

1 Prove Or Disprove

a)

$O(2^n) = O(4^n)$: **False**

First, we'll check for $2^n = O(4^n)$

$$\therefore 2^n \leq c_1 \cdot 4^n$$

$$\implies c_1 = 1$$

$$\therefore 2^n \in O(4^n)$$

Now, we'll check for $4^n = O(2^n)$

$$\therefore 4^n \leq c_2 \cdot 2^n$$

$$\therefore 2^n \leq c_2 \cdot 1$$

Which is not possible because c is a constant, we cannot find exact value for c .

$$\therefore 4^n \notin O(2^n)$$

$$\therefore O(2^n) \neq O(4^n)$$

b)

$O(\log(2^n)) = O(\log(4^n))$: **True**

First, we'll check for $\log(2^n) = O(\log(4^n))$

$$\therefore \log(2^n) \leq c_1 \cdot \log(4^n)$$

$$\therefore n \log 2 \leq 2n \cdot c_1 \cdot \log 2$$

$$\implies c_1 = 1$$

$$\therefore \log(2^n) \in O(\log(4^n))$$

Now, we'll check for $\log(4^n) = O(\log(2^n))$

$$\therefore \log(4^n) \leq c_2 \cdot \log(2^n)$$

$$\therefore \log(2^{2n}) \leq c_2 \cdot \log(2^n)$$

$$\therefore 2n \leq c_2 \cdot n$$

$$\implies c_2 = 2$$

$$\therefore \log(4^n) \in O(\log(2^n))$$

$$\therefore O(\log(2^n)) = O(\log(4^n))$$

c)

$O(n!) = O((n+1)!)$: **False**

First, we'll check for $n! = O((n+1)!)$

$$\therefore n! \leq c_1 \cdot (n+1)!$$

Which will always be true for $c_1 = 1$

$$\therefore n! \in O((n+1)!)$$

Now, we'll check for $(n+1)! = O(n!)$

$$\therefore (n+1)! \leq c \cdot n!$$

$$\therefore (n+1) \cdot n! \leq c \cdot n!$$

$$\therefore (n+1) \leq c \cdot 1$$

Which is not possible because c is a constant, we cannot find exact value for c .

In $(n+1)!$ there are $(n+1) \cdot n!$ operations. So it's $n+1$ operation more than $n!$.

Means $(n+1)! \notin O(n!)$

$$\therefore O(n!) \neq O((n+1)!)$$

2 Solve the following problems from the textbook :

Exe : 3.1-1

According to the definition of θ notation,

$$0 \leq c_1 \cdot (f(n) + g(n)) \leq \max(f(n), g(n)) \leq c_2 \cdot (f(n) + g(n)) \quad (1)$$

By solving all inequalities, we can prove our problem.

Let,

$$f(n) \leq \max(f(n), g(n))$$

$$g(n) \leq \max(f(n), g(n))$$

$$\therefore (f(n) + g(n))/2 \leq \max(f(n), g(n)) \quad (2)$$

Thus,

$$c_1 \cdot (f(n), g(n)) \leq \max(f(n), g(n)) \quad (3)$$

using equations (2) and (3), $c_1 = 1/2$.

It is always true that,

$$\max(f(n), g(n)) \leq (f(n) + g(n)) \quad (4)$$

$$\max(f(n), g(n)) \leq c_2 \cdot (f(n) + g(n)) \quad (5)$$

Using equations (4) and (5), $c_2 = 1$.

From above derivations, We get,

$$0 \leq 1/2 \cdot (f(n) + g(n)) \leq \max(f(n), g(n)) \leq 1 \cdot (f(n) + g(n))$$

hence proved,

$$\max(f(n), g(n)) = \Theta(f(n) + g(n))$$

Exe : 3.1-2

As given,

$$0 \leq c_1 \cdot n^b \leq (n+a)^b \leq c_2 \cdot n^b, \forall n \geq n_0.$$

For $c_1 \cdot n^b \leq (n+a)^b$

Let, $c_1 = 1$

$$\therefore n^b \leq (n+a)^b, \forall n \geq 1$$

Now, for $(n+a)^b \leq c_2 \cdot n^b$

$$n^b \cdot (1 + \frac{a}{n})^b \leq (1+a)^b \cdot n^b, \forall n \geq 1$$

\therefore Real constants,

$$c_1 = 1, c_2 = (1+a)^b, \forall n \geq 1.$$

Exe : 3.2-4

According to Cormen book, function $f(n)$ is polynomially bounded if $f(n) = O(n^k)$ for some constant k .

