

CS 344 Problem Set 1: Asymptotics

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1. If $f(n) = o(g(n))$ and $g(n) = o(h(n))$, we need to show that there exist the cost. C and n_0 such that

$$a) f(n) + g(n) \leq c * g(n) \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$b) f(n) + g(n) \leq c * h(n) \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

Since $f(n) = O(\log n)$ there exist the cost c_1 and n_1 such that

$$f(n) \leq c_1 * \log n$$

Similarly $g(n) = O(h(n))$ there exist the cost c_2 and n_2 such that

$$g(n) \leq c_2 * h(n)$$

Now, let's choose $n_0 \geq \max(n_1, n_2)$ and $C = C_1 + C_2$

$$f(n) + g(n) \leq C_1 * g(n) + C_2 * g(n)$$

$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

$$\text{and } g(n) = O(h(n))$$

$$= (C_1 + C_2) * g(n)$$

$$= C * g(n)$$

Therefore, we show that

$$f(n) + g(n) = O(g(n))$$

$$\text{Similarly } f(n) + g(n) = O(h(n))$$

P2. a) $f(n) = \theta(f(n-1))$

In this case $f(n) \neq \theta(f(n-1))$

as factorial grow very quickly and $f(n)$ is not of same as $f(n-1)$

b) Now, Let $f(n) = 2^n$

$f(n) = \theta(f(\frac{n}{2}))$ is true substitute $\frac{n}{2}$ into function we get $2^{\frac{n}{2}}$ which is $\sqrt{2^n}$. Since both belong to same expo. growth.

c) Now, let $f(n) = n^d$ for $d > 0$

$f(n) = \theta(f(\sqrt{n}))$ when we substitute in the function. we obtain $(\sqrt{n})^d = n^{d/2}$ not same as n^d

Therefore, $f(n) \neq \theta(f(\sqrt{n}))$

d) $f(n) = \log n$

$f(n) = \theta(f(\log n))$ is not true substitute $\log n$ into the function. we get $\log(\log n)$ is not same as $\log n$

P3. $\log n! = \Theta(n \log n)$ we need to show two inequalities:

a) $\log n! = O(n \log n)$

b) $\log n! = \Omega(n \log n)$

first prove upper bound (1) using Stirling approximation,

$$n! \leq (\sqrt{2\pi n}) \times \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$$

log on both sides $\log n! \leq \log(\sqrt{2\pi n}) + n \log\left(\frac{n}{e}\right)$

Since, both $\log(\sqrt{2\pi n})$ & $\log\left(\frac{n}{e}\right)$ are both sides.

$\log n! \leq \log(\sqrt{2\pi n}) + n \log\left(\frac{n}{e}\right)$ Since, both $\log(\sqrt{2\pi n})$ & $\log\left(\frac{n}{e}\right)$ are both log. fn they grow much slower than $n \log n$ therefore, $\log n! = O(n \log n)$

Now, prove lower bound (2)

using the fact that

$$n! \geq \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{n/2}$$

take log. on both sides

$$\log n! \geq \log\left(\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{n/2}\right)$$

$$\text{now, } \log n! \geq \frac{n}{2} * (\log n - \log 2)$$

$\frac{n}{2} \times \log n$ we know that $\frac{n}{2}$ is asymptotically smaller
than n and $\log n$ is non-decreasing for $n > 1$
now, $\frac{n}{2} \log n$ is also np .

smaller than $n \log n$

We can conclude that $\log n! = \Omega(n \log n)$

Combine two bounds

$$\log n! = O(n \log n)$$

P4.

To prove the asymptotic bounds for the function

$$f(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n b^i, \text{ where } b > 0, \text{ we'll consider three}$$

cases: $b < 1$, $b = 1$, and $b > 1$.

Case 1: $b < 1$

In this case, we can use the formula for the sum of a geometric progression to express $f(n)$ as follow:

$$f(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n b^i = b^1 + b^2 + b^3 + \dots + b^n$$

Using the formula for the sum of a geometric series,

$$\text{we have: } f(n) = \frac{b(1-b^n)}{1-b}$$

Since $b < 1$, the term b^n approaches 0 as n goes to infinity. Therefore, as n approaches infinity, $f(n)$

approaches $\frac{b}{1-b}$, which is a constant. So, for $b < 1$,

We can say $f(n) = \Theta(1)$.

Case 2: $b = 1$

In this case, the function $f(n)$ becomes:

$$f(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n 1 = 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 = n$$

Here, $f(n)$ is a linear function of n . Therefore, for $b = 1$,

we can say $f(n) = \Theta(n)$.

Case 3: $b > 1$

Similar to Case 1, we can express $f(n)$ using the formula for the sum of a geometric series:

$$f(n) = \frac{b(1-b^n)}{(1-b)}$$

As n approaches infinity, the term b^n grows exponentially. Therefore, $f(n)$ also grows exponentially as n goes to infinity.

To establish the upper and lower bounds, we can observe that all terms of the series are positive. Thus, we can compare $f(n)$ with term b^n to determine the bounds.

Lower bound:

Since all terms are positive, we can say that $f(n) \geq b^n$ for all n .

Therefore, $f(n) = \Omega(b^n)$.

