

Duration: 20 minutes

Aids Allowed: NONE

Student Number: _____

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Prove from the definition, that $n^3 + n^2 + 1 \notin \mathcal{O}(n^2)$.

Negate the definition of \mathcal{O} :

$\forall c \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall B \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq B \wedge f(n) > cg(n)$

Let $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$

Let $B \in \mathbb{N}$

Let $n = B + \lceil c \rceil + 1$

Then $n \geq B$

$n > c$ (By $n = B + \lceil c \rceil + 1, B \geq 0, c > 0$)

$n^2 > cn$

$n^3 > cn^2$

By defn of n , $n^2 + 1 \geq 0$, so $n^3 + n^2 + 1 \geq cn^2$

Since n is a natural number, $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq B \wedge n^3 + n^2 + 1 \geq cn^2$

Since B is an arbitrary natural number, $\forall B \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq B \wedge n^3 + n^2 + 1 \geq cn^2$

Since c is an arbitrary positive real number, $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall B \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq B \wedge n^3 + n^2 + 1 \geq cn^2$

Therefore, $n^3 + n^2 + 1 \notin \mathcal{O}(n^2)$