

# ***Divide And Conquer – AkraBazzi – Theorem Proof***

***The proof is given by Mohammad Akra and LOUAY BAZZI  
in On the Solution of Linear Recurrence Equations .***

***The same proof is depicted here:***

**The general solution for linear divide – and  
–conquer recurrences of the form *provided*:**

$$u_n = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i u_{\lfloor \frac{n}{b^i} \rfloor} + g(n).$$

***As said in the proof that it can handle more cases than  
Master Method.***

**Introduction:**

$$u_n = \begin{cases} u_0 & n = 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^k a_i u_{\lfloor \frac{n}{b^i} \rfloor} + g(n) & n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

**Where**

$$\rightarrow u_0, a_i \in R^{*+}, \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \geq 1,$$

**$R^{*+}$  is positive real numbers excluding 0.**

$$\rightarrow b_i, k \in N, b_i \geq 2, k \geq 1$$

**$g(x)$  is defined for real values  $x$ , and is bounded, positive and nondecreasing function for all  $x \geq 0$**

**$\rightarrow$  For all  $c > 1$ , there exist  $x_1, k_1 > 0$  such that**

$$g\left(\frac{x}{c}\right) \geq k_1 g(x), \text{ for all } x \geq x_1.$$

**Theorem 1:** Let  $u_n$  be a sequence . Let  $f(x)$  be a function defined by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} u_0 & x \in [0, 1) \\ \sum_{i=1}^k a_i f\left(\frac{x}{b_i}\right) + g([x]) & x \in [1, \infty) \end{cases}$$

$x \in [0, 1)$  , is closed open neighbourhood i. e. 0 to 1 .

And  $x \in [1, \infty)$  is also closed open neighbourhood from 1 to infinite.

Then,

1. For all  $x \geq 0$ ,  $f(x) = f([x])$ .

2. For all  $n \geq 0$  ,  $f(n) = u_n$ .

In other words,  $f(x)$  is a staircase function.

In mathematics , a step function (also called as staircase function) is defined , as a piecewise constant function, that has only a finite number of pieces with

***Linear combinations.***

***Hence  $f(x)$  is a staircase function which matches with  $u_n$  at integer values of  $x$ .***

***In proving the above theorem we need a part i. e.***

***Part 1: If  $b \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $b \geq 1$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$  (positive real number), then:***

$$\left\lfloor \frac{x}{b} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{\lfloor x \rfloor}{b} \right\rfloor.$$

***Proof of Theorem 1:***

***To prove that  $f(x) = f(\lfloor x \rfloor)$ , we use strong induction.***

***Note that for all  $x \in [0, 1)$  we have  $f(x) = u_0$  and  $f(\lfloor x \rfloor) = f(0) = u_0$ .***

***Hence,  $f(\lfloor x \rfloor) = f(x)$ .***

***Now assume that  $f(\lfloor x \rfloor) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in [0, n)$ , and let us prove that it is true for all  $x \in [n, n + 1)$ .***

***Consider,***

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i f\left(\frac{x}{b_i}\right) + g(\lfloor x \rfloor)$$

***Let  $x \in [n, n + 1)$ , then***

$$\frac{x}{b_i} \in \left(0, \frac{n+1}{2}\right) \text{ since } b_i \geq 2.$$

***But***

$$\left(0, \frac{n+1}{2}\right) \subset [0, n) \text{ for } n \geq 1.$$

***Hence, we conclude that:***

$$\frac{x}{b} \in [0, n), \frac{\lfloor x \rfloor}{b} \in [0, n) \text{ and } \left\lfloor \frac{x}{b} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{\lfloor x \rfloor}{b} \right\rfloor \in [0, n) \text{ (from Part 1).}$$

***Therefore ,***

$$f\left(\frac{x}{b_i}\right) = f\left(\left\lfloor \frac{x}{b_i} \right\rfloor\right) \text{ (by assumption)}$$

$$= f\left(\left\lfloor \frac{\lfloor x \rfloor}{b_i} \right\rfloor\right) \text{ (using Part 1)}$$

$$= f\left(\frac{\lfloor x \rfloor}{b_i}\right) \text{ (by assumption)}$$

Now replacing, in eqn  $\rightarrow f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i f\left(\frac{x}{b_i}\right) + g(\lfloor x \rfloor)$ ,

*we get:*

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i f\left(\frac{\lfloor x \rfloor}{b_i}\right) + g(\lfloor x \rfloor)$$

$$f(x) = f(\lfloor x \rfloor), \text{ for all } x \geq 0.$$

*Which completes the proof of Part 1 of the theorem.*

*To prove that  $f(n) = u_n$ , we use strong induction again.*

*The equality holds trivially for  $n = 0$ . Assume it is true for all  $m < n$  and consider:*

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i f\left(\frac{n}{b_i}\right) + g(n)$$

**Let  $n \geq 1$ . It has been proved from Part 1 that**

$$f\left(\frac{n}{b_i}\right) = f\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{b_i} \right\rfloor\right).$$

**Now since  $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{b_i} \right\rfloor \in [0, n)$  it has been concluded that**

$$f\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{b_i} \right\rfloor\right) = u_{\left\lfloor \frac{n}{b_i} \right\rfloor}.$$

**Replacing again the equation  $\sum_{i=1}^k a_i f\left(\frac{n}{b_i}\right) + g(n)$  :**

$$f(n) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i u_{\left\lfloor \frac{n}{b^i} \right\rfloor} + g(n).$$

**But,**

$$u_n = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i u_{\left\lfloor \frac{n}{b^i} \right\rfloor} + g(n)$$

**So,  $f(n) = u_n$ , which completes the proof.**

**\*\*\*\*\* Theorem 1 \*\*\*\*\***

**Definition 1:** Let  $S$  be the set of all real of the real variable variable  $x$  satisfying the following conditions:

1. for all  $x \geq 0$ ,  $f(x)$  is bounded.
2. for all  $x \geq 0$   $f(x)$  is non – decreasing .
3. for all  $c > 1$  , there exist  $x_1, k_2 > 0$  such that for all  $x \geq x_1, f\left(\frac{x}{c}\right) \geq k_1 f(x)$ ,

**Theorem 2:** ( The Order Transform) Let  $P\{ \}$  be a mapping that  $f(x) \in S$  a real – valued function  $F(s, p)$  of the real variables  $s \in R^+$  (positive real numbers) and  $p$ , defined by:

$$F(s, p) = P\{f(x)\} \equiv \int_1^s f(u)u^{-p-1}du$$

$\equiv \rightarrow$  is known as : identical to

Then  $P\{ \}$  satisfies the following properties:

1.  $P\{ \}$  exists.
2.  $P\{ \}$  is linear.
3.  $P\{ \}$  is one – to – one.
4. (Scaling property) Let  $f(x) \in S, F(s, p) = P\{f(x)\}, a \in R$  and  $a > 1$ . Then,



$$p \left\{ f \left( \frac{x}{a} \right) \right\} = a^{-p} F(s, p) - \Theta_s \left( \frac{f(s)}{s^p} \right) + \Theta_s(1),$$

Where  $\Theta_s(h(s, p))$  is a function bounded between  $c_1(p)h(s, p)$  and  $c_2(p)h(s, p)$ , for some positive functions  $c_1(p), c_2(p)$ , for all  $s > s_0$ , for all  $p$ .

