

$$[\log n = \log_2 n]$$

- (6) (a) 5,  $\log \log n$ ,  $\log n$ ,  $\sqrt{n}$ ,  $2^{\log_2 n}$ ,  $n \cdot \log n$ ,  $n^2$ ,  $n^3 + n + 15$ ,  $n^{42}$ ,  $2^n$ ,  $n!$

Note:  $2^{\log_2 n} = n$ , since:  $\log_a x = y \Leftrightarrow a^y = x$

(b)  $5n \in O(n)$ ,  $n \in O(5n)$  (also written like this:  $5n \in \Theta(n)$ )

$5n$  and  $n$  are in the same class.

- $4^n \in O(n!)$  but  $n! \notin O(4^n)$

$4^n$  grows slower than  $n!$

- $\ln n = \log_e n$ , that's the same class as  $\log_2 n$

- $n^3$  and  $n^3 + n + 15$ : same class

- $37n$  and  $n$  and  $5n$ : all same class

- $37$  and  $5$ : same class

- $2^{n+1} = 2 \cdot 2^n \in O(2^n)$   
                 $\uparrow$   
                constant

- $2^{2n} = 4^n$

So altogether we have, writing  $f(n) \approx g(n)$  if  $f(n) \in O(g(n))$  and  $g(n) \in O(f(n))$  (i.e. if  $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$ ):

$5, \log \log n, \log n, \sqrt{n}, n, n \cdot \log n, n^2, n^3 + n + 15, n^{42}$   
 $\underbrace{\hspace{2em}}_{37}, \underbrace{\hspace{2em}}_{\ln n}, \underbrace{\hspace{1em}}_{\ln n}, \underbrace{\hspace{1em}}_{5n}, \underbrace{\hspace{2em}}_{37n}, \underbrace{\hspace{1em}}_{2^{\log_2 n}}, \underbrace{\hspace{1em}}_{n^2}, \underbrace{\hspace{1em}}_{n^3}, \underbrace{\hspace{2em}}_{n^3}$

$2^n, 4^n, n!, n^n$   
 $\underbrace{\hspace{1em}}_{2^{n+1}}$

NB: (b) is a bit tricky but (a) you have to know!