For, $\lceil \lg n \rceil!$

By taking proof of contradiction, let's assume that our function is polynomially bounded, where exists constant c, k and n_0 .

$$\begin{aligned}f(n) &= O(n^k) \\ \therefore f(n) &\leq c \cdot n^k \\ \lceil \lg n \rceil! &\leq c \cdot n^k\end{aligned}$$

By taking $n = 2^b$,

$$\begin{aligned}\lceil \lg 2^b \rceil! &\leq c \cdot (2^{k \cdot b}) \\ \therefore b! &\leq c \cdot (2^{k \cdot b})\end{aligned}$$

Above equation will never true.

Since, factorial function is not exponentially bounded, and we cannot find such c that makes our condition true.

$\therefore \lceil \lg n \rceil!$ is not polynomially bounded.

For, $\lceil \lg \lg n \rceil!$

Again taking proof of contradiction,

Assume $n = 2^{2^k}$,

$$\begin{aligned}\lceil \lg \lg 2^{2^k} \rceil! &\leq c \cdot (2^{2^k}) \\ \therefore k! &\leq c \cdot 2^{2^k}\end{aligned}$$

To prove above equation, let's take log both side,

$\therefore \log(k!) \leq 2^k$, because $\log_2 2 = 1$.

Now let's consider below inequalities to prove above equation to be true.

$$\log(k!) < \log(k^k) < k \log k < 2^k$$

Which is true $\forall k \geq 1$, and $c = 1$.

$\therefore \lceil \lg \lg n \rceil!$ is polynomially bounded.

Exe : 3.4

a)

Answer : False

$$f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n) \tag{6}$$

$$g(n) = O(f(n)) \tag{7}$$

$\exists c$ such that (6) holds true.

Now if $g(n) = O(f(n)) \implies g(n) = c \cdot (f(n))$

To make this condition to be true, there is not exist any c to make both equation true together.

\therefore Let's prove by example,

$2^n = O(3^n)$ but $3^n \neq O(2^n)$

b)

Answer : False

Let's prove by contradiction. Considering given conjecture to be true.

$$\therefore c_1 \cdot \min(f(n) + g(n)) \leq (f(n) + g(n)) \leq c_2 \cdot \min(f(n) + g(n))$$

For, $(f(n) + g(n)) \leq c_2 \cdot \min(f(n) + g(n))$

Above conjecture cannot be true for $f(n) = n^3$ and $g(n) = n$.

$$n^3 + n \leq c_2 \cdot \min(n^3, n) = c_2 \cdot n$$

Which will never turns into true.

c)

Answer : True

$f(n) = O(g(n))$, $\exists c, n_0$ such that

$f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$ and $n \geq n_0$. ($f(n) \geq 1$) is given.

Taking log both side,

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

$$\log(f(n)) \leq \log c + \log(g(n)) \quad (8)$$

As given $f(n) \geq 1$ and $\lg(g(n)) \geq 1$. Both preserve after taking log also.

So, we need to find k such that, Using (8) where,

$$k \log(g(n)) \geq \log c + \log(g(n))$$

Since $\log(g(n)) \geq 1$

$$\therefore k \geq \log c + 1$$

So, $f(n) \geq k \log(g(n))$ will always true.

d)

Answer : False Let's assume $f(n) = 2n$ and $g(n) = n$

For above scenario $f(n) = O(g(n))$ is true.

Now, Let's check for

$$2^{f(n)} = O(2^{g(n)})$$

$$2^{f(n)} \leq c \cdot 2^{g(n)}, \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$2^{2n} \leq c \cdot 2^n$$

$$4^n \leq c \cdot 2^n$$

$$2^n \leq c, \forall n \geq n_0$$

Which cannot be possible since c is constant.

\therefore This conjecture is False.

e)

Answer : False.

