

Using L'Hôpital's rule

Remember $f(n) = n, g(n) = e^n$.

Note:

- ▶ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(n) = \infty$.
- ▶ $f'(n) = 1$ and $g'(n) = e^n$.
- ▶ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f'(n)}{g'(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^n} = 0$

Hence, by L'Hôpital's Rule, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f'(n)}{g'(n)} = 0$

Therefore, $f(n) \leq g(n)$ for all “large enough n ”, and so f is $O(g)$.