

5.3.1 (a)  $f(n) = 1001$

$$f(2n) = 1001 = f(n)$$

(b)  $f(n) = 3n$

$$f(2n) = 3 \cdot 2n = 6n = 2 f(n)$$

(c)  $f(n) = 5n^2$

$$f(2n) = 5 \cdot (2n)^2 = 20n^2 = 4 f(n)$$

(d)  $f(n) = 2,5 n^3$

$$f(2n) = 2,5 \cdot (2n)^3 = 8 f(n)$$

5.3.3 Show  $g(n) = n!$  is  $O(n^n)$ .

Since  $n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots n \leq n \cdot n \cdot n \cdots n = n^n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  it follows by definition that  $g(n)$  is  $O(n^n)$ .

5.3.6 Show  $g(n) = n^2(7n-2)$  is  $O(n^3)$ .

Since  $n^2(7n-2) = 7n^3 - 2n^2 \leq 7n^3$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , then  $g(n)$  is  $O(n^3)$ .

5.3.8 Show  $f(n) = n^{100}$  is  $O(g)$  for  $g(n) = 2^n$ , but also that  $g$  is not  $O(f)$ .

We have that  $\Theta(n^k) \subset \Theta(a^n)$  for  $k > 0$  and  $a > 1$ . Thus  $n^{100}$  is  $O(2^n)$ , but  $2^n$  is not  $O(n^{100})$ .

5.3.9 Show  $f$  and  $g$  have the same order for

$$f(n) = 5n^2 + 4n + 3 \text{ and } g(n) = n^2 + 100n.$$

Recall:

$$\Theta(n^a) \subset \Theta(n^b) \text{ if } 0 < a \leq b.$$

$$\Theta(r \cdot f) = \Theta(f) \text{ for function } f \text{ and constant } r \neq 0.$$

$$\Theta(f+g) = \Theta(g) \text{ if } \Theta(f) \subset \Theta(g).$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta(f) = \Theta(n^2) = \Theta(g)$$

5.3.4 Show  $h(n) = 1+2+3+\cdots+n$  is  $O(n^2)$ .

Since  $h(n) \leq n+n+n+\cdots+n = n^2$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , so  $h$  is  $O(n^2)$ .

5.3.11-12 Determine which functions are in the same  $\Theta$ -class, and rank them.

$$f_1(n) = 5n \lg(n), \quad f_2(n) = 6n^2 - 3n + 7, \quad f_3(n) = 1,5^n, \quad f_4(n) = \lg(n^4),$$

$$f_5(n) = 13463, \quad f_6(n) = -15n, \quad f_7(n) = \lg(\lg(n)), \quad f_8(n) = 9n^{0.9},$$

$$f_9(n) = n!, \quad f_{10}(n) = n + \lg(n), \quad f_{11}(n) = \sqrt{n} + 12n, \quad f_{12}(n) = \lg(n!).$$

We make use of the "rules for  $\Theta$ -classes".

$$\text{We have } \Theta(f_6) = \Theta(f_{10}) = \Theta(f_{11}) \text{ by } 2, 3, 6 \text{ and } 8.$$

As  $\lg(n!) = \lg(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots n) \leq \lg(n^n) = n \lg(n) \leq 5n \lg(n)$ , for  $n \geq 1$ , then  $f_{12}$  is  $O(f_1)$ .

Conversely  $\lg(n!) = \lg(1) + \lg(2) + \cdots + \lg(n) = \sum_{k=1}^n \lg(k) \geq \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^n \lg(k) \geq \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^n \lg(\frac{n}{2}) \geq \frac{n-1}{2} \lg(\frac{n}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} n \lg(n) - \frac{1}{2} \lg(n)$ .  
So  $5n \lg(n)$  is  $O(\lg(n!))$  and  $\Theta(f_1) = \Theta(f_{12})$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{13463}{\lg(\lg(n))} = 0, \text{ so } \Theta(f_5) < \Theta(f_2).$$

For  $n \geq 2$   $\lg(\lg(n)) \leq \lg(n^4)$ , so  $f_2$  is  $O(f_4)$ . However, the converse is not the case, since for  $2^n$

$$\lg(\lg(2^n)) = \lg(n) \text{ and } \lg((2^n)^4) = 4n,$$

which is not  $O(f_2)$ . So  $\Theta(f_2) < \Theta(f_4)$ .

By 2 and 6  $\Theta(f_4) < \Theta(f_8)$ . Now 3 and 6 yield  $\Theta(f_8) < \Theta(f_6)$ .

Since  $\Theta(1) < \Theta(\lg(n))$  6, 7 and 8 give  $\Theta(f_{10}) < \Theta(f_1)$ .

With  $\Theta(\lg(n)) < \Theta(n)$  3, 6, 7 and 8 give us  $\Theta(f_1) < \Theta(f_2)$ . By 3, 4, 6 and 8

$$\Theta(f_2) < \Theta(f_3).$$

We have  $\frac{1.5^n}{n!} \leq 1.5 \left(\frac{1.5}{2}\right)^{n-1}$  for  $n \geq 2$ , so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1.5^n}{n!} = 0$ , so  $\Theta(f_3) < \Theta(f_9)$ .

Ultimately  $\Theta(f_5) < \Theta(f_7) < \Theta(f_4) < \Theta(f_8) < \Theta(f_6) = \Theta(f_{10}) = \Theta(f_4) < \Theta(f_1) = \Theta(f_{12}) < \Theta(f_2) < \Theta(f_3) < \Theta(f_9)$ .

S. 3.24 Prove  $\Theta(a^n)$  is lower than  $\Theta(b^n)$  if and only if  $0 < a < b$ .

Assume  $0 < a < b$ . Then  $0 < \frac{a}{b} < 1$  and so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^n}{b^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = 0.$$

Therefore  $\Theta(a^n) < \Theta(b^n)$ .

The opposite direction follows by the contrapositive.

Suppose  $a \geq b$ , then  $\Theta(a^n) \geq \Theta(b^n)$  by the above argument. Thus  $\Theta(a^n) < \Theta(b^n) \Leftrightarrow 0 < a < b$ .  $\square$