

3.1 (16) Algorithm to find the smallest integer in a finite sequence of numbers.

procedure smallest (a_1, \dots, a_n : integers)

min := a_1

for $i := 2$ to n

if $a_i < \text{min}$ then $\text{min} := a_i$

return min

3.1 (42) Selection-Sort in pseudocode

procedure selection (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)

for $i := 1$ to $n-1$

min-index := i // place where remaining minimum element is found

for $j := i+1$ to n

if $a_j < a_{\text{min-index}}$ then $\text{min-index} := j$

exchange $a_{\text{min-index}}$ and a_i

{ the list is now sorted }

Growth Functions

3.2 (10) Show that x^3 is $O(x^4)$ but that x^4 is NOT $O(x^3)$.

• x^3 is $O(x^4)$ because:

$$x^3 \leq x^4 \quad \text{whenever} \quad x \geq 1$$

take as witnesses $C=1, K=1$

recall definition

$$\begin{array}{l} f(x) \leq C g(x) \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ x^3 \leq 1 \cdot x^4 \end{array}$$

• x^4 is not $O(x^3)$ because:

Suppose it is true that

$$x^4 \leq C x^3 \quad \text{for some witnesses } C, K$$

But then it follows that (since x is assumed positive)

$$x \leq C \quad // \text{ divide both sides by } x^3$$

But this can not hold since C is a constant and x grows without bound ($\because x > K$).

This contradiction completes proof. \square

3.2 (12) Show that $x \log x$ is $O(x^2)$ but that x^2 is not $O(x \log x)$

- $x \log x$ is $O(x^2)$ because:

$$x \cdot \log x \leq x \cdot x \quad \text{for all positive } x$$

take $C=1, K=0$ as witnesses

(Aside: The fact that $\log x < x$ can be seen by looking at the graphs of the two functions, for example. Or it can be proved formally, by induction: It follows from the fact that $x < 2^x$, and that $\log x$ is a monotonically increasing function in x .)

- x^2 is not $O(x \log x)$ because:

Suppose it is true that

$$x^2 \leq C \cdot x \log x \quad \text{for some } C, K \text{ whenever } x > K$$

Or, equivalently, that

$$\frac{x}{\log x} \leq C$$

But this can not hold because $\frac{x}{\log x}$ is unbounded:

This can be seen by noting, for example, that

$$\log x < \sqrt{x} \quad \text{for } x > 16$$

// look at graphs or
// by calculus

And therefore

$$\frac{x}{\log x} > \frac{x}{\sqrt{x}} = \sqrt{x}, \text{ and } \sqrt{x} \text{ is clearly unbounded:}$$