .

We can rewrite this as..

There exists constants  $c, c' > 0$  and  $n_0, n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$cf(n) \leq g(n) \text{ and } c'f(n) \geq g(n)$$

$$n \geq n_0, n_1$$



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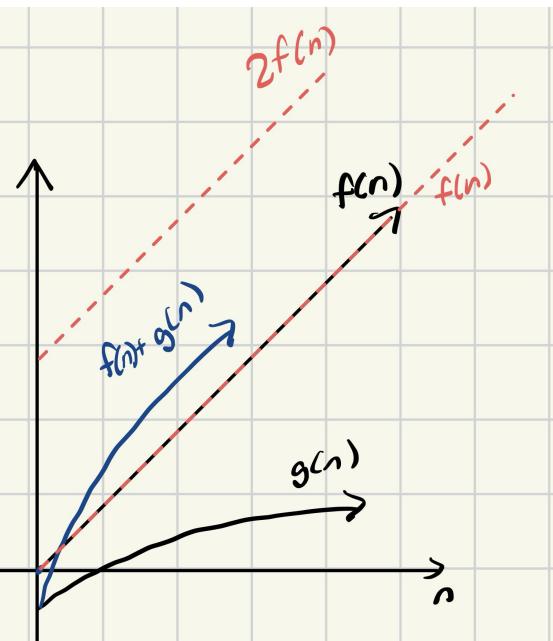
To convince ourselves, let's look at  $f(n) = n$  and  $g(n) = \log n$



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Prove formally using definition

Ex.  $f(n) = n$  and  $g(n) = \log n$



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for all  $n \geq n_0$

1.  $\max(f, g) = O(f + g)$

wts:  $c, n_0$  :  $\underline{\max(f, g)} \leq f + g$

Take  $c=1$ ,  $n_0 = \text{the first pt where both are positive.}$

2.  $\max(f, g) = \Omega(f + g)$

wts:  $c', \overbrace{n_1}^{\text{avg}(f, g)} : \max(f, g) \leq c' \geq f + g$

$c' = 2 : \max(f, g) \geq \frac{f+g}{2}$

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Idea: crazy oscillating behavior

$$f(n) = n$$

$$g(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & n \text{ odd} \\ n^3, & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

$$n^r = n \times \dots \times n$$

$$n! = n \times \dots \times 1$$

