

Prove directly from the definition that  $n + \log n = O(n \log n)$ .

Recall:  $g(n) = O(f(n))$  if and only if there exists a real positive constant  $C$  and a real constant  $N$  such that for all  $n \geq N$ , we have that  $|g(n)| \leq C|f(n)|$ .

Pf: Choose  $N = 3$ . Then, for all  $n \geq N$ , we have

$$n + \log n \leq n \log n + n \log n$$

which is true since  $n \geq 3$  and then  $\log n \geq 1$  is true and thus  $n \leq n \log n$  and  $\log n \leq n \log n$ . Thus,

$$|n + \log n| \stackrel{\text{since } n \geq 1}{=} n + \log n \leq 2n \log n \stackrel{\text{since } n \geq 1}{=} 2|n \log n|$$

So setting  $C=2$ , by the above definition, we have that

$$n + \log n \in O(n \log n)$$