

COMP3121-Ass1-Q5

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Q5.

(a)

As n goes to infinity, $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ go to infinity. So, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x)/g(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f'(x)/g'(x)$ using L'Hopital's rule.

And also, we can find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f'(x)/g'(x) = \frac{10}{n^2 \log 2} = 0$. Hence, $g(n)$ grows substantially faster than $f(n)$ because the slope of $g(n)$ is much steeper than the slope of $f(n)$. Moreover, there exists positive constants c and n_0 such that $0 \leq f(n) \leq cg(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0$. So, we can say that $g(n)$ is an asymptotic upper bound for $f(n)$ ($f(n) = O(g(n))$).

(b)

$g(n) = 2^{n \log n^2}$ is an asymptotic lower bound for $f(n) = n^n$ because when n is greater than 2 we have $g(n) = 2^{n \log n^2} < n^n = f(n)$. And also, we can say that there exists positive constants and n_0 such that $0 \leq cg(n) \leq f(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0$ and here we can take $c = 1$ and $n_0 = 3$.

(c)

Firstly, in the case of $f(n)$, when n is a natural number, $\sin(\pi n)$ is always 0. So, we can say that $f(n) = n$ for all natural number n . Then, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x)/g(x) =$

1 and it shows $f(n) = O(g(n))$ and $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$. Hence, $g(n)$ is both an asymptotical lower bound for $f(n)$.