The scaling property states that when we scale the function  $f(x)$  by a factor of  $\frac{1}{a}$ , the property  $P$  of the function is affected in the following way:

1. The term  $a^{-p}F(s, p)$  captures the change in the property due to the scaling. It represents a scaled version of the original property  $F(s, p)$ , where the exponent  $p$  is scaled by a factor of  $-1$  and the amplitude is scaled by a factor of  $a^{-p}$ .

The amplitude refers to the change in magnitude or size of the property after scaling. It captures how the property is stretched or compressed when the scaling factor is applied. A larger amplitude indicates a greater scaling effect, while a smaller amplitude indicates a lesser scaling effect.

By multiplying the original property  $F(s, p)$  by scaling factor  $a^{-p}$ , the amplitude of the property is adjusted

*accordingly to account the scaling of the argument. This allows us to compare and analyze the behavior of the property before and after the scaling operation.*

*2. The term  $\Theta_s\left(\frac{f(s)}{s^p}\right)$  represents the impact of the function  $f(x)$  itself at the scale `s`. It captures the asymptotic behavior of  $f(x)$  relative to  $s^p$ . The function  $h(s, p) = \frac{f(s)}{s^p}$  is bounded between  $c_1(p)h(s, p)$  and  $c_2(p)h(s, p)$ , where  $c_1(p)$  and  $c_2(p)$  are positive functions of  $p$ . And  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are constants. In other words, for all values of  $s$  greater than some threshold  $s_0$  and for all values of  $p$ , the function  $\Theta_s(h(s, p))$  lies between  $c_1(p)h(s, p)$  and  $c_2(p)h(s, p)$ .*

*3. The term  $\Theta_s(1)$  represents any constant term that arises due to scaling, which does not depend on  $f(x)$  or  $s$ .*

*Overall, the scaling property provides a relationship between*

*the property  $P$  of a function  $f(x)$  and the scaled function  $\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$  when the argument is scaled by a factor of  $\frac{1}{a}$ . It shows how the property changes in terms of scaling exponents, amplitude, and the asymptotic behavior of the function.*

*The `scaling` refers to the transformation of a function or its argument by a factor .*

*When we say "scaling the argument of the function  $f(x)$  by a factor  $\frac{1}{a}$ ", it means multiplying the argument `x` of the function  $f(x)$  by  $\frac{1}{a}$ . This scaling factor stretches or compresses the input value of the function.*

*Proof of the theorem:*

*1. Since  $f$  is bounded and the range of the integral is finite, then  $P\{\}$  exists.*

*2. Linearity of the transform is trivial. Which means that the property or characteristic of the transform satisfies the properties of linearity in a straightforward and obvious manner, without requiring complex or intricate*

*proofs by complex mathematical reasoning . A linear transform staisfies two perties :*

*1. Additivity: The transform of the sum of two inputs is is equal to the sum of the transforms of the individual inputs. Mathematically , for a transform P and inputs  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ , linearity can be expressed as:*

$$P\{f(x) + g(x)\} = P\{f(x)\} + P\{g(x)\} .$$

*2. Scalar Multiplication: The transform of a scalar multiple of an input is equal to the scalar multiple of the transform of the input. Mathematically , for a transform P, an input  $f(x)$  and scalar  $c$ , linearity can be expressed as:*

$$P\{cf(x)\} = cP\{f(x)\} .$$

*3. Let  $f_1(x), f_2(x) \in S$  and let  $P\{f_1(x)\} = P\{f_2(x)\}$ . Then,*

$$\int_1^s f_1(u)u^{-p-1} du = \int_1^s f_2(u)u^{-p-1} du$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \int_1^s f_1(u)u^{-p-1} du = \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \int_1^s f_2(u)u^{-p-1} du$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial s} [f_1(u)u^{-p-1}]_1^s = \frac{\partial}{\partial s} [f_2(u)u^{-p-1}]_1^s$$

***Computing boundaries:***

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = F(b) - F(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} F(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} F(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow s^-} f_1(u)u^{-p-1} = f_1(s)s^{-p-1}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f_1(u)u^{-p-1} = f_1(1)1^{-p-1} = f_1(1)$$

***As  $f_1(1)$  is  $[0, 1)$  hence lets consider  $f_1(1)$  is 0 here.***

$$\text{Therefore, } f_1(s)s^{-p-1} - f_1(1) = f_1(s)s^{-p-1}$$

***Same goes for other part:***

$$\text{i. e. we get } f_2(s)s^{-p-1}$$

***Now, The derivative of an integral is equal to the integrand multiplied by the derivative of the upper limit.***

*Here integrands are :  $f_1(u)u^{-p-1}$  and  $f_2(u)u^{-p-1} du$ , and upper limit is 's' here.*

*Hence we get:*

$$f_1(s)s^{-p-1} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial s}(s) = f_2(s)s^{-p-1} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial s}(s)$$

*Hence we get:*

$$f_1(s)s^{-p-1} = f_2(s)s^{-p-1}$$

*$\therefore f_1(s) = f_2(s)$  [As  $s^{-p-1}$  gets eliminated from both the sides]*

