

EECS 340: Assignment 2

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Problem 1

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

Since it is known that $f(n) \geq 0$, $g(n) \geq 0$, and $c > 0$; we must have:

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &\leq f(n) + g(n) \\ g(n) &\leq f(n) + g(n) \\ \Rightarrow \max(f(n), g(n)) &\in O(f(n) + g(n)) \quad \text{for } \begin{cases} c = 1 \\ \forall n_0 \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Since it is also known that $f(n) + g(n) \leq 2 \cdot \max(f(n), g(n))$, we may therefore infer:

$$\max(f(n), g(n)) \in \Omega(f(n) + g(n)) \quad \text{for } \begin{cases} c = \frac{1}{2} \\ \forall n_0 \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Since both the O - and Ω -notation are established, we may therefore conclude:

$$\max(f(n), g(n)) \in \Theta(f(n) + g(n)) \quad (3)$$

(b1) $f(n) + d = O(f(n))$.

For the seek of disambiguation, we rewrite the questioned equation as $f(n) + d = O(f(n))$ by d replacing c for $d > 0$.

According to the definition of O -notation, we have:

$$f(n) = O(f(n))$$

$$\exists c, n_0 > 0 \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq f(n) \leq cf(n) \quad \text{for } n \geq n_0 \quad (4)$$

$$\exists n' > 0 \text{ s.t. } f(n) \geq f(n') \quad \text{for } n, n' \geq n_0 \quad (5)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq f(n) + d \leq cf(n) + d \quad \text{for } n \geq n_0 \quad (6)$$

Due to Equation 5, we may rewrite Equation 6 as:

$$0 \leq f(n) + d \leq (c + \frac{d}{f(n)})f(n) \quad (7)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq f(n) + d \leq c'f(n) \quad \text{for } \begin{cases} c' = c + \frac{d}{f(n')} \\ n, n' \geq n_0 \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

Based Equation 8, we may conclude $f(n) + d = O(f(n))$ via direct proof.

(b2) If $f(n) \geq 1$, then $f(n) + c = O(f(n))$.

Please refer to proof at **b1** as it provides a broader proof base on $f(n)$ regardless $f(n) \geq 1$ or not.

(c1) If $f(n) = O(g(n))$, $\log(f(n)) \geq 0$ and $\log(g(n)) \geq 0$, then $\log(f(n)) = O(\log(g(n)))$.

According to the definition of O -notation, we must have:

$$\exists c, n_0 > 0 \text{ s.t. } f(n) \leq cg(n) \quad \text{for } n \geq n_0 \quad (9)$$

Since it is given that $\log(f(n)), \log(g(n)) \geq 0$, thus we must have:

$$\begin{aligned} \log(f(n)) &\leq \log(cg(n)) \quad \text{for } n \geq n_0 \\ \Rightarrow \log(f(n)) &\leq \log c + \log(g(n)) \quad \text{for } n \geq n_0 \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

As c, n_0 are constants, there must be a constant c' s.t.

Case 1 Assume $\log(g(n_0)) \neq 0$:

$$c' \geq \frac{\log c}{\log(g(n_0))} + 1 \quad (11)$$

$$\Rightarrow (c' - 1) \log(g(n)) \geq (c' - 1) \log(g(n_0)) \geq \log c \quad \text{for } n \geq n_0 \quad (12)$$

$$\exists c, n_0 > 0 \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\log(f(n)) \leq \log c + \log(g(n)) \leq (c' - 1) \log(g(n)) + \log(g(n)) \quad \text{for } n \geq n_0 \quad (13)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(f(n)) \leq c' \log(g(n)) \quad (14)$$

Thus we may conclude $\log(f(n)) = O(\log(g(n)))$ for this case.

Case 2 Assume $\log(g(n_0)) = 0$:

Since $\log(g(n_0)) = 0$, we shall infer that $g(n_0) = 1$. We may arbitrarily pick some constants c, c' where:

$$\begin{aligned} \log c &\leq 0 \\ \log c &\leq (c' - 1) \cdot 0 \\ \log c &\leq (c' - 1) \cdot \log(g(n_0)) \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Since $n \geq n_0$ by definition, and known that $g(n) \geq 1$ due to $\log(g(n)) \geq 0$; therefore there must be $g(n) \geq g(n_0)$. Putting this into the context of *Equation 10*, we may have:

$$\begin{aligned} \log(f(n)) &\leq \log c + \log(g(n)) \quad \text{for } n \geq n_0 \\ \Rightarrow \log(f(n)) &\leq (c' - 1) \cdot \log(g(n_0)) + \log(g(n)) \\ \Rightarrow \log(f(n)) &\leq (c' - 1) \cdot \log(g(n)) + \log(g(n)) \\ \Rightarrow \log(f(n)) &\leq c' \log(g(n)) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Thus we may conclude $\log(f(n)) = O(\log(g(n)))$ for this case.

Since both cases reach to the conclusion of $\log(f(n)) = O(\log(g(n)))$, we have proven the statement to be valid.

(c2) If $f(n) = O(g(n))$, $\log(f(n)) \geq 0$ and $\log(g(n)) \geq 1$, then $\log(f(n)) = O(\log(g(n)))$.

According to the definition of O -notation, we must have:

$$\exists c, n_0 > 0 \text{ s.t. } f(n) \leq cg(n) \quad \text{for } n \geq n_0 \quad (17)$$

Since it is given that $\log(f(n)) \geq 0$, $\log(g(n)) \geq 1$, thus we must have:

$$\begin{aligned} \log(f(n)) &\leq \log(c(g(n))) \quad \text{for } n \geq n_0 \\ \Rightarrow \log(f(n)) &\leq \log c + \log(g(n)) \quad \text{for } n \geq n_0 \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

As c, n_0 are constants, there must be a constant c' s.t.

$$c' \geq \frac{\log c}{\log(g(n_0))} + 1 \tag{19}$$

$$\Rightarrow (c' - 1) \log(g(n)) \geq (c' - 1) \log(g(n_0)) \geq \log c \quad \text{for } n \geq n_0 \tag{20}$$

$$\exists c, n_0 > 0 \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\log(f(n)) \leq \log c + \log(g(n)) \leq (c' - 1) \log(g(n)) + \log(g(n)) \quad \text{for } n \geq n_0 \tag{21}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(f(n)) \leq c' \log(g(n)) \tag{22}$$

Thus we may conclude $\log(f(n)) = O(\log(g(n)))$, the statement is therefore proven to be valid.

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