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Drill: More Asymptotic Notation and Order of Growth

## 2. Comparing Relative Order-Of-Growth Of Two Functions

- 1) 2
- 2) 2
- 3) 1
- 4) 2
- 5) 2
- 6) 3
- 7) 2
- 8) 2
- 9) 1
- 10) 3

## 3. Asymptotics

- 1) No, because  $O(n^2)$  means that the algorithm performs  $n^2$  at worst, but it can perform better, such as  $n$ .
- 2) No, because  $O(n^2)$  means that the algorithm performs  $n^2$  at worst, so on either some or all values, it may perform  $n^2$ , which is worse than  $n$ .
- 3) No, because despite the worst case being  $n^2$ , there may be some inputs that have better performance, such as  $n$ .
- 4) Yes, because  $\theta(n^2)$  means that there is definitively a worst case where the performance is  $n^2$  for at least some inputs.
- 5) Yes, because  $f(n) = O(n^2)$  and  $f(n^2) = O(f(n))$ , since in the worst case,  $f(n)$  performs at  $n^2$  (according to the rules of big O notation).