*which completes the proof that  $P\{\}$  is one – to – one.*

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**4. To proof scaling property :**

$$F_1(s, p) = \int_1^s f\left(\frac{u}{a}\right) u^{-p-1} du$$

*Making change of variable  $v = \frac{u}{a}$ ,*

*i. e. when  $u = 1$ ,  $v = \frac{1}{a}$  in lower limit .*

*In upper limit  $u = s$  , then  $v$  becomes  $\frac{s}{a}$  .*

$$v = \frac{u}{a} \Rightarrow u = av$$

$$\Rightarrow du = a \times dv .$$

*After replacing all of these we obtain:*

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^{\frac{s}{a}} f(v)(av)^{-p-1}adv$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^{\frac{s}{a}} f(v)(a^{-p-1}v^{-p-1})adv$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^{\frac{s}{a}} f(v)(a^{-p}a^{-1}v^{-p-1})adv$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^{\frac{s}{a}} f(v) \left( a^{-p} \times \frac{1}{a} \times v^{-p-1} \right) adv$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^{\frac{s}{a}} f(v)(a^{-p} v^{-p-1})dv$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-p} \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^{\frac{s}{a}} f(v)(v^{-p-1})dv$$

*We can write it as:*

$$\Rightarrow a^{-p} \left[ \int_1^s - \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s + \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^1 f(v)v^{-p-1}dv \right]$$

*And it represents :*

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow a^{-p} \int_1^s f(v)v^{-p-1}dv - a^{-p} \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s f(v)v^{-p-1}dv \\ + a^{-p} \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^1 f(v)v^{-p-1}dv \end{aligned}$$

*We know:*

$$F_1(s, p) = \int_1^s f\left(\frac{u}{a}\right) u^{-p-1} du \text{ and } v = \frac{u}{a}, \text{ hence:}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-p} F(s, p) - a^{-p} \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s f(v)v^{-p-1}dv + a^{-p} \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^1 f(v)v^{-p-1}dv$$



*Similarly ,*

$$a^{-p} \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^1 f(v) v^{-p-1} dv$$

*We can write it as:*

$$\Rightarrow a^{-p} \times [f(v) v^{-p-1}]_{\frac{1}{a}}^1$$

*Applying power rule:  $\int x^a dx = \frac{x^{a+1}}{a+1}, a \neq -1$*

$$\Rightarrow a^{-p} \times \left[ f(v) \frac{v^{-p-1+1}}{-p-1+1} \right]_{\frac{1}{a}}^1$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-p} \times \left[ f(v) \frac{v^{-p}}{-p} \right]_{\frac{1}{a}}^1$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-p} \times -\frac{1}{p} [f(v) v^{-p}]_{\frac{1}{a}}^1$$

*By computation of boundaries:*

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = F(b) - F(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} F(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} F(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-p} \times -\frac{1}{p} \left( \lim_{v \rightarrow 1^+} f(v)v^{-p} - \lim_{v \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^-} f(v)v^{-p} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-p} \times -\frac{1}{p} \left( f(1)1^{-p-1} - f\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^{-p} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-p} \times -\frac{1}{p} \left( f(1) - f\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^{-p} \right)$$

*We can rewrite it as:*

$$\Rightarrow a^{-p} \times -\frac{1}{p} \left( f(1) - f\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)\left(\frac{1}{a^{-p}}\right) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-p} \times -\frac{1}{p} \left( f(1) - f\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)(a^p) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \left( f(1) \times a^{-p} \times -\frac{1}{p} \right) - \left( f\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) \times a^p \times a^{-p} \times -\frac{1}{p} \right) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( f(1) \times a^{-p} \times -\frac{1}{p} \right) - \left( f\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) \times -\frac{1}{p} \right)$$

*We can write it as:*

$$\Rightarrow \left( f(1) \times \frac{1}{a^p} \times -\frac{1}{p} \right) - \left( f\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) \times -\frac{1}{p} \right)$$

*Now let us test converginty :*

*Left side:*

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left( f(1) \times \frac{1}{a^p} \times -\frac{1}{p} \right), a > 1$$

$$= \left( f(1) \times \frac{\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} (1)}{\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} (a^p)} \times -\frac{\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} (1)}{\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} (p)} \right)$$

$$= \left( f(1) \times \frac{1}{\infty} \times -\frac{1}{\infty} \right)$$

$$= (f(1) \times 0)$$

*Right side:*

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left( f\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) \times -\frac{1}{p} \right), a > 1$$

$$= \left( f\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) \times -\frac{\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty}(1)}{\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty}(p)} \right)$$

$$= f\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) \times -\frac{1}{\infty}$$

$$= f\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) \times 0$$

$$= 0$$

*Hence  $0 - 0 = 0$  , therefore,*

*Hence as `p` approaches to infinity , the equation converges to zero, as  $a > 1$ .*

*Therefore , if we replace `p` with `s` we get the same result i. e. when  $s$  tends to  $\infty$ , the above equation converges to zero.*

*Hence we can write :  $a^{-p} \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^1 f(v)v^{-p-1}dv = \Theta_s(1)$*

*Now we are left with :*

$$\Rightarrow a^{-p}F(s, p) - a^{-p} \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s f(v)v^{-p-1}dv + \Theta_s(1)$$

*Hence lets investigate the asymptotic behavior of*

$$a^{-p} \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s f(v)v^{-p-1}dv, \text{ with respect to `s`}$$

*A) For all  $v > 0$ ,  $f(v)$  is a non – decreasing function, and*

*B) There exist  $k_1, s_1 > 0$  such that  $k_1(v) \leq f\left(\frac{v}{a}\right)$  for all  $v \geq s_1$*

*Therefore, for all  $v \in \left[\frac{s}{a}, s\right]$  we have:*

$$f\left(\frac{s}{a}\right) \leq f(v) \leq f(s).$$

*Since for  $s \geq s_1$  we have  $k_1 f(s) \leq f\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$ , then*

$$k_1 f(s) \leq f(v) \leq f(s) \text{ for all } s > s_1$$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 \frac{f(s)}{v^{p+1}} \leq \frac{f(v)}{v^{p+1}} \leq \frac{f(s)}{v^{p+1}} \text{ for all } s > s_1,$$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 f(s) \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s \frac{1}{v^{p+1}} dv \leq \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s f(v) \frac{1}{v^{p+1}} d(v) \leq f(s) \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s \frac{1}{v^{p+1}} dv$$

for all  $s > s_1$ ,

We have two cases to consider, the case of  $p \neq 0$  and the case of  $p = 0$ .

