

Show that $\frac{n^2}{\lg n} = o(n^2)$

Definition of $o(n)$:

$$f(n) = o(g(n)) \text{ if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 0$$

Proof:

$$\text{for } \frac{n^2}{\lg n} = o(n^2) \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n^2}{\lg n}}{n^2} = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n^2}{\lg n}}{n^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{\lg n} \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lg n} = 0$$

With the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lg n} = 0$ as n approaches infinity the answer becomes 0 and thus:

$$\frac{n^2}{\lg n} = o(n^2)$$

Show that $n^2 \neq o(n^2)$

Following the same definition

$$f(n) = o(g(n)) \text{ if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 0$$

If $n^2 = o(n^2)$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2} = 0$, however $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2} = 1$

Therefore $n^2 = o(n^2)$ cannot be true and thus $n^2 \neq o(n^2)$