Let,

$$\begin{aligned}f(n) &= \frac{1}{n} \\ \therefore \frac{1}{n} &\leq c \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} \\ 1 &\leq c \cdot \frac{1}{n}\end{aligned}$$

We have to find $n \geq n_0$ and c such that these inequalities always hold. Since c is constant and n is variable, we cannot find threshold point, such that this condition always hold. So it's false.

f)

Answer : True

For,

$$\begin{aligned}f(n) &= O(g(n)) \\ f(n) &\leq c \cdot g(n) \\ \therefore g(n) &\geq \frac{f(n)}{c}\end{aligned}\tag{9}$$

For,

$$\begin{aligned}g(n) &= \Omega(f(n)) \\ g(n) &\geq c \cdot f(n)\end{aligned}\tag{10}$$

By comparing both equations (9) and (10)
 $g(n)$ is always bigger. So this conjecture is true.

g)

Answer: False

By taking proof of contradiction, let's assume that given conjecture is true.

$$\therefore 0 \leq c_1 \cdot f\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 \cdot f\left(\frac{n}{2}\right), \exists c_1, c_2 \text{ and } n \geq n_0$$

Let's take $f(n) = 2^{2n}$. (Same as 3.4 d)

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore c_1 \cdot 2^{\frac{2n}{2}} &\leq 2^{2n} \leq c_2 \cdot 2^{\frac{2n}{2}} \\ c_1 \cdot 2^{\frac{2n}{2}} &\leq 4^n \leq c_2 \cdot 2^n\end{aligned}$$

Now, $4^n \leq c_2 \cdot 2^n$ will never holds true for any c_2 and $n \geq n_0$. Therefore, given conjecture is false.

Exe : 4.5-1**a)**

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + 1$$

$$\implies a = 2, b = 4, f(n) = 1, n^{\log_b a} = n^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{n}$$

Since,

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon}) \\ &= O(n^{\log_4 2 - \frac{1}{2}}) \text{ for } \epsilon = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

We can apply master theorem case-1.

To conclude the solution, $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

$$T(n) = \Theta(\sqrt{n})$$

b)

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + \sqrt{n}.$$

$$n = 2, b = 4, f(n) = n^{\frac{1}{2}}, n^{\log_4 2} = n^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Case-2 of master theorem will apply since,

$$f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \Theta(n^{\frac{1}{2}})$$

Thus, the solution to the recurrence is,

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n) = \Theta(\sqrt{n} \lg n)$$

c)

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + n.$$

$$n = 2, b = 4, f(n) = n, n^{\log_4 2} = n^{\frac{1}{2}} = O(\sqrt{n})$$

Since $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_4 2 + \epsilon})$ Where $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}$ Case-3 Applies, Sufficiently large n and $c < 1$ we'll check regularity condition.

$$af\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) = 2\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) = \frac{n}{2} \leq c \cdot f(n)$$

As $f(n) = n$, We can take $c = \frac{1}{2}$ which is less than 1.

So, by case-3 the solution to the recurrence is,

$$T(n) = \Theta(f(n)) = \Theta(n)$$

d)

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + n^2.$$

$$n = 2, b = 4, f(n) = n^2, n^{\log_4 2} = n^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Since $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_4 2 + \epsilon})$ Where $\epsilon = \frac{3}{2}$ Case-3 Applies, Sufficiently large n and $c < 1$ we'll check regularity condition.

$$af\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) = 2\left(\frac{n}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{n^2}{8} \leq c \cdot f(n)$$

As $f(n) = n^2$, We can take $c = \frac{1}{8}$ which is less than 1.

So, by case-3 the solution to the recurrence is,

$$T(n) = \Theta(f(n)) = \Theta(n^2)$$

Exe : 4.5-5Let's take $a = 1, b = 5, f(n) = 5n$ So, $n^{\log_5 1} = 0$.Since $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon}), \epsilon = 1$

Case-3 Applies, Sufficiently large n and $c < 1$ we'll check regularity condition.

$$af\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) = 1\left(\frac{5n}{5}\right) = n \leq c \cdot f(n)$$

As $f(n) = 5n$, We will have $c = 1$ which is **not fulfilling** regularity condition which is $c < 1$.

Problem : 4.1

a)

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n^4$$

Using masters theorem,

$$a = 2, b = 2, f(n) = n^4, n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 2} = n$$

$$\text{Since, } f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_2 2 + \epsilon}), \epsilon = 3$$

Case-3 applies, Let's prove regularity condition for $f(n)$, for sufficient large value of n and $c < 1$.

$$af\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) = 2\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^4 = \frac{n^4}{8} \leq c \cdot f(n)$$

As $f(n) = n^4$, We can take $c = \frac{1}{8}$ which is less than 1.

