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$f \leq c g$ where $c$ is a constant and $c \neq 0$.
We also care about all values of the function that are big enough:
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Proof Strategy


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\text { wIS: } 4+3 n+4 n^{2} \leq C n^{3}
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