A) If  $p \neq 0$ , we get:

$$\int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s \frac{1}{v^{p+1}} dv = \left[ \frac{1}{v^{p+1}} \right]_{\frac{s}{a}}^s$$

Applying exponent rule:

$$= [v^{-p-1}]_{\frac{s}{a}}^s$$

Applying power rule:  $\int x^a dx = \frac{x^{a+1}}{a+1}, a \neq -1$

$$= \left[ \frac{v^{-p-1+1}}{-p-1+1} \right]_{\frac{s}{a}}^s$$

$$= \left[ \frac{v^{-p}}{-p} \right]_{\frac{s}{a}}^s$$

$$= -\frac{1}{p} [v^{-p}]_{\frac{s}{a}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{p} \left[ \frac{1}{v^p} \right]_{\frac{s}{a}}^s$$

***By computation of boundaries:***

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} F(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} F(x)$$

***Replacing  $v$  with  $s$  and  $\frac{s}{a}$  we get:***

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow s^-} \left[ \frac{1}{s^p} \right] = \frac{1}{s^p} \text{ (will remain same)}$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \left(\frac{s}{a}\right)^+} \left[ \frac{1}{s^p} \right] = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)^p} = \frac{1}{\frac{s^p}{a^p}}$$

***Now,***

$$F(b) - F(a) = -\frac{1}{p} \left( \frac{1}{s^p} - \frac{1}{\frac{s^p}{a^p}} \right) = -\frac{1}{p} \left( \frac{1}{s^p} - \frac{a^p}{s^p} \right) = -\frac{1}{p} \left( \frac{1 - a^p}{s^p} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^p} \left( \frac{a^p - 1}{p} \right)$$

*Therefore,*

*Replacing the equation :*

$$k_1 f(s) \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s \frac{1}{v^{p+1}} dv \leq \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s f(v) \frac{1}{v^{p+1}} d(v) \leq f(s) \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s \frac{1}{v^{p+1}} dv$$

*we get:*

$$k_1 \frac{f(s)}{s^p} \left( \frac{a^p - 1}{p} \right) \leq \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s f(v) \frac{1}{v^{p+1}} d(v) \leq \frac{f(s)}{s^p} \left( \frac{a^p - 1}{p} \right)$$

*for all  $s > s_1$ ,*

$$i. e., \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s f(v) \frac{1}{v^{p+1}} dv = \Theta_s \left( \frac{f(s)}{s^p} \right) \left[ as \left( \frac{a^p - 1}{p} \right) \text{ is constant} \right]$$

$$\left( And \left( \frac{a^p - 1}{p} \right) > 0, \quad a > 1 \right)$$

**(B) If  $p = 0$  then:**



$$\int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s \frac{1}{v} d(v)$$

$$[\log v]_{\frac{s}{a}}^s \left[ \int \frac{1}{v} dv = \log v \right]$$

***Computing the boundaries:***

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} F(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} F(x)$$

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow (s)^-} \log v = \log s$$

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow (\frac{s}{a})^+} \log v = \log \left( \frac{s}{a} \right)$$

$$\text{Now, } \log s - \log \frac{s}{a}$$

***Applying logarithmic rule  $\rightarrow \log x - \log y = \log \frac{x}{y}$ , we get:***

$$\Rightarrow \log \frac{s}{\frac{s}{a}} = \log \left( s \times \frac{a}{s} \right) = \log a$$

***Hence ,***

**As  $p = 0$ ,**

$$\int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s \frac{1}{v^{p+1}} d(v) = \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s \frac{1}{v^{0+1}} d(v) = \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s \frac{1}{v} d(v) = \log s - \log \frac{s}{a}$$

**$\log a = \frac{\log a}{s^p}$  as we doing in respect of  $\Theta\left(\frac{1}{s^p}\right)$ .**

**Replacing in :**

$$k_1 f(s) \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s \frac{1}{v^{p+1}} dv \leq \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s f(v) \frac{1}{v^{p+1}} d(v) \leq f(s) \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s \frac{1}{v^{p+1}} dv$$

**We get:**

$$k_1 \log a \frac{f(s)}{s^p} \leq \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s f(v) \frac{1}{v^{p+1}} d(v) \leq \log a \frac{f(s)}{s^p}$$

$$i. e. \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s f(v) \frac{1}{v^{p+1}} d(v) = \Theta\left(\frac{f(s)}{s^p}\right)$$

$$or, \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s \frac{f(v)}{v^{p+1}} d(v) = \Theta\left(\frac{f(s)}{s^p}\right)$$

**Note:  $\log a$  is a constant and  $\log a > 0$  .**

**Thus replacing in eqn :**

$$a^{-p}F(s, p) - a^{-p} \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s f(v) v^{-p-1} dv + \Theta_s(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-p}F(s, p) - a^{-p} \int_{\frac{s}{a}}^s \frac{f(v)}{v^{p+1}} dv + \Theta_s(1)$$

*We get:*

$$\Rightarrow a^{-p}F(s, p) - \Theta\left(\frac{f(s)}{s^p}\right) + \Theta_s(1)$$

*Which completes the proof.*

***Part 2: Let  $f(x)$  be a function defined as in Theorem 1.***

***In other words,***

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} u_0 & \mathbf{x} \in [0, 1) \\ \sum_{i=1}^k a_i f\left(\left\lfloor \frac{x}{b_i} \right\rfloor\right) + g(\lfloor x \rfloor) & \mathbf{x} \in [1, \infty) \end{cases}$$

**Where:**

- $u_0, a_i \in R^{*+}, \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \geq 1$
- $b_i, k \in N, b_i \geq 2, k \geq 1$
- $g(x)$  is a bounded, positive and nondecreasing function for all  $x \geq 0$ .
- for all  $c > 1$ , there exist  $x_1, k_1 > 0$  such that  $g\left(\frac{x}{c}\right) \geq k_1 g(x)$ , for all  $x \geq x_1$ .

**Then,**

1.  $g(\lfloor x \rfloor) \in S$

2.  $f(x) \in S$

**Proof:**

1. Note that  $g(x) \in S$  by definition.

Hence,  $g(\lfloor x \rfloor)$  is clearly bounded and non-decreasing. Moreover,  $g(\lfloor x \rfloor)$  is positive.

**There remains to prove that:**

for  $c > 1$ , there exists  $x_2, k_2$ , such that  $g\left(\left\lfloor \frac{x}{2} \right\rfloor\right) \geq k_2 g(\lfloor x \rfloor)$  for all  $x \geq x_2$ .

