

Q: For each of the following functions, indicate the class  $\Theta(g(n))$  the function belongs to. (Use the simplest  $g(n)$  possible in your answers.) Prove your assertions.

- a.  $(n^2 + 1)^{10}$
- b.  $\sqrt{10n^2 + 7n + 3}$
- c.  $2n \lg(n + 2)^2 + (n + 2)^2 \lg \frac{n}{2}$
- d.  $2^{n+1} + 3^{n-1}$
- e.  $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$

A:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } & (n^2 + 1)^{10} \\ & \equiv (n^2)^{10} \\ & = n^{20} \\ & \rightarrow \Theta(n^{20}) \end{aligned}$$

*Proof:*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n^2 + 1)^{10}}{n^{20}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^2 + 1}{n^2} \right)^{10} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n^2} \right)^{10} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1^{10} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right)^{10} = 1 + 0 = 1$$

$\rightarrow$  Same order of growth

$$\boxed{\therefore (n^2 + 1)^{10} \in \Theta(n^{20})}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } & \sqrt{10n^2 + 7n + 3} \\ & = (10n^2 + 7n + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & = 10n^{\frac{2}{2}} + 7n^{\frac{1}{2}} + 3^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & = 10n + 7n^{\frac{1}{2}} + 3^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \equiv n \\ & \rightarrow \Theta(n) \end{aligned}$$

*Proof:*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10n + 7n^{\frac{1}{2}} + 3^{\frac{1}{2}}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 10 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}} = 10 + 0 = 10$$

$\rightarrow$  Same order of growth

$$\boxed{\therefore \sqrt{10n^2 + 7n + 3} \in \Theta(n)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{c. } & 2n \lg(n+2)^2 + (n+2)^2 \lg \frac{n}{2} \\
&= 2n(2 \lg(n+2)) + (n+2)^2(\lg n - \lg 2) \\
&= 4n(\lg(n+2)) + (n+2)^2(\lg n - 1) \\
&\in \theta(n \log n) + \theta(n^2 \log n) \\
&\boxed{\rightarrow \theta(n^2 \log n)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{d. } & 2^{n+1} + 3^{n-1} \\
&\in \theta(2^n) + \theta(3^n) \\
&\boxed{\rightarrow \theta(3^n)}
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof:*

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n+1} + 3^{n-1}}{3^n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n+1}}{3^n} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^{n-1}}{3^n} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n \cdot 2^1}{3^n} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3} = 2 \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^n \right) + \frac{1}{3} = 2(0) + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}
\end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow$  Same order of growth

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{e. } & \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor \\
&(\log_2 n) - 1 < \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor \leq \log_2 n \\
&\Rightarrow (\log_2 n) - \left( \frac{1}{2} \log_2 n \text{ (where } n \geq 4) \right) < \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor \leq \log_2 n \\
&\boxed{\rightarrow \theta(\log n)}
\end{aligned}$$