

Quick tricks about Big-O

- ▶ When comparing two polynomials, the degree is the only thing that matters.

So n^5 grows faster than n^3 .

Therefore, n^3 is $O(n^5)$.

- ▶ When comparing two functions $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ where one or both are written as the sum of simpler functions, just compare the fastest growing terms.

So $500n^2 + n^5$ is dominated by n^5 , and $g(n) = 200n + \frac{n!}{200}$ is dominated by $\frac{n!}{200}$.

Therefore, $500n^2 + n^5$ is $O(200n + \frac{n!}{200})$.