***Let  $c > 1$  be given. Let  $x > \max \left\{ x_1 + c + 1, \frac{c^2}{c-1} + 1 \right\}$  then the following three useful inequalities can be derived:***

$$x > x_1 + c + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] > x_1 + c$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] - c > x_1 \text{ --- (a)}$$

***On the other hand,***

$$x > \frac{c^2}{c-1} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] > \frac{c^2}{c-1} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] > \frac{c^2}{c-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow [x](c-1) > c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{[x](c-1)}{c} > c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c[x] - [x]}{c} > c$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] - \frac{[x]}{c} > c$$

$$\Rightarrow \lfloor x \rfloor - c > \frac{\lfloor x \rfloor}{c} \text{--- -- -- (b)}$$

***Finally,***

$$x > x_1 + c + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lfloor x \rfloor > x_1 \text{--- -- -- -- -- (c)}$$

***Using above inequalities of (a), (b), (c), we conclude :***

$$g\left(\left\lfloor \frac{x}{c} \right\rfloor\right) = g\left(\frac{\lfloor x \rfloor}{c}\right) \text{(using Part 1)}$$

$$\geq g\left(\frac{\lfloor x \rfloor}{c} - 1\right) \text{(since } g \text{ is a non - decreasing)}$$

$$= g\left(\frac{\lfloor x \rfloor - c}{c}\right)$$

$$\geq k_1 g(\lfloor x \rfloor - c) \text{(using Inequality (a))}$$

$$> k_1 g\left(\frac{\lfloor x \rfloor}{c}\right) \text{(using Inequality (b))}$$

$$> (k_1)^2 g(\lfloor x \rfloor) \text{(using Inequality (c))}$$

***Therefore, for all  $c > 1$  , such that***

$x_2 = \max\left(x_1 + c + 1, \frac{c^2}{c-1} + 1\right) > 0, k_2 = (k_1)^2 > 0$ , such that

$g\left(\frac{\lfloor x \rfloor}{c}\right) \geq k_2 g(\lfloor x \rfloor)$ , which completes the proof that  $g(\lfloor x \rfloor) \in S$ .

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**2. To prove that  $f(x) \in S$ , note that  $f$  is defined in terms of a finite sum of positive terms each of which is bounded and also positive. So,  $f$  is bounded and positive.**

**Also according to Theorem 1,  $f(x) = f(\lfloor x \rfloor)$ .**

**So, it is sufficient to prove that:**

**(A)  $f(n)$  is non – decreasing for all  $n > 0$ ,**

**(B) for all  $c > 1$ , there exists  $n_3, k_3$  such that**

**$f\left(\frac{n}{c}\right) \geq k_3 f(n)$  for all  $n > n_3$ .**

**To prove  $f(n)$  is non – decreasing, we use strong induction. Note that :**

**$f(0) = u_0$ ,**

$$f(1) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i u_0 + g(1) \geq u_0$$

$$\left( \text{since } \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \geq 1 \text{ and } g(1) \geq 0 \right)$$

*Assume that for all  $k < n$  we have  $f(k) \geq f(k - 1)$ , and let us prove that  $f(n) \geq f(n - 1)$ . Consider*

$$f(n) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i f\left(\frac{n}{b^i}\right) + g(n)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k a_i f\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{b^i} \right\rfloor\right) + g(n)$$

$$\geq \sum_{i=1}^k a_i f\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{b^i} \right\rfloor\right) + g(n-1) \quad (g(n) \text{ is nondecreasing})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k a_i f\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{b^i} \right\rfloor\right) + g(n-1)$$

$$= f(n-1)$$



*So, for all  $n \geq 1$  we have  $f(n) \geq f(n - 1)$ . Therefore,  $f$  is non – decreasing. To prove the regularity condition, we use strong induction again. Using the results of the previous Part, there exist  $k_2, x_2$ , such that*

*$g\left(\left\lfloor \frac{x}{c} \right\rfloor\right) \geq k_2 g(\lfloor x \rfloor)$  for all  $x \geq x_2, c > 1$ . Consider:*

$$n_0 = \lfloor x_2 \rfloor,$$

$$k_3 = \min \left\{ \frac{f(0)}{f(n_0)}, k_2 \right\}.$$

*$f$  is nondecreasing and strictly positive. So for all  $m \in [0, n_0)$*

$$f\left(\frac{m}{c}\right) \geq f(0)$$

$$\geq f(0) \frac{f(m)}{f(n_0)}$$

$$= f(m) \frac{f(0)}{f(n_0)}$$

$$\geq f(m) k_3$$

*i. e., for all  $m \in [0, n_0]$  we have  $f\left(\frac{m}{c}\right) \geq k_3 f(m)$ .*

*Now assume that for all  $m \in [0, n)$  where  $n > n_0$  we have*

$f\left(\frac{m}{c}\right) \geq k_3 f(m)$ , and let us prove that  $f\left(\frac{n}{c}\right) \geq k_3 f(n)$ .

Since  $n > n_0$ , we have  $\frac{n}{c} > 1$ . So,

$$f\left(\frac{n}{c}\right) = \sum_{i=1}^k f\left(\frac{n}{a_i}\right) + g\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{c} \right\rfloor\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k f\left(\left\lfloor \frac{\left(\frac{n}{a_i}\right)}{c} \right\rfloor\right) + g\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{c} \right\rfloor\right) \quad (\text{since } f(n) = f(\lfloor n \rfloor))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k f\left(\left\lfloor \frac{\left\lfloor \frac{n}{a_i} \right\rfloor}{c} \right\rfloor\right) + g\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{c} \right\rfloor\right) \quad \left(\text{since } \left\lfloor \frac{n}{c} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{\lfloor n \rfloor}{c} \right\rfloor\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k f\left(\frac{\left\lfloor \frac{n}{a_i} \right\rfloor}{c}\right) + g\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{c} \right\rfloor\right) \quad (\text{since } f(n) = f(\lfloor n \rfloor))$$

$$\geq \sum_{i=1}^k k_3 f\left(\frac{\left\lfloor \frac{n}{a_i} \right\rfloor}{c}\right) + g\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{c} \right\rfloor\right) \quad (\text{since } f(n) = f(\lfloor n \rfloor))$$

$$= k_3 f(n).$$

As a result ,

*for all  $c > 1$ , there exist such that  $n_3 = 0$ ,*

*$k_3 = \min \left\{ \frac{f(0)}{f(n_0)}, k_2 \right\}$  such that  $f\left(\frac{n}{c}\right) \geq k_3 f(n)$  for all*

*$n \geq n_3$ ,*

*which completes the proof.*

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***Theorem 3 : Let  $f(x)$  be a function defined as in***

***Theorem 1. Let  $p_0$  be the real solution of the equation***

***$\sum_{i=1}^k a_i b_i^{-p} = 1$ . Then  $p_0$  always exists and is unique and***

***positive. Furthermore,***

$$f(x) = \Theta(x^{p_0}) + \Theta\left(x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} d(u)\right)$$