Upper bound:

For any positive integer k , we have:

$$f(n) = \frac{b(1-b^n)}{(1-b)} \leq \frac{b(1-b^k)}{(1-b)}$$

As n approaches infinity, b^k approaches 0 (since $b \leq 1$). Therefore,

as n goes to infinity, $f(n)$ approaches $\frac{b}{(1-b)}$, which is

a constant.

so, for $b > 1$, we can say $f(n) = O(b^n)$.

Combining the lower and upper bounds, we conclude that for $b > 1$, $f(n) = \Theta(b^n)$.

P5.

$$a) 2^n = \Omega(4^{\sqrt{n}})$$

We need to show that there exist some the cost c and value n_0 , such that for all $n \geq n_0$.

Let simplify

$$(4)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2^{2 \times \frac{1}{2}} = 2^1 = 2$$

Now, compare 2^n and 2

$2^n = \Omega(2)$ is true 2^n grow exponentially as n increases.

$$b) n^{\log n} = O(2^n)$$

Let analyze n growth rate of two function.

(1) $n^{\log n}$ show exponential increase as n increases but not as 2^n grow exponentially as n

(2) 2^n grow faster as compare to $n^{\log n}$

Therefore, $n^{\log n}$ can't be bounded above any cost of 2^n

Hence, $n^{\log n} = O(2^n)$ is false.

c) $\log(\log n!) = \Theta(\log(\log n)!)$

Let's analyze growth rate of two functions.

(1) $\log(\log n!)$ it grows much slower as compared to $n!$ as log. fn decrease growth rate. Therefore $\log(\log n!)$ grows slower than $\log(\log n)!$

Since $\log(\log n!)$ grows slower than $\log(\log n)!$. It can't be bounded between any constant value of $\log(\log n!)$. Hence, $\log(\log n!) = O(\log(\log n!))$ is false

d) $n^{\log \log n} = O((\log n)^{\log n})$

Analyze growth rate:

(1) $n^{\log \log n}$ the exponent $\log(\log n)$ grows slower than $\log n$ itself so, $n^{\log(\log n)}$ grows slower than $(\log n)^{\log n}$. Since, $n^{\log \log n}$ grows slower than $(\log n)^{\log n}$, it can't be bounded constant multiples $\Theta((\log n)^{\log n})$. Hence, $n^{\log(\log n)} = \Theta((\log n)^{\log n})$ is false

e) $4^{\log n} = \Omega(2^{\sqrt{n}})$

Let's simplify $4^{\log n}$

$$4^{\log n} = 2^{2 \log n} = 2^{\log n^2} = n^2$$

on the other hand, $2^{\sqrt{n}}$ represent exponential growth as $n \uparrow$

but at slower rate as compared to n^2

Since n^2 grow faster as compared to $2^{\sqrt{n}}$, there exist

$c > 0$ such that $n \geq n_0$

therefore, $4^{\log n} = \Omega(2^{\sqrt{n}})$ is true

f) $n 2^n = O(3^n)$

Analyze growth rate

(1) Analyze growth rate as 2^n increases exponentially as n increases.

(2) 3^n exponentially increase at faster rate than 2^n as $n \uparrow$

such that there exist sum $c > 0$ such that

$n \geq n_0$ $n \times 2^n$ is bounded above 3^n

Hence, $n 2^n = O(3^n)$ is true.

g) $n^{0.1} = \Theta((\log n)^{10})$

Analyze growth rate

$n^{0.1}$ grow slower rate as compared to polynomial or exponential functions as $n \uparrow$

Since $(\log n)^{10}$ grow slower than n^0 , it can't be bounded by Θ . Multiple of $n^{0.1}$. Hence, $n^{0.1} = O((\log n)^{10})$ is false

h) $n! = O(2^n)$

$n!$ grow at n exponential rate as $n \uparrow$

Since as compared to $n!$, there exist $c > 0$ such that $\forall n \geq n_0$ Hence, $n! = O(2^n)$ is true

i) $n \log \log n = \Omega(n^{0.9} + n(\log n)^2)$

Analyze growth rate

(1) $n \times \log(\log n)$ grow sublinearly grow slower than poly. fn.

Since $n \times \log(\log n)$ grow slower than $n^{0.9} + n(\log n)^2$.

then doesn't exist, $c > 0$ such $\forall n \geq n_0$

Hence, $n \times \log(\log n) = \Omega(n^{0.9} + n(\log n)^2)$ is false

P6. Extra Credit

Let's analyze the sum

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$$

each term and less or equal $\frac{1}{n}$

We know that number of terms is n $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \leq n \times \frac{1}{n} \leq 1$

Now $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}$ is bounded above by const. value 1

now, choose $C=1$ and $n_0=1$

$$\forall n \geq n_0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} ; n \leq C + \log n$$

Hence, $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} = O(\log n)$ is true.

(b) Now, multiply each term of sum by min value of each term is $\frac{1}{n}$

$$\text{Now, we have } \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \cdot n \geq n \cdot \frac{1}{n} \geq 1$$

So, it bounded below cost value 1

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \cdot n \geq C \log n \quad C=1 ; n \geq n_0$$

$$\text{Hence, } \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} = \Omega(\log n)$$

(c) To conclude that $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} = \Theta(\log n)$ we need
to show that $\frac{1}{i}$ is both $O(\log n)$ and
 $\Omega(\log n)$ which we evidence.