

# Homework 1 solution

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1. (Page 8, Q 0.1. Only (f), (i), (l), (m) and (n) required.)

a. By limit, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n - 100}{n - 200} = 1$$

leading to  $f(n) = \theta(g(n))$

b. By limit, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{1/2}}{n^{2/3}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^{1/6}} = 0$$

leading to  $f(n) = O(g(n))$

c. By limit, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{100n + \log n}{n + (\log n)^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{100n}{n} = 100$$

leading to  $f(n) = \theta(g(n))$

d. By limit, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \log n}{10n \log 10n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n}{10 \log 10n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n}{10 \log n + 10 \log 10} \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \end{aligned}$$

leading to  $f(n) = \theta(g(n))$

e. By limit, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log 2n}{\log 3n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n + \log 2}{\log n + \log 3} = 1$$

leading to  $f(n) = \theta(g(n))$

f. By limit, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10 \log n}{\log n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10 \log n}{2 \log n} = 5$$

leading to  $f(n) = \theta(g(n))$

g. By limit, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{1.01}}{n (\log n)^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^{0.005}}{\log n} \right)^2$$

Since polynomial function always dominates logarithmic function, which is because that polynomial function always has larger growth than logarithmic function when  $n$  goes infinity, so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{1.01}}{n (\log n)^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^{0.005}}{\log n} \right)^2 = \infty$$

leading to  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$

h. By limit, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 / \log n}{n (\log n)^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{(\log n)^3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{3(\log n)^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{6(\log n)^1} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{6} = \infty \end{aligned}$$

leading to  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$

i. By limit, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{0.1}}{(\log n)^{10}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^{0.01}}{\log n} \right)^{10}$$

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leading to  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$

j. Since

$$\log(a^{\log b}) = \log a \log b = \log(b^{\log a})$$

we know

$$a^{\log b} = b^{\log a}$$

so

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

By limit, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{\log \log n}}{n / \log n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n^{\log \log n - 1} \log n) = \infty$$

leading to  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$

k. By limit, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\log n^3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^{1/6}}{\log n} \right)^3 = \infty$$

leading to  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$

l. Since

$$\log(a^{\log b}) = \log a \log b = \log(b^{\log a})$$

we know

$$a^{\log b} = b^{\log a}$$

so

$$f(n) = 5^{\log_2 n} = n^{\log_2 5}$$

By limit, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{1/2}}{5^{\log_2 n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{1/2}}{n^{\log_2 5}} = 0$$

leading to  $f(n) = O(g(n))$

m. By limit, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n2^n}{3^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n = 0$$

leading to  $f(n) = O(g(n))$

n. By limit, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{2^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

leading to  $f(n) = \theta(g(n))$

o. Since

$$n! > 2^n$$

So by limit, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{2^n} = \infty$$

leading to  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$

p. Since

$$\log(a^{\log b}) = \log a \log b = \log(b^{\log a})$$

we know

$$a^{\log b} = b^{\log a}$$

so

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

and

$$g(n) = 2^{(\log_2 n)^2} = 2^{\log_2 n \cdot \log_2 n} = (2^{\log_2 n})^{\log_2 n} = (n^{\log_2 2})^{\log_2 n} = n^{\log_2 n}$$

By limit, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\log n)^{\log n}}{2^{(\log_2 n)^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{\log \log n}}{n^{\log_2 n}} = 0$$

Since  $\log_2 n$  dominates  $\log \log n$

leading to  $f(n) = O(g(n))$

q. By limit, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n i^k}{n^{k+1}} < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n n^k}{n^{k+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \cdot n^k}{n^{k+1}} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n i^k}{n^{k+1}} \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=\frac{n}{2}}^n \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^k}{n^{k+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right) \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^k}{n^{k+1}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k+1} + \frac{1}{n2^k} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k+1} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, get  $0 < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} < 1$

leading to  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ .

2. (Page 9, Q 0.2.)

Based on

$$g(n) = 1 + c + c^2 + \dots + c^n = \frac{1 - c^{n+1}}{1 - c}$$

a. If  $c < 1$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(n) = \frac{1}{1 - c} = \theta(1)$$

b. If  $c = 1$ ,

$$g(n) = n + 1 = \theta(n)$$

c. If  $c > 1$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(n) = \frac{c^{n+1} - 1}{c - 1} = \theta(c^n)$$

3. (Page 9, Q 0.3)

a. Base cases:

When  $n = 6$ ,

$$F_6 = 13 \geq 8 = 2^{0.5 \cdot 6}$$

When  $n = 7$ ,

$$F_7 = 21 \geq 8\sqrt{2} = 2^{0.5 \cdot 7}$$

When  $n = k$ , assume

$$F_k \geq 2^{0.5k}$$

For all  $k \geq 7$

By induction, when  $n = k + 2$ ,

$$F_{k+2} = F_{k+1} + F_k = F_{k-1} + F_k + F_k \geq 2F_k \geq 2 * 2^{0.5k} = 2^{0.5(k+2)}$$

Proved.

b. When  $n = 0$ ,

$$F_0 = 0 \leq 2^{c \cdot 0} (c \in \mathbb{R})$$

When  $n = 1$ ,

$$F_1 = 1 \leq 2^{c \cdot 1} (c \geq 0)$$

When  $n = k (k \geq 2)$ , assume there is a constant  $c$ , which

$$F_k \leq 2^{ck}$$

When  $n = k + 1 (k \geq 2)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} F_{k+1} &= F_k + F_{k-1} \\ &= 2F_{k-1} + F_{k-2} \\ &\leq 3F_{k-1} \\ &\leq 3 * 2^{c(k-1)} \\ &= 2^{c(k-1) + \log_2 3} \\ &= 2^{c(k-1) + \frac{\log_2 3}{c}} \end{aligned}$$

So when

$$-1 + \frac{\log_2 3}{c} \leq 1$$

$$c \geq \frac{\log_2 3}{2}$$

Finally, when

$$\frac{\log_2 3}{2} \leq c < 1$$

the induction will work, which means  $F_n = 0 \leq 2^{cn}$ .

- c. Assume there is a constant  $m > 0$ , which makes  $F_n = \Omega(2^{cn})$ .  
When  $n = 0$ ,

$$F_0 = 0 \geq m * 2^{c*0}$$

When  $n = 1$ ,

$$F_1 = 1 \geq m * 2^{c*1}$$

When  $n = k (k \geq 2)$ , assume there is a constant  $c$ , which

$$F_k \geq m * 2^{ck}$$

and

$$F_{k+1} \geq m * 2^{c(k+1)}$$

When  $n = k + 2 (k \geq 2)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} F_{k+2} &= F_{k+1} + F_k \\ &\geq m * 2^{c(k+1)} + m * 2^{ck} \\ &= m * 2^{ck} * (2^c + 1) \end{aligned}$$

So set

$$2^{ck} * (2^c + 1) = 2^{c(k+2)}$$

$$2^c + 1 = 2^{2c}$$

$$(2^c)^2 - 2^c - 1 = 0$$

$$2^c = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

So finally, the largest  $c$  can be found is

$$c = \log_2 \frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{2}$$

the induction will work, which means  $F_n = 0 \leq 2^{cn}$