*for  $x_1$  large enough.*

***Proof:***

***Since  $g(x) \in S$ , then according Part 1 both  $g(\lfloor x \rfloor)$  and  $f(x)$  belong to  $S$ . Hence, both functions possess an Order transform . Rewriting the definition of  $f(x)$ ,***

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i f\left(\frac{x}{b_i}\right) + g(\lfloor x \rfloor) \text{ for all } x > 1$$

$$P\{f(x)\} = P\left\{\sum_{i=1}^k a_i f\left(\frac{x}{b_i}\right) + g(\lfloor x \rfloor)\right\} \text{ for all } s > 1$$

$$P\{f(x)\} = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i P\left\{f\left(\frac{x}{b_i}\right)\right\} + \int_1^s g\left(\frac{\lfloor u \rfloor}{u^{p+1}}\right) du$$

$$F(s, p) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \left( b_i^{-p} F(s, p) - \Theta\left(\frac{f(s)}{s^p}\right) + \Theta_s(1) \right) + \int_1^s g\left(\frac{\lfloor u \rfloor}{u^{p+1}}\right) du$$

$$F(s, p) - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \left( b_i^{-p} F(s, p) \right) + \Theta\left(\frac{f(s)}{s^p}\right) = \int_1^s g\left(\frac{\lfloor u \rfloor}{u^{p+1}}\right) du + \Theta_s(1)$$

**Taking  $F(s, p)$  common:**

$$F(s, p) \left( 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i (b_i^{-p}) \right) + \Theta\left(\frac{f(s)}{s^p}\right) = \int_1^s g\left(\frac{\lfloor u \rfloor}{u^{p+1}}\right) du + \Theta_s(1)$$

**Let  $h(p) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i(b_i^{-p})$  .Then:**

$$h(0) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i(b_i^0) \Rightarrow 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \leq 0$$

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} h(p) = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} (1) - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} (b_i^{-p})$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{b_i^p} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \left( \frac{1}{\infty_i} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \times 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1$$

**And**

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} h(p) = 1 > 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dp} h(p) = \frac{d}{dp} \left( 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i (b_i^{-p}) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dp} (1) - \frac{d}{dp} \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i (b_i^{-p}) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 - \frac{d}{dp} \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i (b_i^{-p}) \right) \left[ \frac{d}{dx} (c) = 0, \text{ where } c \text{ is constant} \right]$$

***Applying multiplication chain rule:***

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(x)g(x) = f(x) \times \frac{d}{dx} g(x) + g(x) \times \frac{d}{dx} f(x), \text{ we get:}$$

$$= -1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \times \frac{d}{dp} (b_i^{-p}) + (b_i^{-p}) \times \frac{d}{dp} \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \right) \right)$$

***Note:  $\sum_{i=1}^k a_i$  is constant, hence:***

$$= -1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \times \frac{d}{dp} (b_i^{-p}) + (b_i^{-p}) \times 0 \right)$$

$$= -1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \times \frac{d}{dp} (b_i^{-p}) \right)$$

*Lets deduce  $\frac{d}{dp} (b_i^{-p})$  :*

*Applying exponent rule :  $a^b = e^{b \log a}$*

*Hence ,  $b^{-p} = e^{(-p) \log b}$*

$$= \frac{d}{dp} (e^{(-p) \log b})$$

*Applying chain rule :  $\frac{df(u)}{dx} = \frac{df}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx}$  we get:*

$$f = e^u, u = (-p) \log b$$

$$= \frac{d}{du} (e^u) \frac{d}{dp} (-p) \log b$$

$$= e^u \frac{d}{dp} (-p) \log b \quad \left[ as \frac{d}{du} e^u = e^u \right]$$

$$= e^u \frac{d}{dp} (-p) \log b \quad \left[ as \frac{d}{du} e^u = e^u \right]$$

***Substuting back  $u = (-p) \log b$***

$$= e^{(-p) \log b} \frac{d}{dp} (-p) \log b$$

$$= e^{(-p) \log b} \left[ \log b \times \frac{d}{dp} (-p) \right]$$

$$= e^{(-p) \log b} \left[ \log b \times -\frac{dp}{dp} \right]$$

$$= e^{(-p) \log b} [\log b \times -1]$$

$$= -e^{(-p) \log b} \log b$$

$$= -(e^{\log b})^{-p} \log b$$

***This is actually  $\log_e b$  , hence  $e^{\log_e b} = b$  as,  $a^{\log_a b} = b$***



$$= -(b)^{-p} \log b$$

$$= -b^{-p} \log b$$

**Hence,**

$$= -1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \times \frac{d}{dp} (b_i^{-p}) \right)$$

$$= -1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \times -b_i^{-p} \log b_i \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k a_i (\log b_i) b_i^{-p}$$

**Hence:**

$$\frac{d}{dp} h(p) = \frac{d}{dp} \left( 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i (b_i^{-p}) \right) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i (\log b_i) b_i^{-p} > 0$$

**for all  $p$  ( $b_i \geq 2, a_i > 0$ ).**

**So ,  $h(p) = 0$  has a unique positive solution  $p_0$ .**

**We get,**

$$F(s, p) \left( 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i (b_i^{-p}) \right) + \Theta \left( \frac{f(s)}{s^p} \right) = \int_1^s g \left( \frac{[u]}{u^{p+1}} \right) du + \Theta_s(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow F(s, p)h(p) + \Theta \left( \frac{f(s)}{s^p} \right) = \int_1^s g \left( \frac{[u]}{u^{p+1}} \right) du + \Theta_s(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow F(s, p) \times 0 + \Theta \left( \frac{f(s)}{s^p} \right) = \int_1^s g \left( \frac{[u]}{u^{p+1}} \right) du + \Theta_s(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 + \Theta \left( \frac{f(s)}{s^p} \right) = \int_1^s g \left( \frac{[u]}{u^{p+1}} \right) du + \Theta_s(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta \left( \frac{f(s)}{s^p} \right) = \int_1^s g \left( \frac{[u]}{u^{p+1}} \right) du + \Theta_s(1)$$

