

5. Write proofs of each of the following claims about functions of a positive integer n .

a. $n^2 - n \in \Omega(n^2)$

- State the definition:

$$f \in \Omega(g):$$

There exist constants $c > 0$ and $N_0 \geq 0$ such that

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

for all $n \geq N_0$.

- $n^2 - n \geq c \cdot (n^2)$
 $n^2 - n \geq c \cdot (n^2)$
 $n^2(1 - \frac{1}{n}) \geq c \cdot n^2$
 $1 - \frac{1}{n} \geq c$

Since $n > 0$ (question states that n is a positive integer),

$$1 - \frac{1}{n} < 1$$

then

$$c \leq 1 - \frac{1}{n} < 1$$

and

$$c < 1$$

Now we know c is a constant such that $0 < c < 1$.

- Let's pick $c = \frac{1}{2}$,

then

$$1 - \frac{1}{n} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

and

$$2n - 2 \geq n$$

$$n \geq 2$$

b. $n^3 \in o(n^4)$

- State the definition:

$$f \in o(g):$$

For every constant $c > 0$ there exists a constant $N_0 \geq 0$ such that

$$f(n) < c \cdot g(n)$$

for all $n \geq N_0$.

- $n^3 < c \cdot n^4$
 $n^3 < c \cdot n \cdot n^3$

$$cn > 1$$

$$n > \frac{1}{c} \text{ for all } c > 0$$

6. Refer back to question 8 in Tutorial 4, where we discovered the following:

- $T_{body} \leq 4i + 4$
- $T_{test} = 1$
- *Loop will execute $n - 1$ times in the worst - case.*

For the loop body:

$$T_{body} \leq 4i + 4$$

Since $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$

$$4i + 4 \leq 4(n - 1) + 4$$

$$= 4n$$

Loop cost:

$$(n - 1)(4n) + (n - 1 + 1)(1)$$

$$4n^2 - 4n + n$$

$$4n^2 - 3n$$

Since $n \geq 1$

$$4n^2 - 3n \leq 4n^2$$

$$4n^2 \in O(n^2)$$

$$4n^2 \leq c \cdot n^2 \text{ if } c \geq 4$$

For splitting the sum, refer to page 1152 of CLRS textbook.