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Problem 1: $O()$ notation

In this problem, you can always assume that $f, g, h : N_{>0} \rightarrow R_{>0}$. That is, the functions always take strictly positive real values.

(a) If $f \in o(g)$ and $g \in o(h)$, then $f \in o(h)$. by definition, $f \in o(g) \implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \right) = 0$
and $g \in o(h) \implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{g(n)}{h(n)} \right) = 0$.

we known that, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, g(n) > 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{f(n)}{h(n)} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \frac{g(n)}{h(n)} \right) = 0 * 0 = 0$

Hence by definition, $f \in o(h)$

(b) If $\exp(f) \in O(\exp(g))$, then $f \in O(g)$.

by definition, if $\exp(f) \in O(\exp(g))$, $\implies \exists C > 0, n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq n_0, \exp(f) < C \exp(g)$

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(f) &\leq C \exp(g) \\ \implies \log(\exp(f)) &\leq \log(C \exp(g)) \\ \implies f &< \log(C) + g \end{aligned}$$

let's take case by case:

- if $C \in [0, 1]$, $\log(C) < 0$ and $f < \log(C) + g < g$
Hence, $f \in O(g)$
- $C > 1$, we can always find K such as $f < \log(C) + g < Kg$
Hence, $f \in O(g)$

In conclusion, The statement is true

(c) If $g(n) \in o(f(n))$, then $f(n)g(n) = O(f(n))$. this statement is false let's prove by the counterexample.

if $f(n) = n^2$ and $g(n) = n$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(n)}{f(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^2} = 0 \implies g \in o(f)$ and the other hand

$f(n)g(n) = n^3 \notin O(n^2)$, Hence are found the counterexample such as the statement is not true

That mean that the statement is not always true

(d) There exist f and g such that $f \in o(g)$ and $g \in o(f)$. prove that is statement is false by Contradiction, let's suppose that, $f \in o(g)$ by definition, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 0$ and

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(n)}{f(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{f(n)}{g(n)}} = \infty \implies g \notin o(f)$ this is a contradiction because when $f \in o(g)$ $g \notin o(f)$

(e) There exist f and g such that $f \notin O(g)$ and $g \notin O(f)$.

this statement is true because we found a one case that statement is true.

let's $f(n) = 1$ and $g(n) = |nsin(n)|$ we want to prove that $f \notin O(g)$ and $g \notin O(f)$

let's prove this by contradiction,

let's suppose that $f \in O(g)$ and $g \in O(f)$, by definition:

- let's assume that $f \in O(g) \implies \exists C > 0, n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq n_0, f(n) \leq Cg(n) \implies 1 \leq C|nsin(n)|$

we know that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \leq |nsin(n)| \leq n$

that for any given C, we can always find value of $n \geq n_0$ such as $|nsin(n)| < \frac{1}{n}$ because $\implies f > Cg(n)$ this contradicts our assumption, Hence $f \notin O(g)$

- let's assume that $g \in O(f) \implies \exists C > 0, n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, g(n) \leq Cf(n) \implies |nsin(n)| \leq C$

we know that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \leq |nsin(n)| \leq n$

that for any given C, we can always find value of $n \geq n_0$ such as $|nsin(n)| > c \implies g(n) > cf(n)$ this contradicts our assumptions, Hence $f \notin O(g)$

The statement is true because we take a one example that the statement is true and prove by contradiction

(f) $\log(n!) = O(n^2)$

we want to prove that $\exists C > 0, n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq n_0, \log(n!) \leq Cn^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n! &\leq n^n \\ \implies \log(n!) &\leq n \log(n) \leq n^2 \end{aligned}$$

just take $n_0 = 1$ and $c = 1$, that means the statement is true

Problem 2: A recurrence

Let $T : N_{>0} \rightarrow N_{>0}$ and $C > 0$. Assume that T satisfies the following recurrence relation for every $n > 2$:

$$T(n) \leq 2T\left(\left[\frac{n}{3}\right]\right) + Cn$$

Use induction and write a careful proof that $T(n) \in O(n)$.

- base case $n=3$:

$$T(3) \leq 2T[1] + C3 \leq 2T(1) + C3 \leq 3T(1) + C3 \leq 3(T(1) + C)$$

based on the expression bellow,

$$\forall n \geq 3, \text{ if we take } k = (T(1) + c) \text{ we have } T(3) \leq 3(T(1) + C) \text{ that means } T(3) \in O(3)$$

Hence, the base case is true

- Induction step: let's suppose that $\forall n > 3, T(n) \in O(n)$ and let's prove that $T(n+1) \in O(n+1)$

$$\text{we want to prove that } \exists C > 0, n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, T(n+1) \leq C(n+1)$$

we know that:

$$T(n+1) \leq 2T\left[\frac{n+1}{3}\right] + C(n+1) \leq 2T\left[\left(\frac{n}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\right)\right] + C(n+1) \quad (1)$$

and we know that $\forall n > 3, \left[\left(\frac{n}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\right)\right] < n$ that mean by the hypothesis of induction $T\left[\left(\frac{n}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\right)\right] \in O\left[\left(\frac{n}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\right)\right]$

and $O\left[\left(\frac{n}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\right)\right] \in O(n) \in O(n+1)$ by the theorem of transitivity of big O $T\left[\left(\frac{n}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\right)\right] \in O(n+1)$

$$\forall n > 3, T\left[\left(\frac{n}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\right)\right] \in O(n+1)$$

$$\implies \exists K > 0, n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq n_0, \quad T\left[\left(\frac{n}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\right)\right] \leq K(n+1)$$

(1) become,

$$\begin{aligned} T(n+1) &\leq 2k(n+1) + C(n+1) \\ &\leq 3k(n+1) + C(n+1) \\ &\leq (n+1)(3k+C) \quad \leq K'(n+1) \quad \text{Where } K' = 3K + C \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\forall n > 3 \exists K' = 3k + C > 0, n_0 = n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq n_0, \quad T(n+1) \leq K'(n+1)$ by the definition of Big O , $T(n+1) \in O(n+1)$

Hence, the induction step is also true,

- Conclusion,

The base case is true and the induction step is also true, by induction $T(n) \in O(n)$