***Now replacing  $p$  with  $p_0$  we get:***

$$i. e., \Theta \left( \frac{f(s)}{s^{p_0}} \right) = \int_1^s g \left( \frac{[u]}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du + \Theta_s(1)$$

$$i. e., \frac{\Theta(f(s))}{\Theta(s^{p_0})} = \int_1^s g \left( \frac{[u]}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du + \Theta_s(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta(f(s)) = \Theta\left(s^{p_0} \int_1^s g\left(\frac{\lfloor u \rfloor}{u^{p_0+1}}\right) du\right) + \Theta_s(s^{p_0})$$

**Replacing  $s$  with  $x$ , so that  $\Theta(f(s)) = f(x)$ , we get:**

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \Theta\left(x^{p_0} \int_1^x g\left(\frac{\lfloor u \rfloor}{u^{p_0+1}}\right) du\right) + \Theta(x^{p_0})$$

**Since  $g(x) \in S$  and  $g(x)$  is non – decreasing , then:**

**for all  $x \geq 1$  ,  $g\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \leq g(\lfloor x \rfloor)$  and**

**There exist  $k_1, x_1 > 0$  such that  $g\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \geq k_1 g(x)$  for all  $x > x_1$**

**In other words for all  $x > x_1$  ,  $k_1 g(x) < g(\lfloor x \rfloor) < g(x)$ ,**

$$i. e., k_1 \int_{x_1}^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} du \leq \int_{x_1}^x \frac{g(\lfloor u \rfloor)}{u^{p_0+1}} du \leq \int_{x_1}^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} du$$

$$i. e., x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \left(\frac{g(\lfloor u \rfloor)}{u^{p_0+1}}\right) du = \Theta\left(x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \left(\frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}}\right) du\right)$$

**Replacing it in above equation**

$$f(x) = \Theta \left( x^{p_0} \int_1^x \left( \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du \right) + \Theta \left( x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \left( \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du \right) + \Theta(x^{p_0})$$

$$f(x) = \Theta \left( x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \left( \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du \right) + \Theta(x^{p_0})$$

which completes the proof .

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**Theorem 4 :** Let  $f(x)$  be a function defined in Theorem 1. Let  $p_0$  be the unique solution of the characteristic equation:

1. if there exist  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $g(x) = O(x^{p_0-\varepsilon})$ , then  $f(x) = \Theta(x^{p_0})$ .

2. If there exist  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $g(x) = \Omega(x^{p_0+\varepsilon})$  and  $\frac{g(x)}{x^{p_0+\varepsilon}}$  is a non – decreasing function then  $f(x) = \Theta(g(x))$ .

3.. If  $g(x) = \Theta(x^{p_0})$  then  $f(x) = \Theta(x^{p_0} \log x)$

**Proof**

Suppose there exist  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $g(x) = O(x^{p_0-\varepsilon})$  , i. e., there exists  $x_0, k > 0$  , such that  $g(x) < kx^{p_0-\varepsilon}$  , for all  $x > x_0$  .

Let  $x_1 > x_0$  , then for all  $x > x_1$  we have :

$$\int_{x_1}^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} d(u) \leq k \int_{x_1}^x \frac{ku^{p_0-\varepsilon}}{u^{p_0+1}} du$$

$$= k \int_{x_1}^x \frac{1}{u^{p_0+1}} du$$

$$= k \int_{x_1}^x \frac{1}{u^{p_0+1}} du$$

$$= k \int_{x_1}^x u^{-p_0-1} du$$

*Lets make the power rule of integral:  $\int x^p = \frac{x^{p+1}}{p+1}$*

*Hence:*

$$= k \int_{x_1}^x \frac{u^{-p_0-1+1}}{-p_0-1+1} du$$

$$= k \int_{x_1}^x \frac{u^{-p_0}}{-p_0} du$$

$$= k \times -\frac{1}{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x u^{-p_0} du$$

**Let  $u = x$ , and  $p_0 = \varepsilon$ , then:**

$$= k \times -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{x_1}^x x^{-\varepsilon} dx$$

**By computation of boundaries:**

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} F(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} F(x)$$

$$= k \times -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} [x^{-\varepsilon}]_{x_1}^x$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x^-} x^{-\varepsilon} = x^{-\varepsilon} \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow x_1^+} x^{-\varepsilon} = x_1^{-\varepsilon}$$

$$= k \times -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} (x^{-\varepsilon} - x_1^{-\varepsilon})$$

$$= k \times -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} ((-1)x_1^{-\varepsilon} - x^{-\varepsilon})$$

$$= \frac{k}{\varepsilon} (x_1^{-\varepsilon} - x^{-\varepsilon})$$

$$= \frac{k}{\varepsilon} \left( \frac{1}{x_1^\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{x^{-\varepsilon}} \right)$$

$$< \frac{k}{\varepsilon} \times \frac{1}{x_1^\varepsilon}$$

$$= O(1)$$

***But we proved that :***

$$f(x) = O(x^{p_0}) + O\left(x^{p_0} \int_1^s \left(\frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}}\right) du\right)$$

***Therefore replacing we get:***

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= O(x^{p_0}) + O(x^{p_0} \times O(1)) = O(x^{p_0}) + O(x^{p_0}) \\ &= O(x^{p_0}). \end{aligned}$$

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***2. Suppose there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $g(x) = \Omega(x^{p_0+\varepsilon})$  and  $\frac{g(x)}{x^{p_0+\varepsilon}}$  is***

***a non – dereasing function for large  $x$ . Let  $\phi(x) = \frac{g(x)}{x^{p_0+\varepsilon}}$ . Then:***

$$g(x) = \phi(x)x^{p_0+\varepsilon}$$

$$i.e., x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} du = x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \frac{\phi(u)u^{p_0+\varepsilon}}{u^{p_0+1}} du$$

$$= x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \phi(u)u^{p_0+\varepsilon-p_0-1} du$$

$$= x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \phi(u)u^{\varepsilon-1} du$$

*for  $x_1$  large enough to make  $\phi(x)$  non decreasing. Therefore, for all  $x > x_1$  :*

$$x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} du < x^{p_0} \phi(x) \int_{x_1}^x u^{\varepsilon-1} du$$

*Let  $u = x$ , we get:*

$$x^{p_0} \phi(x) \int_{x_1}^x x^{\varepsilon-1} dx$$

$$Applying power rule: \int x^a dx = \frac{x^{a+1}}{a+1}, a \neq -1$$

$$= x^{p_0} \phi(x) \int_{x_1}^x \frac{x^{\varepsilon-1+1}}{\varepsilon-1+1} dx$$



$$= x^{p_0} \phi(x) \int_{x_1}^x \frac{x^\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} dx$$

