

Algorithms lecture - 1Homework

Q1) Prove that $\sqrt{(n+1)^3} = \Omega(n\sqrt{n})$. Hint $\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a}\sqrt{b}$, for any nonnegative real numbers a and b .

A1) According to formal definition of Big-Omega, $\sqrt{(n+1)^3} = \Omega(n\sqrt{n})$ if and only if there exists positive constants c and n_0 such that $\sqrt{(n+1)^3} \geq c \cdot n\sqrt{n}$ for all $n \geq n_0$.

$$\text{So, } \sqrt{(n+1)^3} \geq c \cdot n\sqrt{n}$$

$$((n+1)^3)^{1/2} \geq n(n)^{1/2}$$

$$(n+1)^{3/2} \geq n^{3/2}$$

$$\left(n\left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)^{3/2} \geq n^{3/2}$$

$$n^{3/2} \left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)^{3/2} \geq n^{3/2} \Rightarrow \left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)^{3/2} \geq 1$$

If n increases, $n^{3/2} \left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)^{3/2}$ automatically increases. If we choose $c = \frac{1}{2}$,

$$(n+1)^{3/2} \geq \frac{1}{2} (n^{3/2})$$

Therefore, there exist $c = \frac{1}{2}$, such that $n \geq n_0$, such that

$$\sqrt{(n+1)^3} \geq c \cdot n\sqrt{n} \text{ for all } n \geq n_0.$$

Therefore,

$$\sqrt{(n+1)^3} = \Omega(n\sqrt{n}) \Rightarrow \sqrt{(n+1)^3} = (n+1)^{3/2} \geq \frac{1}{2} n\sqrt{n}$$

Q2) Prove that if $f_1(n) = O(g_1(n))$ and $f_2(n) = O(g_2(n))$, then $f_1(n) f_2(n) = O(g_1(n) g_2(n))$.

A2) By formal definition of Big-Oh,

$f_1(n) = O(g_1(n))$, there exist positive constants C_1 and n_1 , such that $n \geq n_1$ — ① $f_1(n) \leq C_1(g_1(n))$

$f_2(n) = O(g_2(n))$, there exist positive constants C_2 and n_2 , such that $n \geq n_2$ — ② $f_2(n) \leq C_2(g_2(n))$.

Multiply ① and ②,

$$f_1(n) f_2(n) \leq C_1(g_1(n)) C_2(g_2(n))$$

let $C_1 \times C_2 = C$, then

$$f_1(n) f_2(n) \leq C(g_1(n) g_2(n)) \text{ — ③}$$

Eq ③ becomes formal definition of Big Oh,

let $f(n) = f_1(n) f_2(n)$, $g_n = g_1(n) \times g_2(n)$.

There exist positive constants C and n_0 for $\max(n_1 \text{ and } n_2)$ such that $n \geq n_0$.

$$f_1(n) f_2(n) \leq C(g_1(n) g_2(n)).$$

$$f_1(n) f_2(n) = O(g_1(n) g_2(n))$$

Hence proved.

Q3) Prove that if $f(n) = O(g(n))$ and $g(n) = O(h(n))$, then $f(n) = O(h(n))$.

A3) By formal definition of Big-Oh, $f(n) = O(g(n))$ ^①, there exist positive constant C_1 and n_1 , such that for $n \geq n_1$,

Similarly, $g(n) = O(h(n))$. ^②

From ① and ②,

$$f(n) \leq C_1(g(n))$$

$$g(n) \leq C_2(h(n)).$$

Substitute $g(n)$ into $f(n)$, it becomes

$$f(n) \leq (C_1 C_2) \cdot h(n)$$

let $C = C_1 C_2$,

$$f(n) \leq C(h(n))$$

By definition of Big-Oh,

$$f(n) = O(h(n)).$$

There exist constant C and $n_0 = \max(n_1, n_2)$, such that $n \geq n_0$.