

→ Comparison of functions

Comparison of n^2 and n^3 by simple method

n	n^2	$<$	n^3
2	$(2)^2 = 4$		$(2)^3 = 8$
3	$(3)^2 = 9$		$(3)^3 = 27$
4	$(4)^2 = 16$		$(4)^3 = 64$

Log Method

n^2		n^3
Apply log on	Both sides	
$\log n^2$		$\log n^3$
$2 \log n$	$<$	$3 \log n$

Log formulas:

$$\log ab = \log a + \log b$$

$$\log \frac{a}{b} = \log a - \log b$$

$$\log a^b = b \log a$$

$$a^{\log_c b} = b^{\log_c a}$$

$$a^b = n \text{ then } b = \log_a n$$

• Compare $f(n) = n^2 \log n$ and $g(n) = n(\log n)^{10}$

Apply log

$$\log [n^2 \log n]$$

$$\log [n(\log n)^{10}]$$

$$\log n^2 + \log \log n$$

$$\log n + \log [\log n]^{10}$$

$$2 \log n + \log \log n > \log n + 10 \log \log n$$

• Compare $f(n) = 3n^{\sqrt{n}}$ and $g(n) = 2^{\sqrt{n} \log n}$

$$3n^{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$2^{\sqrt{n} \log n}$$

applying property of log on right side

$$3n^{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\left(\frac{n^{\sqrt{n}}}{n^{\sqrt{n}}} \right)^{\log} 2^{\log 2^{\sqrt{n} \log n}}$$

$$3n^{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$(n^{\sqrt{n}})^{\log_2^2} \quad [\because \log_2^2 = 1]$$

$$3n^{\sqrt{n}}$$

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$$n^{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$[\because a^{\log_b c} = b^{\log_b a \cdot c}]$$

$$\cancel{3n^{\sqrt{n}}}$$

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$$\cancel{n^{\sqrt{n}}}$$

Value wise this is greater
Asymptotically they are equal.

- Compare $f(n) = n^{\log n}$ $g(n) = 2^{\sqrt{n}}$

Apply log on both sides

$$\log n^{\log n} \qquad \log 2^{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\log n \log n \qquad \sqrt{n} \log 2$$

$$\log^2 n \qquad \sqrt{n}$$

Again, log on both sides

$$2 \log \log n < \frac{1}{2} \log n$$

- Compare $f(n) = 2^{\log n}$ $g(n) = n^{\sqrt{n}}$

Apply log

$$\log n \times \log_2 2$$

$$\sqrt{n} \log n$$

$$\log n < \sqrt{n} \log n$$

- Compare $f(n) = 2n$ $g(n) = 3n$

Both are equal, Asymptotically

• Compare $f(n) = 2^n$ and $g(n) = 2^{2n}$

$$\log 2^n \quad \log 2^{2n}$$

$$n \log 2 \quad 2n \log 2$$

$$n < 2n$$

As we have applied log they cannot be equal.

• Compare

$$g_1(n) = \begin{cases} n^3 \\ n^2 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} n < 100 \\ n \geq 100 \end{matrix}$$

$$g_2(n) = \begin{cases} n^2 \\ n^3 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} n < 10,000 \\ n \geq 10,000 \end{matrix}$$

$$n \rightarrow \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} & 1 & & 1 & & \\ g_1(n) & > g_2 & 100 & n^2 = n^2 & 10,000 & g_2 > g_1 \\ & & & g_1 = g_2 & & \end{array}$$

True or false

1 $(n+k)^m = \theta(n^m)$
 2 $eg. (n+3)^2 = \theta(n^2)$

3 $2^{n+1} = O(2^n)$
 4 2×2^n

5 $2^{2n} = O(2^n)$
 6 $4^n > 2^n$

false

$$\begin{aligned} 4 & \quad \sqrt{\log n} = O(\log \log n) \\ 2 & \quad \sqrt{\log n} > \log \log n \\ & \quad \text{false} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5 & \quad n^{\log n} = O(2^n) \\ 7 & \quad \log n \log n = n \log 2 \\ & \quad \cancel{2 \log n} \\ & \quad \text{True} \end{aligned}$$

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