So, by case-3 the solution to the recurrence is,

$$T(n) = \Theta(f(n)) = \Theta(n^4)$$

b)

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{7n}{10}\right) + n$$

Using masters theorem,

$$a = 1, b = \frac{10}{7}, f(n) = n, n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_{\frac{10}{7}} 1} = 1$$

$$\text{Since, } f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_{\frac{10}{7}} 1 + \epsilon}), \epsilon = 1$$

Case-3 applies, Let's prove regularity condition for $f(n)$, for sufficient large value of n and $c < 1$.

$$af\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) = 1 \cdot \left(\frac{7n}{10}\right) = \frac{7}{10}n \leq c \cdot f(n)$$

As $f(n) = n$, We can take $c = \frac{7}{10}$ which is less than 1.

So, by case-3 the solution to the recurrence is,

$$T(n) = \Theta(f(n)) = \Theta(n)$$

c)

$$T(n) = 16T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + n^2$$

Using masters theorem,

$$a = 16, b = 4, f(n) = n^2, n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_4 16} = n^2$$

Case-2 applies, Since,

$$f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_4 16}) = \Theta(n^2) \text{ Thus, By case-2 the solution to the recurrence is,}$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n) = \Theta(n^2 \lg n)$$

d)

$$T(n) = 7T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + n^2$$

By master theorem,

$$a = 7, b = 3, f(n) = n^2, n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_3 7} \approx n^{1.77}$$

$$\text{Since, } f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_3 7 + \epsilon}), \epsilon \approx 0.23$$

Case-3 applies, Let's prove regularity condition for $f(n)$, for sufficient large value of n and $c < 1$.

$$af\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) = 7 \cdot \left(\frac{n}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{7}{9}n^2 \leq c \cdot f(n)$$

As $f(n) = n^2$, We can take $c = \frac{7}{9}$ which is less than 1.
So, by case-3 the solution to the recurrence is,

$$T(n) = \Theta(f(n)) = \Theta(n^2)$$

e)

$$T(n) = 7T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n^2$$

By master theorem,

$$a = 7, b = 2, f(n) = n^2, n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 7} \approx n^{2.8}$$

Since, $f(n) = O(n^{\log_2 7 - \epsilon})$, $\epsilon \approx 0.8$

We can apply case-1,

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \Theta(n^{\lg 7})$$

f)

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + \sqrt{n}$$

By master theorem,

$$a = 2, b = 4, f(n) = \sqrt{n}, n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_4 2} = n^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

case-2 applies, Since,

$f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \Theta(n^{\frac{1}{2}})$ Thus, solution to the recurrence is,

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n) = \Theta(\sqrt{n} \lg n)$$

g)

$$T(n) = T(n-2) + n^2$$

By applying counting method here, At 0th step, the recurrence result is $\implies n^2$.

Therefore,

Step Result

$$0^{\text{th}} \implies n^2$$

$$1^{\text{st}} \implies (n-2)^2$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \implies (n-4)^2$$

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$k^{\text{th}} \implies (n-2(k))^2 = 0$ Because, recurrence will over at that step. So the recurrence value should be 0 at k^{th} step.

Therefore, by solving above equation we will get $k = \frac{n}{2}$. So, the solution of the recurrence is,

$$T(n) = n^2 + n^2 + n^2 + \dots + (k^{\text{th}} \text{ time}) n^2 = \left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \text{ times } n^2$$

Since $k = \frac{n}{2}$.

$$T(n) = \Theta\left(\frac{n}{2} \cdot n^2\right)$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^3)$$

Problem : 4.3

a)

$$T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + n \lg n$$

By master theorem,

$$a = 4, b = 3, f(n) = n \lg n, n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_3 4} \approx n^{1.26}$$

$$\text{Since, } f(n) = O(n^{\log_3 4 - \epsilon}), \epsilon \approx 0.26$$

We can apply case-1,

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \Theta(n^{\log_3 4})$$

b)

$$T(n) = 3T(n/3) + \frac{n}{\lg n}$$

By applying master theorem,

$$a = 3, b = 3, f(n) = n/\lg n, n^{\log_b a} = n$$

$$\text{Let's say } f(n) = n/\lg n = O(n)$$

\therefore case-1 applies,

Since $f(n) = n/\lg n$ is asymptotically less than $n^{\log_b a} = n$, So that $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a} + \epsilon)$ will always true for some positive value of ϵ , $\epsilon > 0$

