1. Prove that  $f(n) = 10 \cdot n^4 + 2 \cdot n^2 + 3$  is  $O(n^4)$ , provide the appropriate C and k constants.

$$f(n) = O(g(n)) \iff \exists c > 0, \exists k \ge 0 \text{ s.t } f(n) \le c \cdot g(n) \, \forall n \ge k$$

$$10 \cdot n^{4} + 2 \cdot n^{2} + 3 \leq 10 \cdot n^{4} + 2 \cdot n^{4} + 3$$

$$\leq 10 \cdot n^{4} + 2 \cdot n^{4} + 3 \cdot n^{4}$$

$$= 15 \cdot n^{4}, n \geq 1$$

Let c = 15 and k = 1 then the statement translates to

$$f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n), n \geq k$$

By the definition of O notation f(n) = O(g(n))

**2.** Prove that  $f(n) = 2 \cdot n^2 - n \cdot log_2(n) + 3 \cdot log_2(n)$  is  $O(n^2)$ , provide the appropriate C and k constants.

$$f(n) = O(g(n)) \iff \exists c > 0, \exists k \ge 0 \text{ s.t } f(n) \le c \cdot g(n) \, \forall n \ge k$$

$$2 \cdot n^{2} - n \cdot log_{2}(n) + 3 \cdot log_{2}(n) \leq 2 \cdot n^{2} + n^{2} + 3 \cdot log_{2}(n)$$
  
$$\leq 2 \cdot n^{2} + n^{2} + 3 \cdot n^{2}$$
  
$$= 6 \cdot n^{2}, n \geq 1$$

Let c = 6 and k = 1, then the statement translates to

$$f(n) < c \cdot q(n), n > k$$

which by the definition of O notation f(n) = O(g(n)).

**3.** Prove that  $f(n) = 2 \cdot n^4 \cdot log_2(n^4) - n^2 + 3 \cdot log_2(n)$  is  $O(n^4 log_2(n))$ , provide the appropriate C and k constants.

$$f(n) = O(g(n)) \iff \exists c > 0, \exists k \ge 0 \text{ s.t } f(n) \le c \cdot g(n) \, \forall n \ge k$$

$$2 \cdot n^4 \cdot log_2(n^4) - n^2 + 3 \cdot log_2(n) = 8 \cdot n^4 \cdot log_2(n) - n^2 + 3 \cdot log_2(n)$$

$$\leq 8 \cdot n^4 \cdot log_2(n) + n^4 \cdot log_2(n) + 3 \cdot log_2(n)$$

$$\leq 8 \cdot n^4 \cdot log_2(n) + n^4 \cdot log_2(n) + 3 \cdot n \cdot log_2(n)$$

$$= 12 \cdot n^4 \cdot log_2(n), n \geq 1$$

Let c = 12 and k = 1 then the statement translates to

$$2 \cdot n^4 \cdot log_2(n^4) - n^2 + 3 \cdot log_2(n) \le c \cdot n^4 \cdot log_2(n), n \ge 1$$

which by the definition O notation f(n) = O(g(n)).

- **4.** Prove or disprove  $f(n) = 5 \cdot n^3 n + 3$ 
  - 1.  $f(n) = O(n^2)$

$$f(n) = O(n^2) \iff \exists c > 0, \exists k \ge 0 \text{ s.t } f(n) \le c \cdot n^2 \, \forall n \ge k$$

$$5 \cdot n^3 - n + 3 \quad \le \quad c \cdot n^2$$

$$5 \cdot n^2 - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2} \quad \le \quad c$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} 5 \cdot n^2 - \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} + \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{3}{n^2} \quad \le \quad c$$

$$\infty \quad \le \quad c$$

Which is a contradiction, hence  $f(n) \neq O(n^2)$ .

