

Problem 3.

a) False

counter example:

$$\text{Suppose } f(n) = n, \text{ and } g(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \forall n \text{ is odd} \\ n^2 & \forall n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

part a) to show $f(n) \in O(g(n))$

then there \exists constants $c > 0$ and $n_0 > 0$

s.t. $0 \leq n \leq c \cdot g(n)$ for $\forall n \geq n_0$

However, when n is an odd number, ~~and~~

$$\Rightarrow n > c \cdot g(n), \text{ where } c \cdot g(n) = 0 \Rightarrow f(n) > c \cdot g(n)$$

Therefore, $f(n) \notin O(g(n))$

Part b) to show $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$

then there \exists constants $c > 0$ and $n_0 > 0$

s.t. $0 \leq c \cdot g(n) \leq f(n)$ for $\forall n \geq n_0$

However, when n is an even number,

$$\Rightarrow n \leq c n^2 \quad \text{since } n \geq n^2 \text{ and } 1 \leq c$$

$$\Rightarrow f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$$

Therefore, $f(n) \notin \Omega(g(n))$

from part a) and b) we can show that $f(n) \notin O(g(n))$

which shows that $f(n) \notin \Theta(g(n))$ by order notations

Thus, the statement is false

b) $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$ and $h(n) \in \Theta(g(n)) \Rightarrow \frac{f(n)}{h(n)} \in \Theta(1)$

Proof: Assume $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$ and $h(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$.

then there \exists constants $c_1, c_2 > 0$ and $n_1 > 0$

s.t. $0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$ for $\forall n \geq n_1$,

and there \exists constants $c_3, c_4 > 0$ and $n_2 > 0$.

s.t. $0 \leq c_3 g(n) \leq h(n) \leq c_4 g(n)$ for $\forall n \geq n_2$.

Then, we get.

$$\frac{1}{c_3 g(n)} \geq \frac{1}{h(n)} \geq \frac{1}{c_4 g(n)} \text{ for } \forall n \geq n_2$$

let $n_3 = \max\{n_1, n_2\}$.

Thus, we have

$$\frac{c_2 g(n)}{c_3 g(n)} \geq \frac{f(n)}{h(n)} \geq \frac{c_1 g(n)}{c_4 g(n)} \text{ for } \forall n \geq n_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c_2}{c_3} \geq \frac{f(n)}{h(n)} \geq \frac{c_1}{c_4} \text{ for } \forall n \geq n_3$$

if we want to show $\frac{f(n)}{h(n)} \in \Theta(1)$

then there \exists constants $c_5, c_6 > 0$ and $n_4 > 0$

s.t. $0 \leq c_5 \leq \frac{f(n)}{h(n)} \leq c_6$ for $\forall n \geq n_4$

$$\text{let } c_5 = \frac{c_1}{c_4}, \quad c_6 = \frac{c_2}{c_3}$$

Thus, $c_5 \leq \frac{f(n)}{h(n)} \leq c_6$ for $\forall n \geq n_4$

Therefore, we can show that $\frac{f(n)}{h(n)} \in \Theta(1)$

\Rightarrow the statement is true

$$c) f(n) \in \Theta(g(n)) \Rightarrow 2^{f(n)} \in \Theta(2^{g(n)})$$

Proof: the statement is false

counter example: let $f(n) = \log n$. $g(n) = 2 \log n$

then $f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$ for $c_2 = 1$. $\forall n \geq n_0$

$f(n) \geq c_1 g(n)$ for $c_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ $\forall n \geq n_0$

thus $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$

$$\therefore 2^{f(n)} = 2^{\log n} = n$$

$$2^{g(n)} = 2^{2 \log n} = n^2$$

However $f(n) \notin \Omega(g(n))$

$\Rightarrow f(n) \notin \Theta(g(n))$ as

thus, the statement is false

$$d) \min(f(n), g(n)) \in \Theta\left(\frac{f(n)g(n)}{f(n)+g(n)}\right)$$

Proof: Suppose there \exists constants $c_1, c_2 > 0$ and $n_0 > 0$

$$\text{s.t. } 0 \leq c_1 \cdot \frac{f(n)g(n)}{f(n)+g(n)} \leq \min(f(n), g(n)) \leq c_2 \cdot \frac{f(n)g(n)}{f(n)+g(n)}$$

* since $f(n) \cdot g(n) = \min(f(n), g(n)) \cdot \max(f(n), g(n))$ for $\forall n \geq n_0$

$$\text{therefore } \frac{f(n) \cdot g(n)}{f(n)+g(n)} = \frac{\min(f(n), g(n)) \cdot \max(f(n), g(n))}{f(n)+g(n)}$$

$$\text{since } \frac{\max(f(n), g(n))}{f(n)+g(n)} < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f(n) \cdot g(n)}{f(n)+g(n)} < \min(f(n), g(n)) \quad c_1 = 1 \quad \checkmark \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

and we can get $\min(f(n), g(n)) \leq c_2 \cdot \frac{f(n)g(n)}{f(n)+g(n)}$ by

Thus we can show that

choose $c_2 = 2$, $n_0 = 1$, $\forall n \geq n_0$

$$\min(f(n), g(n)) \in \Theta\left(\frac{f(n)g(n)}{f(n)+g(n)}\right)$$