

Algorithm Design and Analysis (CS3383)

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Recall 1:

- $(U^n(x))' = nU^{n-1}(x)U'(x)$
- $\left(\frac{U(x)}{V(x)}\right)' = \left(\frac{U'(x)V(x) - V'(x)U(x)}{V^2(x)}\right)$
- $(\log_a U(x))' = \left(\frac{U'(x)}{U(x)\ln(a)}\right)$

Example from Page 13-Lecture 1) Prove that $\sqrt{n} = \omega(\log_2 n)$, for $(n_0 = 1 + \frac{1}{c})$.

Proof: Referring to the definition of ω , we should prove that

$$\forall c > 0, \exists n_0 > 0 \text{ s.t. } c \log_2 n < \sqrt{n}, \forall n \geq n_0, \quad (1)$$

where $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$.

Since the n_0 is given, we only need to show that the given n_0 satisfies (1). Equivalently, it is enough to show that (2) holds.

$$\forall c > 0, \quad c \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right) < \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)} \quad (2)$$

Recall 2. One way to show that $f(x) < g(x)$ for all x in some range \mathcal{R} is to prove that $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ is an increasing function for all x in \mathcal{R} .

Recall 3 One way to show that a function $h(x)$ is always increasing for all x in a range \mathcal{R} is enough to prove that $h'(x) > 0$ for all x in \mathcal{R} .

To show that (2) holds, from **Recall 2** and **Recall 3**, it is enough to show that

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{c}}}{c \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)}\right)' > 0, \forall c > 0. \quad (3)$$

Using the formulas in **Recall 1**, we compute the derivative in the Equation (3).

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{c}}}{c \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)}\right)' &= \left(\frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\log_2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)^c}\right)' = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{-1}{c^2}\right)}{\frac{c \left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)^{c-1} \left(\frac{-1}{c^2}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)^c \ln 2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{c \left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)^{c-1}}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)^c \ln 2}} \\ &= \frac{Ln2}{2c} \left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)^{c - \frac{1}{2} - c + 1} = \frac{Ln2}{2c} \left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Since $c > 0$ and $Ln2 \approx 0.693$, it is obvious that

$$\frac{Ln2}{2c} \left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} > 0. \quad (4)$$

Equation (4) is enough to terminate the proof.