\therefore According to case-1 ,

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = n$$

c)

$$T(n) = 4T(n/4) + n^2 \cdot \sqrt{n}$$

$$\therefore a = 4, b = 2, f(n) = n^{5/2}, n^{\log_b a} = n^2$$

case-3 of master theorem applies, $T(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon}), \epsilon = 0.5$

Case-3 applies, Let's prove regularity condition for $f(n)$, for sufficient large value of n and $c < 1$.

$$af(\frac{n}{b}) = 4 \cdot (\frac{n}{2})^{\frac{5}{2}} = \frac{4}{2^{5/2}} \cdot n^{5/2} \leq c \cdot f(n)$$

As $f(n) = n^{5/2}$, We can take $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ which is less than 1.

So, by case-3 the solution to the recurrence is,

$$T(n) = \Theta(f(n)) = \Theta(n^2 \cdot \sqrt{n})$$

d)

$$T(n) = 3T(\frac{n}{3} - 2) + \frac{n}{2}$$

This recurrence is not in desired form of,

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

\therefore Master theorem cannot apply.

e)

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n/\lg n \text{ By applying master theorem,}$$

$$a = 2, b = 2, f(n) = n/\lg n, n^{\log_b a} = n$$

Let's say $f(n) = n/\lg n = O(n)$ (Same as problem 4.3 b)

\therefore case-1 applies,

Since $f(n) = n/\lg n$ is asymptotically less than $n^{\log_b a} = n$, So that $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a} + \epsilon)$ will always true for some positive value of ϵ , $\epsilon > 0$

\therefore According to case-1 ,

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = n$$

f)

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + T(n/4) + T(n/8) + n$$

This recurrence is not in desired form of,

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

∴ Master theorem cannot apply.

g)

$T(n) = T(n-1) + 1/n$ By applying counting method here, At 0th step, the recurrence result is $\Rightarrow 1/n$.

Therefore,

Step Result

0th $\Rightarrow 1/n$

1st $\Rightarrow 1/(n-1)$

2nd $\Rightarrow 1/(n-2)$

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$k^{\text{th}} \Rightarrow 1/(n-k)$ The value of $n-k = 1$ because, denominator cannot be 0. So the recurrence value should be 1 at k^{th} step.

∴ By solving above equation we will get $n = k - 1$.

$$\therefore T(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \frac{1}{k} = \lg n$$

$$\therefore T(n) = \Theta(\lg n)$$

h)

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

Our recurrence not in the form of

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

But we can try another method like counting..

At 0th step our recurrence value will be $\lg n$.

Therefore,

Step Result

1th $\Rightarrow \lg n$

2st $\Rightarrow \lg(n-1)$

3nd $\Rightarrow \lg(n-2)$

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$k^{\text{th}} \Rightarrow \lg(n-k-1)$

∴ $n = k + 1$

So the solution to the recurrence is,

$$T(n) = (\lg n + \lg(n-1) + \dots + \lg(n-k-1)) = \sum_{k=1}^n \lg k = n \lg n$$

$$\therefore T(n) = \Theta(n \cdot \lg n)$$

i)

$T(n) = T(n-2) + \frac{1}{\lg n}$ Our recurrence not in the form of

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

But we can try another method like counting..

Therefore,

Step Result

0th $\implies (n-0)$

1st $\implies (n-2)$

2nd $\implies (n-4)$

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$(k)^{\text{th}} \implies (n-2k) = 0 \implies k = \frac{n}{2}$, So

$$T(n) = \frac{n}{2} \text{ times } \frac{1}{\lg n}$$

$$\therefore T(n) = \Theta\left(\frac{n}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\lg n}\right) = \Theta\left(\frac{n}{\lg n}\right)$$

j)

$$T(n) = \sqrt{n}T(\sqrt{n}) + n$$

This recurrence should be in the form of,

$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$ where $a \geq 1, b > 1$ are constant And $f(n)$ is a function.

In given recurrence $a = \sqrt{n}$ is not a constant.

\therefore Master theorem cannot apply.