2. 
$$f(n) = \Omega(n)$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(n) \iff \exists c > 0, \exists k \ge 0 \text{ s.t } f(n) \ge c \cdot n \, \forall n \ge k$$
$$5 \cdot n^3 - n + 3 \qquad \ge \qquad 5 \cdot n - n + 3$$
$$\ge \qquad 5 \cdot n - n$$
$$= \qquad 4 \cdot n, n > 1$$

Let c = 4 and k = 1 then the statement translate to

$$5 \cdot n^3 - n + 3 \ge c \cdot n, n \ge k$$

which by the definition of  $\Omega$  notation,  $5 \cdot n^3 - n + 3$  is  $\Omega(n)$ .

3. 
$$f(n) = \Theta(n^3)$$

$$f(n) = \Theta(n^3) \iff f(n) = O(n^3) \text{ and } f(n) = \Omega(n^3)$$

Showing  $f(n) = O(n^3)$ 

$$f(n) = O(n^3) \iff \exists c > 0, \exists k \ge 0 \text{ s.t } f(n) \le c \cdot g(n) \, \forall n \ge k$$

$$5 \cdot n^3 - n + 3 \le 5 \cdot n^3 + n^3 + 3 \cdot n^3$$
  
=  $9 \cdot n^3, n > 1$ 

Let c = 9 and k = 1 then the statement translates to

$$5 \cdot n^3 - n + 3 < c \cdot n^3, n > k$$

which by the definition of O notation,  $5 \cdot n^3 - n + 3 = O(n^3)$ .

Showing  $f(n) = \Omega(n^3)$ 

$$f(n) = \Omega(n^3) \iff \exists c > 0, \exists k \ge 0 \text{ s.t } f(n) \ge c \cdot g(n) \, \forall n \ge k$$

$$5 \cdot n^3 - n + 3 \ge 5 \cdot n^3 - n^3 + 3$$
  
  $\ge 4 \cdot n^3 + 3$   
  $\ge 4 \cdot n^3, n \ge 1$ 

Let c = 4 and k = 1 then the statement translate to

$$5 \cdot n^3 - n + 3 \ge c \cdot n^3, n \ge k$$

which by the definition of  $\Omega$  notation,  $5 \cdot n^3 - n + 3$  is  $\Omega(n^3)$ .

Since  $5 \cdot n^3 - n + 3$  is  $O(n^3)$  and  $5 \cdot n^3 - n + 3$  is  $\Omega(n^3)$  we conclude that  $5 \cdot n^3 - n + 3$  is  $\Theta(n^3)$ .

4. 
$$f(n) = \omega(n)$$

$$f(n) = \omega(n) \iff \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(n)}{n} = \infty$$

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{5\cdot n^3 - n + 3}{n} = \infty$$

which by the definition of  $\omega$  notation,  $5 \cdot n^3 - n + 3$  is  $\omega(n)$ .

5. 
$$f(n) = o(n^2)$$

$$f(n) = o(n^2) \iff \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(n)}{n^2} = 0$$

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{5 \cdot n^3 - n + 3}{n^2} = \infty$$

hence  $f(n) \neq o(n^2)$ .

Provide the appropriate C and k constants if possible

**5.** Prove that  $(n+5)^{100} = \Theta(n^{100})$ 

$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n)) \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad f(n) = O(g(n)) \ and \ f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

1. Showing  $(n+5)^{100} = O(n^{100})$ 

$$f(n) = O(g(n)) \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \exists c > 0, \exists k \geq 0 \, s.t \, f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n) \, \forall n \geq k$$

$$(n+5)^{100} = \sum_{i=0}^{100} {100 \choose i} \cdot n^{100-i} \cdot 5^{i}$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{100} {100 \choose i} \cdot n^{100}, n \geq 1$$

Let  $c = \sum_{i=0}^{100} {100 \choose i}$  and k=1 then the statements translates to

$$f(n) \le c \cdot g(n), n \ge k$$

which by the definition of O notation f(n) = O(g(n)).

2. Showing  $(n+5)^{100} = \Omega(n^{100})$ 

$$f(n) = \Omega(g(n)) \iff \exists c > 0, \exists k \ge 0 \text{ s.t } f(n) \ge c \cdot g(n) \, \forall n \ge k$$

$$(n+5)^{100} = \sum_{i=0}^{100} \binom{n}{i} \cdot n^{100-i} \cdot 5^{i}$$

$$> n^{100}$$

Let c = 1 and k = 1 then the statement translates to

$$f(n) \geq c \cdot g(n), n \geq k$$

which by the definition of  $\Omega$  notation  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ .

