

Let $f(x) = x$ and $g(x) = x^{1 + \sin(\pi x)}$.

Observe: if x is even then $\sin(\pi x) = 1$

and so $g(x) = x^2$;

if x is odd then $\sin(\pi x) = -1$

and so $g(x) = 1$.

(1) Suppose $f = O(g)$. So there are $c, x_0 > 0$ such that $f(x) \leq c \cdot g(x)$ for all $x > x_0$.

However, if x is an odd number larger than c and x_0 , then $f(x) = x > c = c \cdot 1 = c \cdot g(x)$, a contradiction! So f is not $O(g)$.

(2) Suppose $g = O(f)$. Then there are $c, x_0 > 0$ such that $g(x) \leq c \cdot f(x)$ for all $x > x_0$.

So for every even x greater than x_0 ,

$$x^2 = g(x) \leq c \cdot x$$

On the other hand, $x = O(x^2)$.

This in particular means that for the constant $\frac{1}{c}$ there exists $\tilde{x}_0 > 0$ such that

$$x < \frac{1}{c} x^2 \quad \text{for all } x > \tilde{x}_0.$$

But this contradicts the previous statement

for any even x larger than x_0 and \tilde{x}_0 !

So g is not $O(f)$.

$$f = \mathcal{O}(g) :$$

$$\text{def (1)} : \quad f = \mathcal{O}(g) \quad \& \quad g = \mathcal{O}(f)$$

$$\text{def (2)} : \quad \text{there are } c_1, c_2, x_0 > 0 \quad \text{such that} \\ c_1 g(x) \leq f(x) \leq c_2 g(x) \quad \text{for all } x > x_0.$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow (2) :$$

$$f = \mathcal{O}(g) : \quad \exists c', x_0' : \quad f(x) \leq c' g(x) \quad \forall x > x_0'$$

$$g = \mathcal{O}(f) : \quad \exists c'', x_0'' : \quad g(x) \leq c'' f(x) \quad \forall x > x_0''.$$

$$\text{Take } c_1 = \frac{1}{c''}, \quad c_2 = c' \quad \text{and} \quad x_0 = \max(x_0', x_0'').$$

$$\text{Then (2) holds.}$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow (1) : \quad \text{if (2) holds, then}$$

$$f(x) \leq c_2 g(x) \quad \forall x > x_0, \quad \text{so} \quad f = \mathcal{O}(g),$$

and

$$g(x) \leq \frac{1}{c_1} f(x) \quad \forall x > x_0, \quad \text{so} \quad g = \mathcal{O}(f).$$

Multiplicativity : if f, g, h are asymptotically positive,
then $f = O(g)$ implies $fh = O(gh)$.

Suppose $f = O(g)$. So there exist $c, x_0' > 0$
such that $f(x) \leq cg(x)$ for all $x > x_0'$.

Since h is asympt positive, there is $x_0'' > 0$
such that $h(x) > 0$ for all $x > x_0''$.

Let $x_0 = \max(x_0', x_0'')$. Then
for all $x > x_0$: $f(x)h(x) \leq cg(x)h(x)$.

Therefore $fh = O(gh)$.

Let $f(x) = 3^x \cdot x$ and $g(x) = 2^x(x^2 + 42)$.

Let us show that $g = o(f)$.

First, R2 says $x^2 + 42 = \mathcal{O}(x^2)$,
so R11 implies $2^x(x^2 + 42) = \mathcal{O}(2^x x^2)$.

R6: $x = o\left(\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x\right)$ (since $\frac{3}{2} > 1$)

R11: $2^x x^2 = 2^x x \cdot x = o\left(2^x x \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x\right)$
 $= o\left(3^x \cdot x\right)$

R10: (putting together): $2^x(x^2 + 42) = o(3^x \cdot x)$.

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \text{ is } \Theta(\log n).$$

Proof: it suffices to consider \log_2 .

Let $n > 1$. Then there is $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $2^m \leq n < 2^{m+1}$.

Since \log_2 is monotone: $m \leq \log_2 n < m+1$.

Denote $f(n) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$. f is also clearly monotone, so $f(2^m) \leq f(n) < f(2^{m+1})$.

$$f(2^m) = \sum_{k=1}^{2^m} \frac{1}{k} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \leq + \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \right) \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} \leq + \left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8} \right) \leq \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = 1$$

+ ...

$$\frac{1}{2} \leq + \left(\frac{1}{2^{m-1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^m} \right) \leq 1$$

\Rightarrow

$$1 + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2} \right)}_m \leq f(2^m) \leq 1 + \underbrace{1 + \dots + 1}_m$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{m}{2} \leq f(2^m) \leq f(n) < f(2^{m+1}) \leq 1 + m + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \log_2 n + \frac{1}{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} (\log_2 n - 1) \leq 1 + \frac{m}{2} \leq f(n)$$

and $f(n) \leq 2 + m \leq \log_2 n + 2$

$$\Rightarrow f(n) = \Theta(\log n)$$