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Analysis formal proof

Proof that n! is $\Omega(2^n)$. Recall that $n! = \prod_{i=1}^n i$ and $2^n = \prod_{i=1}^n 2$

Theorem:

n! is $\Omega(2^n)$.

Proof:

By definition of Big Ω notation, f(x) is $\Omega(g(x))$ if and only if there exist a positive real number A and a nonnegative real number a such that:

$$A|g(x)| \le |f(x)|$$
 for all real numbers $x > a$.

Set x as an integer, $x \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Set the f(x) = n! and $g(x) = 2^n$.

By definition of n!, $n! = \prod_{i=1}^{n}$, we have the following:

$$f(x) = n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot n \tag{1}$$

Also, by the definition of 2^n , we have:

$$g(x) = 2^n = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 2 \quad (n \text{ of } 2s)$$
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When x = 3, we have |f(3)|, |g(3)| equal the following:

$$|f(3)| = 3! = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 6 \tag{3}$$

$$|g(3)| = 2^3 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 8 \tag{4}$$

Which we have f(3) < g(3).

When x > 3, we plug x = 4 into f(x), g(x).

$$|f(4)| = 4! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 = 24 \tag{5}$$

$$|g(4)| = 2^4 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 16 \tag{6}$$

Which we have f(4) > g(4).

Set integer $i \in \mathbb{Z}, i > 3$. We substituting i into our f(x), g(x), we have the following:

$$|f(i)| = i! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot i$$

= 1 \cdot (2+0) \cdot (2+1) \cdot (2+2) \cdot (2+3) \cdot \dots \cdot (2+(i-2))

$$|g(x)| = 2^i = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 2 \qquad i \text{ of } 2s$$

In both f(i), g(i), we have i terms. In f(i), all of the terms are positive, and except the first two terms, all of the terms are greater than 2. Therefore the product of all the terms in f(i) is greater

than the result of g(i). Therefore, |f(i)| > |g(x)| when $i \in \mathbb{Z}, i > 3$. Set integer $A \in \mathbb{Z}$, and A = 1. We multiply A with |g(x)|, we have:

$$A|g(x)| = 1 \cdot 2^x = 2^x$$

Therefore, $1|g(x)| \le |f(x)|$ for all real numbers x>3. Therefore, n! is $\Omega(2^n)$ when A=1 and a=3 QED