

Practice Problems - Asymptotic Analysis

1. Show that $f(n) = O(g(n))$ where $f(n) = n^2$ and $g(n) = n^2 - n$
2. Show that $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ where $f(n) = n^2$ and $g(n) = n^2 + n$
3. Show that n is $O(n \log n)$.
4. Can you think of positive functions $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ such that $f(n)$ is neither $O(g(n))$ nor $\Omega(g(n))$.
5. Prove that if $f(n) = O(g(n))$, then $g(n) = \Omega(f(n))$.
6. Show that any polynomial of degree k is $\theta(n^k)$.
7. Arrange the following functions in non-decreasing order of their rate of growth:
 $n, n^2, n^3, n^{1/2}, \log(n), n \log(n), n/\log(n)$
8. Are the following two statements equivalent? Justify.
 - The running time of algorithm A is always $O(f(n))$.
 - In the worst case, the running time of algorithm A is $O(f(n))$.
9. R 3.19 from the book
10. R 3.21 from the book
11. $T(n) = 2T(n-1)$ if $n > 0$, and 1 otherwise. What is $T(n)$ in big-Oh notation?
12. $T(n) = T(n/2) + n$ if $n > 1$, and $T(1) = c$ (where c is a constant). What is $T(n)$ in big-Oh notation?
13. C 5.21 from the book