

Q1) Show that:

a)  $n^2 + 10$  is  $O(n^2)$

$$n^2 + 10 \leq cn^2$$

$$(n^2 + 10)/n^2 \leq c$$

**Holds for  $c=11$  and  $n_0=1$**

b)  $(n+1)^3$  is  $O(n^3)$

$$(n+1)^3 \leq cn^3$$

$$(n+1)^3/n^3 \leq c$$

$$n+1/n \leq c$$

**Holds for  $c=2$  and  $n_0=1$**

c)  $2^{(n+1)}$  is  $O(2^n)$

$$2^{(n+1)} \leq c2^n$$

$$2^{(n+1)}/2^n \leq c$$

$$2^{(n+1)-n} \leq c$$

$$2 \leq c$$

**Holds for  $c=2$  and  $n_0=1 \dots \infty$**

d)  $3n^2 + 8n \log(n) + 3$  is  $O(n^2)$

$$3n^2 + 8n \log(n) + 3 \leq cn^2$$

$$(3n^2 + 8n \log(n) + 3)/n^2 \leq c$$

**Holds for  $c=6$  and  $n_0=1$**

Q2)

i) doubling  $n$

ii) increase  $n$  by 1

a)  $n^2$

i) Slower by a factor of 4

ii) Slower by a factor of 2 with an additive  $(1+2n)$

b)  $n^3$

i) Slower by a factor of 8

ii) Slower by a factor of 8 with an additive  $(3n^2+3n+1)$

c)  $100n^2$

i) Slower by a factor of 4

ii) Slower by a factor of 2 with an additive  $(n*100 - n^2)$  or multiply (100)

Q3)

$$f1(n) = n^{3.5}$$

$$f2(n) = \sqrt{n}$$

$$f3(n) = n + 10$$

$$f4(n) = 10n^2$$

$$f5(n) = 2n \log(n)$$

$$f6(n) = 2^n \log(n)$$

$$f_3(n) < f_2(n) < f_5(n) < f_4(n) < f_1(n) < f_6(n)$$

Q4)

$$a) (n/2) * \log_2(n)$$

*Explanation:* The first loop increments by  $i+2$  which means it reaches the condition twice as fast or the condition is half as small (dividing by 2). The second loop increments by multiple of two which means it has the log base of 2. If the condition of  $j$  was 2, we would only need one increment. Algebraically, can be written as  $\log_2(2)=1$ . Eg. If condition was 4  $(4/2)*\log_2(4) = 4$

b)n

*Explanation:* Since there is a break every time in the second loop. We can ignore it. This leaves us with a standard for-loop which increments by 1. It would take  $n$  steps to reach  $n$ .

$$c) n * \log_{10}(n)$$

*Explanation:* The first loop is a plain  $n$  and is explained in b). The second loop increments by a multiple of 10 which means it has a log base of 10. e.g. If condition was 100,  $100 * \log_{10}(100) = 200$

$$d) n(\log(n))$$

*Explanation:* The  $n$  on the outside corresponds to the outer loop. The inner loop increments by a changing value which converges to  $n$ . So for example,  $(n + n/2 + n/3 + \dots n/n)$ , pull the  $n$  out and you get  $\log$ . Combine  $n$  and  $\log(n)$ . Then you get your answer. Voila, magic:  $n * \log(n)$ . This was pulled from stack Overflow. No example because it obviously doesn't work. But let's prove that incorrectness instead....

$$\text{Eg. If } n = 10, (10) * \log(10) = 10$$

So, there should be 10 steps in the program. But Java will say otherwise:

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1 package question1;
2
3 public class q1 {
4     public static void main(String[] args) {
5         int n= 10;
6         int sum = 0;
7         for (int i=1; i<=n; i++)
8             for (int j=1; j<n; j+=i) {
9                 sum+= summation(i , j);
10                System.out.println("i+j: " + i + "+" + j);
11            }
12            System.out.println(sum);
13        }
14    }
15    static int summation(int a, int b){
16        return a+b;
17    }
18 }
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i+j: 1+1  
i+j: 1+2  
i+j: 1+3  
i+j: 1+4  
i+j: 1+5  
i+j: 1+6  
i+j: 1+7  
i+j: 1+8  
i+j: 1+9  
i+j: 2+1  
i+j: 2+3  
i+j: 2+5  
i+j: 2+7  
i+j: 2+9  
i+j: 3+1  
i+j: 3+4  
i+j: 3+7  
i+j: 4+1  
i+j: 4+5  
i+j: 4+9  
i+j: 5+1  
i+j: 5+6  
i+j: 6+1  
i+j: 6+7  
i+j: 7+1  
i+j: 7+8  
i+j: 8+1  
i+j: 8+9  
i+j: 9+1  
i+j: 10+1  
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### Conclusion:

This is clearly more than "10 steps". Therefore, the big Oh notation is wrong. Thus....

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