**6.** Prove transitivity of big-O: if f(n) = O(g(n)), and g(n) = O(h(n)), then f(n) = O(h(n)).

Since f(n) = O(g(n)) and g(n) = O(h(n)) we have the equalities

$$f(n) \le c_1 \cdot g(n), n \ge k_1$$
  
 $g(n) \le c_2 \cdot h(n), n \ge k_2$ 

From this we obtain

$$f(n) \leq c_1 \cdot c_2 \cdot h(n), n \geq k'$$

where  $k' = max(k_1, k_2)$ . Let  $c = c_1 \cdot c_2$  and k = k' the statement then translate to

$$f(n) < c \cdot h(n), n > k$$

which by the definition of O notation, f(n) = O(h(n)).

7. Prove that  $f(n) = O(g(n)) \iff g(n) = \Omega(f(n))$ .

Forward direction:  $f(n) = O(g(n)) \implies g(n) = \Omega(f(n))$ .

Since f(n) = O(g(n)) there exists a number c and a number k such that  $f(n) \le c \cdot g(n), n \ge k$  where c > 0 and  $k \ge 0$ . From this we obtain  $\frac{1}{c} \cdot f(n) \le g(n), n \ge k$ . Which by the definition of  $\Omega$  notation,  $g(n) = \Omega(f(n))$ .

Backward direction:  $g(n) = \Omega(f(n)) \implies f(n) = O(g(n))$ 

Since  $g(n) = \Omega(f(n))$  there exists a number c and a number k such that  $g(n) \geq c \cdot f(n), n \geq k$  where c > 0 and  $k \geq 0$ . From this we obtain  $g(n) \cdot \frac{1}{c} \geq f(n), n \geq k$ . Which by the definition of O notation, f(n) = O(g(n)).

We conclude  $f(n) = O(g(n)) \iff g(n) = \Omega(f(n)).$ 

- 8. Compare the growth of
- **9.** Prove or disprove  $2^{n+1} = O(2^n)$

$$f(n) = O(g(n)) \iff \exists c > 0, \exists k \ge 0 \text{ s.t } f(n) = c \cdot g(n) \, \forall n \ge k$$

$$2^{n+1} = 2 \cdot 2^n$$

$$\leq 3 \cdot 2^n, n \geq 1$$

Let c=3 and k=1 then the statement translates to

$$2^{n+1} \le c \cdot 2^n, n \ge k$$

which by the definition of O notation,  $2^{n+1} = O(2^n)$ .

10. Prove or disprove  $2^{2 \cdot n} = O(2^n)$ 

$$f(n) = O(g(n)) \iff \exists c > 0, \exists k \ge 0 \text{ s.t } f(n) = c \cdot g(n) \, \forall n \ge k$$

$$2^{2 \cdot n} \leq c \cdot 2^n, n \geq k$$
$$2^n \leq c$$

which is a contradiction, hence  $2^{2 \cdot n} \neq O(2^n)$ .

**11.** Prove that if  $\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{f(n)}{g(n)}=C$ , for some constant C>0 then  $f(n)=\Theta(g(n))$ .

Since  $\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{f(n)}{g(n)}=C$ , for every  $\epsilon>0$ , there exists  $k\geq 0$  such that, for all  $n\geq k$ ,  $|\frac{f(n)}{g(n)}-C|<\epsilon$ . From this we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} -\epsilon < & \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} - C & < \epsilon \\ C - \epsilon < & \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} < & C + \epsilon \\ g(n) \cdot (C - \epsilon) < & f(n) < & g(n) \cdot (C + \epsilon), n \ge k \end{aligned}$$

Let  $c_1 = (C - \epsilon)$  and  $c_2 = C + \epsilon$  then the statement translates to

$$c_1 \cdot g(n) < f(n) < c_2 \cdot g(n), n \ge k$$

which by the definition of  $\Theta$  notation,  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ .