

CS 170 Homework 1

Due 2025/2/10, at 10:00 pm (grace period until 11:59pm)

1 Study Group

List the names and SIDs of the members in your study group. If you have no collaborators, you must explicitly write “none”.

Solution: I worked on this homework with the following collaborators:

- none, which is only me, Sillycheese

2 Math Review

- (a) Simplify the following expressions into a single logarithm. Your answer should be in the form $\log_a b$ or $\ln(b)$:

(i.) $\frac{\ln x}{\ln y}$

Solution: $\log_y x$

(ii.) $\ln(x) + \ln(y)$

Solution: $\ln xy$

(iii.) $\ln(x) - \ln(y)$

Solution: $\ln \frac{x}{y}$

(iv.) $170 \ln(x)$

Solution: $\ln x^{170}$

- (b) Give a simple proof for each of the following identities:

(i.) $x^{\log_{\frac{1}{x}} y} = \frac{1}{y}$

Solution: $x^{\log_{\frac{1}{x}} y} = ((x^{-1})^{-1})^{\log_{x^{-1}} y} = ((x^{-1})^{\log_{x^{-1}} y})^{-1}$

so, we can get y^{-1} , and prove it

(ii.) $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

Solution: $\sum_{i=1}^n i = 1 + 2 + \dots + n$

and begin is 1, end is n, so we can compute it with that formula,

which is the answer, so prove it.

$$(iii.) \sum_{k=0}^n ar^k = \begin{cases} a(\frac{1-r^{n+1}}{1-r}), r \neq 1 \\ a(n+1), r = 1 \end{cases}$$

Solution: if $r=1$:

formula= $a(1 + 1 + \dots + 1)$, which has $n + 1$ numbers

if $r \neq 1$:

formula= $a(1 + r + r^1 + \dots + r^n)$

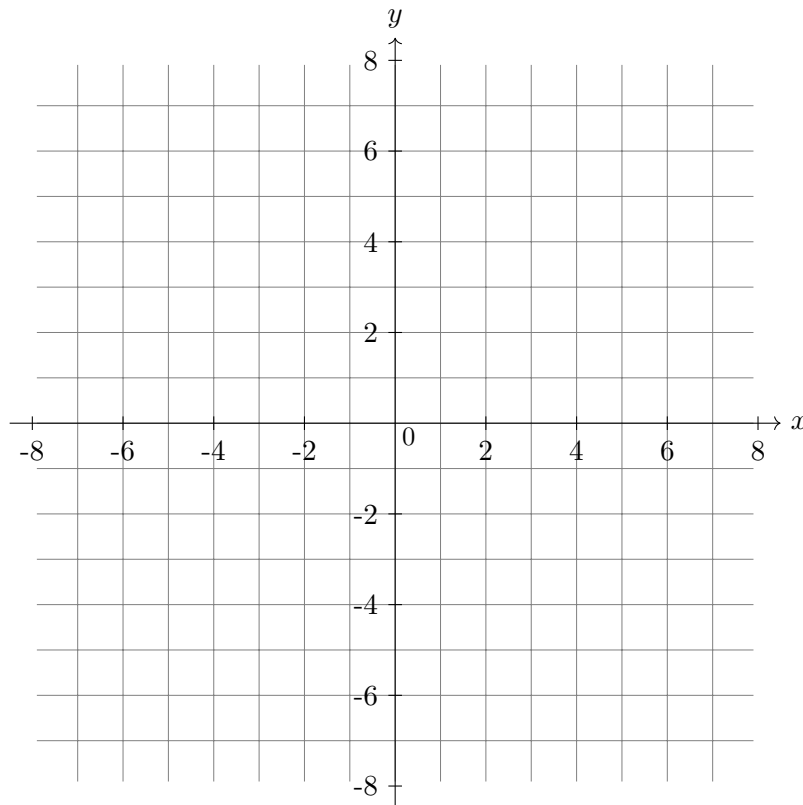
we can get q is r , and begin is 1 , end is n so use that formula, we can get the answer.
so prove it.

