

1. Show that  $x^3 + \log^5(x) = O(x^3)$ .

**Solution:** First, we want to show that  $\log^5(x) < Cx^3$  for some positive constant  $C$  and  $x > 1$ . We know  $\log(x) < x$ , so  $\log(x^{\frac{3}{5}}) < x^{\frac{3}{5}}$ . It is equivalent to  $\frac{3}{5}\log(x) < x^{\frac{3}{5}}$ . Multiply five times, we get  $(\frac{3}{5}\log(x))^5 < (x^{\frac{3}{5}})^5$ . Divide a constant,  $\log^5(x) < \frac{5^5}{3^5}x^3$ . So  $C = \frac{5^5}{3^5}$ . Therefore  $x^3 + \log^5(x) < (1 + C)x^3$ .

2. Show that  $1 = O(x^3)$ .

**Solution:** when  $x > 1$  we have  $1 < 1 \times x^3$ . From the Big-Oh notation definition we know  $1 = O(x^3)$ . Of course it is also true that  $1 = O(1)$ .

3. How many zeros are there at the end of 1200! ?

**Solution:** We know for every '0' we have a factor of  $10 = 2 \times 5$ . Because in 1200! there are many 2's, so we need to count the number of 5's. The count of numbers that can be represented as a multiple of 5 is  $\lfloor 1200/5 \rfloor$ . The count of numbers that can be represented as

a multiple of  $5 \times 5$  is  $\lfloor 1200/(5^2) \rfloor$ . The count of numbers that can be represented as a multiple of  $5 \times 5 \times 5$  is  $\lfloor 1200/(5^3) \rfloor$ . Continue in this way until until  $\log_5(1200)$  steps. The solution is the sum of these results and it is 298.

4. Determine the last two digits of  $S = 2^{5^1} + 2^{5^2} + \dots + 2^{5^{1991}}$ .

**Solution:** We need to find  $S \pmod{100}$ . Let's examine every term in the sum  $S$ .

$$2^{5^1} \pmod{100} = 32.$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{5^2} \pmod{100} &= 32^5 \pmod{100} = 32^2 \pmod{100} \times \\ &32^2 \pmod{100} \times 32 \pmod{100} = (24 \times 24 \times \\ &32) \pmod{100} = 32. \end{aligned}$$

Continue in this way you will get  $2^{5^k} \pmod{100} = 32$ . You need to prove it by Mathematical Induction. So

$$S \pmod{100} = 32 \times 1991 \pmod{100} = 12.$$