

1) Let $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ be asymptotically positive functions. Briefly prove or disprove each of the conjectures.

1.1) $f(n) = O(g(n))$ implies $g(n) = O(f(n))$

$O(g(n))$ means that $g(n)$ is the upper bound (worst case) of $f(n)$ therefore for a given function $f(n)$, $g(n)$ can satisfy upper bound but $f(n)$ cannot satisfy as a upper bound for $g(n)$ (ie) $O(f(n))$

Let us consider $f(n) = n$ and $g(n) = n^2$ then

$n = O(n^2)$ holds true for all $c > 0$, $n_0 \geq 1$ where $n \geq n_0$

for example when $c=1$ and $n_0=1$ $f(n) \leq cg(n)$

$c=1$ and $n_0=2$ $f(n) \leq cg(n)$

but $n^2 = O(n)$ does not hold true for all $c > 0$, $n_0 \geq 1$ where $n \geq n_0$

for example when $c=1$ and $n_0=1$ $g(n) \geq cf(n)$

$c=2$ and $n_0=5$

$g(n) \geq cf(n)$ which violates the definition of $O()$. Therefore the conjecture is false

1.2) $f(n) + g(n) = \Theta(\min(f(n), g(n)))$

By definition $\Theta()$ refers to the tight bounds (worst & best case) of an algorithm.

Therefore $f(n) = O(g(n))$ means

$c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$ where $c_1, c_2 > 0$, $n_0 \geq 1$ and $n \geq n_0$

Let us consider $f(n) = n$ and $g(n) = n^2$. We know that $\min(f(n), g(n))$ is always $f(n)$.

We need to prove that $f(n) + g(n) = O(f(n))$.

Let us assume $c_1 = 1$ and $c_2 = 1$, $n_0 = 2$

then $c_1 f(n) \leq f(n) + g(n)$

but

$c_2 f(n) \leq f(n) + g(n)$ which violates the definition of $O()$.

Therefore the conjecture does not hold true.

1.3) $f(n) = O(g(n))$ implies $g(n) = O(f(n))$.
 $O()$ means the upper bound (worst case) of an algorithm. By definition

$f(n) = O(g(n))$ means

$f(n) \leq c g(n)$ where $n \geq n_0$, $c > 0$ and $n_0 \geq 1$

$\Theta()$ means both the upper and lower bound of an algorithm. By definition

$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ means

$c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$ where $c_1, c_2 > 0$, $n_0 \geq 1$ and $n \geq n_0$

Let us consider $f(n) = n$ and $g(n) = n^2$ then to show that

$f(n) = O(g(n))$ we need to prove

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

Assume $c = 1$ and $n_0 = 2$

then $f(n) \leq c g(n)$ holds true.

Now we need to show that $g(n) = O(f(n))$. In order to prove this

assume $c_1 = 1$, $c_2 = 2$ and $n_0 = 2$

then $c_1 f(n) \leq g(n)$

but $g(n) \geq c_2 f(n)$ which violates the definition of $O()$.

Therefore the conjecture is false

1.4) $\boxed{f(n) = O(f(n/2))}$.

By definition of $O(n)$, $f(n) = O(g(n))$ means

$$c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n) \text{ where } c_1, c_2 > 0, n \geq n_0 \text{ and } n_0 \geq 1$$

Let us consider $f(n) = n$ then to show that $f(n) = O(f(n/2))$

we need to prove $c_1 f(n/2) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 f(n/2)$

Assume $n_0 = 4$, $c_1 = 1$ and $c_2 = 1$

then

$$c_1 f(n/2) \leq f(n) \text{ is true}$$

but

$$c_2 f(n/2) \leq f(n) \text{ which violates the definition. Hence}$$

the conjecture is false

1.5) $\boxed{\lg(n) = \Omega(n^e)}$

where e is a small positive number

$\Omega()$ means the lower bound (best case) of an algorithm. By

definition

$$f(n) = \Omega(g(n)) \text{ means}$$

$$f(n) \geq c g(n) \text{ where } c > 0, n_0 \geq 1 \text{ and } n \geq n_0$$

Let us consider $c = 2$, $n_0 = 4$ and $e = 1$ then

$$\lg(n) < c n^e \text{ which violates the definition. Hence the conjecture}$$

is false

2) Solve the recurrence $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 1$. You can assume $T(1)$ is a constant.

We can solve this by using the substitution method,

Let us consider iterations in terms of k

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 1 \quad \text{which is for } k=1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{now for } k=2, \quad T(n/2) &= 2T((n/2)/2) + 1 \\ &= 2T(n/4) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

substituting $T(n/2)$ in $T(n)$,

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2[2T(n/4) + 1] + 1 \\ &= 4T(n/4) + 2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

now for $k=3$,

$$\begin{aligned} T(n/4) &= 2T((n/4)/2) + 1 \\ &= 2T(n/8) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

substituting $T(n/4)$ in $T(n)$,

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 4[2T(n/8) + 1] + 2 + 1 \\ &= 8T(n/8) + 4 + 2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Writing $T(n)$ as a general form in terms of k ,

$$T(n) = 2^k T(n/2^k) + 2^{k-1}$$

In order for $T(n)$ to stop, $T(n/2^k)$ must be equal to a constant C ,

$$T(n/2^k) = C$$

Let us assume $C=1$ which implies $(n/2^k) = 1$

$$n = 2^k$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_2 n = k$$

substituting this in $T(n)$,

$$T(n) = 2^{\log_2 n} T\left(\frac{n}{2^{\log_2 n}}\right) + 2^{\log_2 n - 1}$$

we know that,

$$n = 2^{\log_2 n} \cdot \text{So using this in } T(n)$$

$$T(n) = n T(n/n) + n - 1$$

$$= n T(1) + n - 1$$

we know that $T(1) = 1$

$$= n + n - 1$$

$$= 2n - 1$$

Ignoring the constants $T(n)$ is $O(n)$.

3) Solve the recurrence $T(n) = 49T(n/25) + n^{3/2} \log n$. You can assume $T(1)$ is a constant.

We can solve this problem by using Master's theorem,

comparing $T(n) = 49T(n/25) + n^{3/2} \log n$ with the general

form $T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$ where $f(n) = O(n^k \log^p n)$

we get

$$a = 49$$

$$b = 25$$

$$k = 3/2$$

$$p = 1$$

and these values satisfy initial conditions for master's theorem,

$$a = 49 \quad (a \geq 1)$$

$$b = 25 \quad (b > 1)$$

$$k = 3/2 \quad (k \geq 0)$$

$$p = 1 \quad (p \text{ is a real number})$$

As $49 < (25)^{3/2}$ this comes under case 3 and as $p = 1$ ($p \geq 0$)

$$T(n) = O(n^k \log^p n)$$

substituting the values of k and p we get,

$$T(n) = 49T(n/25) + n^{3/2} \log n \quad \text{is } \underline{O(n^{3/2} \log n)}$$