(c) Consider the following two inequalities:

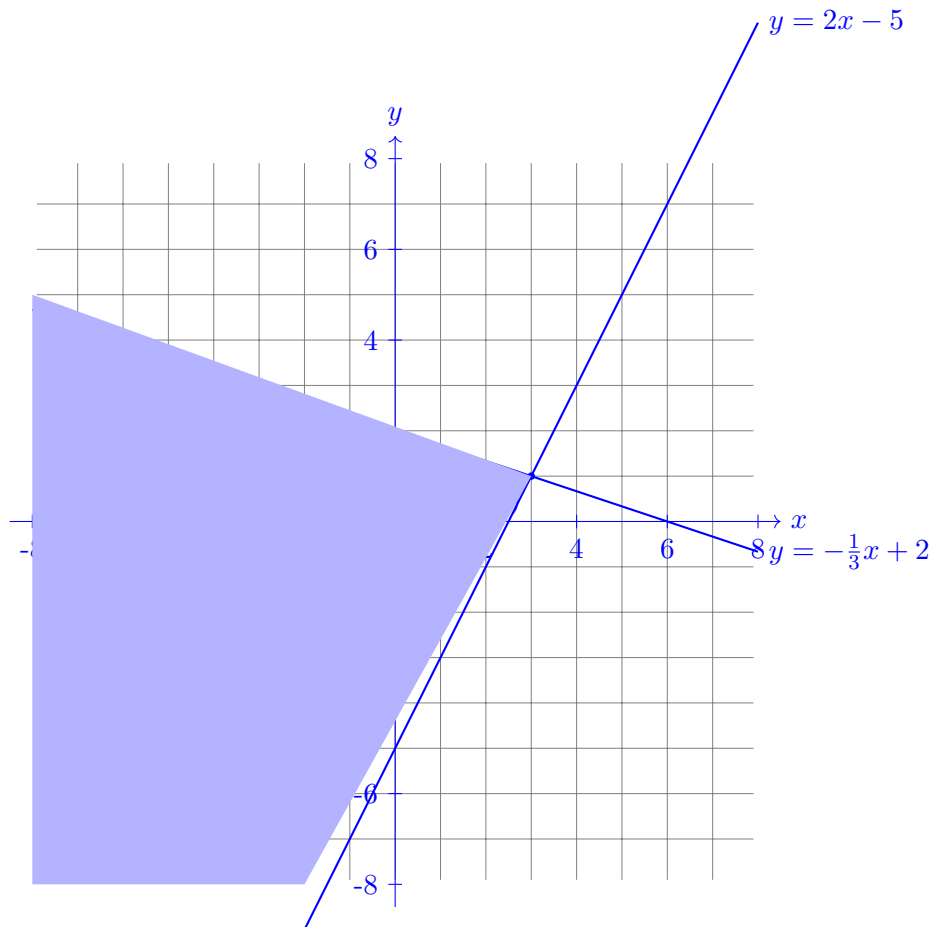
$$x + 3y \leq 6$$

$$y \geq 2x - 5$$

Graph out the set of all points (x, y) that satisfy both inequalities above. Clearly mark your lines and shaded region(s).



Solution:



3 Asymptotics Practice

- (a) For each pair of functions f and g below, specify whether $f = O(g)$, $g = O(f)$, or both. No justification needed.

Solution:

- i. both
 - ii. both
 - iii. $f = O(g)$
 - iv. $f = O(g)$
 - v. $f = O(g)$
 - vi. $f = O(g)$
- (b) Consider the two functions $f(n) = 1 + b + b^2 + \dots + b^n$ and $g(n) = b^n$ for an arbitrary constant $b > 0$. Similar to what you did in the previous part, specify whether $f = O(g)$, $g = O(f)$, or both. Justify your answer. Hint: the asymptotic relationship

between f and g varies depending on the specific value of b . This content is protected and may not be shared, uploaded, or distributed.

Solution:

$g = O(f)$ for all $b > 0$, as $g(n)f(n)$ for all n .

only if $b > 1$, $f = O(g)$

4 Recurrence Relations

For each part, find the asymptotic order of growth of $T(n)$; that is, find a function g such that $T(n) = \Theta(g(n))$. Show your reasoning and do not directly apply the Master Theorem; doing so will yield 0 credit.

In all subparts, you may ignore any issues arising from whether a number is an integer.

1. $T(n) = 2T(n/3) + 5n$

Solution: $\sum_{k=0}^{\log_3 n} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k \cdot 5n$

then it is $\Theta(n)$

2. An algorithm A takes $\Theta(n \log n)$ time to partition the input into 5 sub-problems of size $n/5$ each and then recursively runs itself on 3 of those subproblems. Describe the recurrence relation for the run-time $T(n)$ of A and find its asymptotic order of growth.

Solution: this is $\Theta(n \log n)$

3. $T(n) = T(3n/5) + T(4n/5)$ (We have $T(1) = 1$)

Solution: this is $\Theta(n^2)$

4. $T(n) = T(\sqrt{n}) + 1$

Solution: this is $\Theta(\log \log n)$