Algorithm Analysis and Design

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First of all, we guess two functions for g(n) and h(n). They can be g(n) = sin(x) and h(x) = 0. Now we prove that none of them is member of big-O(another). For the first case as an example, If we can not find any constant like c > 0 and any $n_0 > 1$ that for every $n \ge n_0$, $g(n) \le c.h(n)$, our proof will be done.

We know that sin(x) function is a periodic function. Sometimes It has positive amounts and sometimes negative amounts.

Assume that $g(n) \in O(h(n))$; so there is a c > 0 and $n_0 > 1$ such that for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n \ge n_0$:

$$g(n) \le c.h(n)$$

As we see, there is no actual c and n_0 that c.h(n) bounds g(n) from up because c.h(n) amounts is always zero; So that because of periodic positive and negative amounts of g(n), c.h(n) can not bounds g(n) from top (h(n) exactly goes through the g(n) with every $c \ge 0$).

Now we focus on $h(n) \in O(g(n))$. h(n) is a linear function with 0 gradient. Assume that $h(n) \in O(g(n))$; so there is a c > 0 and $n_0 > 1$ such that for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n \ge n_0$:

Because g(n) is periodic function with both negative and positive amounts, we can not declare a c and n_0 in which c.g(n) bounds h(n) from top. Some parts of g(n) are below of h(n) and some other parts are above the h(n).

So both of question's statement is wrong with above proofs.