

10) Show that x^3 is $O(x^4)$ but that x^4 is not $O(x^3)$

The definition for Big-O notation is $|f(x)| \leq C|g(x)|$

x^3 is $O(x^4)$

As x grows without bound, x^3 will always be less than or equal to x^4 .

However, x^4 is not $O(x^3)$ because:

$$x^4 \leq Cx^3$$

$$\frac{x^4}{x^3} \leq C \frac{x^3}{x^3} - \text{divide}$$

$$\frac{x^1}{1} \leq C$$

Since x grows without bound and C is a constant x will not always be less than or equal to C .

21) Arrange the functions \sqrt{n} , $1000\log n$, $n\log n$, $2n!$, 2^n , 3^n and $n^2/1,000,000$ in a list so that each function is big-O of the next function.

$$\frac{n^2}{1,000,000} < \sqrt{n} < x\log(x) < 2^x < 2x! < 3^x < 1000\log(x)$$

22) Arrange the functions $(1.5)^n$, n^{100} , $(\log)^3$, $\sqrt{n}\log n$, 10^n , $(n!)^2$, and $n^{99} + n^{98}$ in a list so that each function is big-O of the next function.

$$(\log x)^3 < \sqrt{x}\log x < x^{99} + x^{98} < x^{100} < (1.5)^x < 10^x < (x!)^2$$

26) Give a big-O estimate for each of these functions. For the function g in your estimate $f(x)$ is $O(g(x))$, use a simple function g of smallest order.

a) $(n^3 + n^2\log n)(\log n + 1) + (17\log n + 19)(n^3 + 2)$

$$O(n^3 \log n)$$

b) $(2^n + n^2)(n^3 + 3^n)$

Since 2^n is the maximum Big O for $2^n + n^2$ and 3^n is the maximum Big O for $n^3 + 3^n$ we get $3^n 2^n$ which simplifies to 6^n .