

1. Rank the following functions at ascending order; that is, find an arrangement f_1, f_2, \dots, f_8 of the functions satisfying $f_1 = O(f_2), f_2 = O(f_3), \dots, f_7 = O(f_8)$. Briefly show your work for this problem.

The order satisfying $f_1 = O(f_2), f_2 = O(f_3), \dots, f_7 = O(f_8)$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} f_1: 1 &= \Theta(n^{\frac{1}{\lg n}}) \\ f_2: n^{\frac{1}{\lg n}} &= O(n) \\ f_3: n &= \Theta(2^{\lg n}) \\ f_4: 2^{\lg n} &= O(n^2) \\ f_5: n^2 &= \Theta(n^2 + n) \\ f_6: n^2 + n &= O(n^{\lg \lg n}) \\ f_7: n^{\lg \lg n} &= \Theta((\lg n)^{\lg n}) \\ f_8: (\lg n)^{\lg n} & \end{aligned}$$

or write it as:

$$1 = \Theta(n^{\frac{1}{\lg n}}) < n = \Theta(2^{\lg n}) < n^2 = \Theta(n^2 + n) < n^{\lg \lg n} = \Theta((\lg n)^{\lg n})$$

satisfying

$$1 = O(n^{\frac{1}{\lg n}}), n^{\frac{1}{\lg n}} = O(n), n = O(2^{\lg n}), 2^{\lg n} = O(n^2), n^2 = O(n^2 + n), n^2 + n = O(n^{\lg \lg n}), n^{\lg \lg n} = O((\lg n)^{\lg n})$$

proof $f_1(n)=1$ and $f_2(n)=n^{\frac{1}{\lg n}}$:

$$\text{because } \log_b a = \frac{1}{\log_a b} \quad \text{so } n^{\frac{1}{\lg n}} = n^{\log_n 2}$$

$$\text{because } a = b^{\log_b a} \quad \text{so } n^{\frac{1}{\lg n}} = n^{\log_n 2} = 2$$

we have $f_1(n)=1$ and $f_2(n)=2$

we have $c_1=1, c_2=1, n_0=1$ satisfying $1 \leq f_1(n) \leq f_2(n)$

$$\text{so } 1 = \Theta(n^{\frac{1}{\lg n}})$$

or

$$\text{because } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_1(n)}{f_2(n)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{so } 1 = \Theta(n^{\frac{1}{\lg n}})$$

proof $f_2(n) = n^{\frac{1}{\lg n}}$ and $f_3(n) = n$:

$$\text{because } \log_b a = \frac{1}{\log_a b} \quad \text{so } n^{\frac{1}{\lg n}} = n^{\log_n 2}$$

$$\text{because } a = b^{\log_b a} \quad \text{so } n^{\frac{1}{\lg n}} = n^{\log_n 2} = 2$$

$$\text{because } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_2(n)}{f_3(n)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{n} = 0$$

$$\text{so } n^{\frac{1}{\lg n}} = O(n)$$

proof $f_3(n) = n$ and $f_4(n) = 2^{\lg n}$:

$$\text{because } a = b^{\log_b a} \quad \text{so } 2^{\lg n} = n$$

$$\text{so } f_3(n) = f_4(n), \quad n = \Theta(2^{\lg n})$$

proof $f_4(n) = 2^{\lg n}$ and $f_5(n) = n^2$:

$$\text{because } a = b^{\log_b a} \quad \text{so } 2^{\lg n} = n$$

$$\text{because } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_4(n)}{f_5(n)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

$$\text{so } 2^{\lg n} = O(n^2)$$

proof $f_5(n) = n^2$ and $f_6(n) = n^2 + n$:

$$\text{because we have } c_1 = \frac{1}{3}, c_2 = 1, n_0 = 1, \quad n \geq n_0$$

$$n \geq n_0 = 1 \implies n^2 + n \geq n^2$$

$$n \geq n_0 = 1 \implies \frac{2}{3}n \geq \frac{1}{3} \implies \frac{2}{3}n^2 \geq \frac{1}{3}n \implies n^2 \geq \frac{1}{3}n^2 + \frac{1}{3}n \implies n^2 \geq \frac{1}{3}(n^2 + n)$$

$$\text{we have while } n_0 = 1, c_1(n^2 + n) \leq n^2 \leq c_2(n^2 + n)$$

$$\text{so } n^2 = \Theta(n^2 + n)$$

or

$$\text{because } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_6(n)}{f_5(n)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + n}{n^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2n+1}{2n} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2}{2} \right) = 1$$

$$\text{so } n^2 = \Theta(n^2 + n)$$

proof $f_5(n)=n^2$ and $f_7(n)=n^{\lg \lg n}$:

because we have $c_1=4, n_0=4$, $n \geq n_0$

$$n \geq n_0 = 4 \implies \lg n \geq 2 \implies \lg n \geq \lg 4 \implies 2 * \frac{\lg 4}{\lg n} \leq 2 \implies \frac{\lg 16}{\lg n} \leq 2$$

$$\implies \lg\left(\frac{\lg 16}{\lg n}\right) \leq 1 \implies \lg \lg 16 - \lg \lg n \leq 1 \implies 2 - \lg \lg n \leq 1$$

$$\implies n^{2 - \lg \lg n} \leq n \implies \frac{n^2}{n^{\lg \lg n}} \leq n \implies n^2 \leq c_1 n^{\lg \lg n}$$

we have while $n_0=4, c_1=4$, $0 \leq n^2 \leq c_1 n^{\lg \lg n}$

so $n^2 = O(n^{\lg \lg n})$

proof $f_7(n)=n^{\lg \lg n}$ and $f_8(n)=(\lg n)^{\lg n}$:

because $a^{\log_b c} = c^{\log_b a}$ so $(\lg n)^{\lg n} = (\log_2 n)^{\log_2 n} = n^{\log_2 \log_2 n} = n^{\lg \lg n}$

so $f_7(n)=f_8(n)$, $n^{\lg \lg n} = \Theta((\lg n)^{\lg n})$

2. Partition your list into equivalence classes such that $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ are in the same class if and only if $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$.

class: a	f1, f2	$1, n^{\frac{1}{\lg n}}$
class: n	f3, f4	$n, 2^{\lg n}$
class: p(n)	f5, f6	$n^2, n^2 + n$
class: $(\lg n)^{\lg n}$	f7, f8	$n^{\lg \lg n}, (\lg n)^{\lg n}$