***Taking out  $\frac{1}{\varepsilon}$  we get:***

$$= x^{p_0} \phi(x) \times \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{x_1}^x x^\varepsilon dx$$

$$= x^{p_0} \phi(x) \times \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \times [x^\varepsilon]_{x_1}^x$$

***By computation of boundaries:***

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} F(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} F(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x^-} (x^\varepsilon) = x^\varepsilon \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow x_1^+} (x^\varepsilon) = x_1^\varepsilon$$

***Hence:***

$$= x^{p_0} \phi(x) \times \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \times (x^\varepsilon - x_1^\varepsilon)$$

$$< x^{p_0} \phi(x) \times \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \times (x^\varepsilon)$$

$$< \phi(x) x^{p_0+\varepsilon} \times \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$$

$$\textit{We know } \phi(x) x^{p_0+\varepsilon} = g(x)$$

$$< g(x) \times \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$$

$$= \mathbf{O}(g(x))$$

*Further more,*

$$x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \left( \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du = x^{p_0} \int_{\frac{x}{a}}^x \left( \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du + x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^{\frac{x}{a}} \left( \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du$$

*But  $g(x) \in S$ , so:*

$$x^{p_0} \int_{\frac{x}{a}}^x \left( \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du = \mathbf{O}(g(x))[\textit{we can prove like above}].$$

*By scaling property:*

$$\int_{\frac{x}{a}}^x \left( \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du = \Theta \left( \frac{g(x)}{x^{p_0}} \right)$$

*Therefore,*

$$x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \left( \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du = x^{p_0} \int_{\frac{x}{a}}^x \left( \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du + x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^{\frac{x}{a}} \left( \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \left( \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du = x^{p_0} \int_{\frac{x}{a}}^x \left( \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du + x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^{\frac{x}{a}} \left( \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \left( \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du = \Theta(g(x)) + x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^{\frac{x}{a}} \left( \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \left( \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} \right) du = \Omega(g(x))$$

*As we got:*

$$x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} du = o(g(x))$$

$$x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} du = \Omega(g(x))$$

**Hence,**

$$x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} du = \Theta(g(x))$$

**But we proved in Theorem 3 that:**

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \Theta(x^{p_0}) + \Theta\left(x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} d(u)\right)$$

**Hence by replacing we get:**

$$f(x) = \Theta\left(\left(\Theta(g(x))\right)\right) + \Theta(x^{p_0})$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta(g(x)) + \Theta(x^{p_0}) \text{ [Asymptotic Multiplication Property]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta(g(x)) \text{ since } g(x) = \Omega(x^{p_0+\epsilon})$$

**3. Suppose  $g(x) = \Theta(x^{p_0})$ . Replacing the result of theorem 3 we get:**

$$f(x) = \Theta(x^{p_0}) + \Theta\left(x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} d(u)\right)$$

$$f(x) = \Theta\left(x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \frac{1}{u} du\right) + \Theta_s(x^{p_0})$$

*When  $g(x)$  is asymptotically equivalent to  $x^{p_0}$ .*

*Then  $\int_{x_1}^x \frac{1}{u}$  is asymptotically equivalent to  $x^{p_0+1}$ .*

*This is because :*

$\int \frac{1}{u} du = \log u$  or  $\log x$ , And  $\log x$  is asymptotically equivalent to  $x^{p_0+1}$  for large value of  $x$ .

*We can check it , i. e.*

$$f(x) = \Theta\left(x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^s \left(\frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}}\right) du\right) + \Theta(x^{p_0})$$

*Hence if  $u = x$  then:*

$$= \Theta \left( x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \left( \frac{g(x)}{x^{p_0+1}} \right) dx \right) + \Theta(x^{p_0})$$

$$= \Theta \left( x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \left( \frac{x^{p_0}}{x^{p_0+1}} \right) dx \right) + \Theta(x^{p_0})$$

$$= \Theta \left( x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x (x^{p_0-p_0-1}) dx \right) + \Theta(x^{p_0})$$

$$= \Theta \left( x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x (x^{-1}) dx \right) + \Theta(x^{p_0})$$

$$= \Theta \left( x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) dx \right) + \Theta(x^{p_0})$$

*or,*

$$= \Theta \left( x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \left( \frac{1}{u} \right) du \right) + \Theta(x^{p_0})$$

$$\text{Continuing from : } \Theta \left( x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) dx \right) + \Theta(x^{p_0})$$

$$f(x) = \Theta \left( x^{p_0} \int_{x_1}^x \frac{1}{x} dx \right) + \Theta_s(x^{p_0})$$

*We know,  $\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \log x$*

*Then:*

$$= \Theta(x^{p_0} [\log x]_{x_1}^x) + \Theta_s(x^{p_0})$$

$$= \Theta(x^{p_0} [\log x]_{x_1}^x) + \Theta_s(x^{p_0})$$

*By computation of boundaries:*

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} F(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} F(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x^-} \log x = \log x \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow x_1^+} \log x = \log x_1$$

*Hence,*

$$= \Theta(x^{p_0} (\log x - \log x_1)) + \Theta_s(x^{p_0})$$

$$= \Theta(x^{p_0} \log x - x^{p_0} \log x_1) + \Theta_s(x^{p_0})$$

$$= \Theta(x^{p_0} \log x - x^{p_0} \log x_1)$$

*It doesnot matter of  $x$  or  $x_1$  , hence the result will be :*

$$= \Theta(x^{p_0} \log x)$$

*Hence it completes the proof.*

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**Corollary 1:** *Let  $u_n$  be a sequence as in Equation 1. Then,*

$$u_n = \Theta(n^{p_0}) + \Theta\left(n^{p_0} \int_{n_1}^n \frac{g(u)}{u^{p_0+1}} du\right) \text{ for } n_1 \text{ large enough,}$$

*where  $p_0$  is the real solution of the  $\sum_{i=1}^k a_i b_i^{-p} = 1$  which always exists and is unique and positive. Furthermore,*

**1.** *if there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $g(x) = O(x^{p_0-\varepsilon})$  then*

$$u_n = \Theta(n^{p_0}).$$

**2.** *if there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $g(x) = \Omega(x^{p_0+\varepsilon})$  and*

*$\frac{g(x)}{x^{p_0+\varepsilon}}$  is a non – decreasing function, then  $u_n = \Theta(g(n))$ .*

**3.** *if  $g(x) = \Theta(x^{p_0})$  then  $u_n = \Theta(n^{p_0} \log n)$*

**Proof:** *We can prove these conditions by above process.*

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