

1. We need to find constant $C > 0$ and $n_0 > 1$ integer such that $\frac{1}{n^2} \leq C \cdot \frac{1}{n}$ for all $n \geq n_0$

Simplify: $\frac{1}{n^2} \cdot n \leq C \cdot \frac{1}{n} \cdot n$ for all $n \geq n_0$

$$\frac{1}{n} \leq C \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_0$$

choose $C = 1$ to get

$$\frac{1}{n} \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_0$$

the inequality is valid for all values of n ,

so we can choose $n_0 = 1$

Since we have found constant $C = 1$, $n_0 = 1$ that make inequality true, then we have proven that $\frac{1}{n^2}$ is $O(\frac{1}{n})$.

2. We need to find constant $C > 0$ and $n_0 > 1$ integer such that $\frac{1}{f(n)} \leq C \cdot \frac{1}{g(n)}$ for all $n \geq n_0$.

Simplify: given that $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$, then we can rewrite $C \cdot \frac{1}{f(n)}$ as $C \cdot \frac{1}{k \cdot g(n)}$ where k is a constant.

$$\frac{1}{f(n)} \leq C \cdot \frac{1}{k \cdot g(n)}$$

$$\left(\frac{C}{k} - 1\right) \frac{1}{g(n)} \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_0.$$

choose $C = 2$, $k = 1$. then we can get

$$\frac{1}{g(n)} \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_0.$$

the inequality is valid for all values of n , so

we pick $n_0 = 1$

Since we have found constant $c=2$, $n_0=1$ that make inequality true, then we have proven that $\frac{1}{g(n)}$ is $O(\frac{1}{f(n)})$.

3. Assume that $n1$ is $O(1)$. If $n1$ is $O(1)$, there is a constant $c>0$ and $n_0 \geq 1$ such that $n1 \leq c$ for all $n \geq n_0$.

Simply the inequality, then we can have $n \leq c-1$ for all $n \geq n_0$.

The inequality $n \leq c-1$ is valid only for values of n there are at most $c-1$, so this inequality can not be true for all values n larger than some constant n_0 . Specifically, if we choose $n \geq c+1+n_0$, then note that these values of n are larger than or equal than n_0 but they are not at most c .

Therefore, we have reached a contradiction as there're no constant values $c>0$ and $n_0 \geq 1$ such that $n1 \leq c$ for all $n \geq n_0$. Consequently, $n1$ is not $O(1)$.

5. The algorithm will never terminate.

Assuming value x is not in L .

Then the iteration starts at $i=0$, the beginning of the array. It will keep increasing the value of i by 2 since x is not in L and loop through all even number position in L . Finally, i will be either n while n is

even) or $n-1$ (while n is odd). Then, the value of i is reset to 1 and still satisfied $i \leq n$. Then, i will be 1, 3, 5... and loop through every odd number position in L . Finally, i will be either $n-1$ (while n is even) or n (while n is odd). Then i will still be reset to 1 and this algorithm will never terminate in any case.

6. The algorithm may not produce the correct output. For example, given the array $L = [1, 2, 3, 4]$, $\text{find}(L, 4, 4)$ would return -1 rather than 3.

n	Linear Search	n	Quadratic Search	n	Factorial Search
5	104	5	224	7	1181300
10	152	10	363	8	8046700
100	342	100	3462	9	36857500
1000	2689	1000	76015	10	348500600
10000	3602	10000	6577391	11	3819685200
100000	18604			12	50206406000