

CSC165H1, Problem Set 3

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Question 1

- a) i. Proof by induction on n :

Define $P(n) : \sum_{k=1}^n k^3 = (\frac{n(n+1)}{2})^2$

Want to show: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$ is true.

Base case: Prove that $P(0)$ is true.

On the left hand side, $\sum_{k=1}^0 k^3 = 0$

On the right hand side, $(\frac{0(0+1)}{2})^2 = 0$

So $\sum_{k=1}^0 k^3 = (\frac{0(0+1)}{2})^2 = 0$, i.e., $P(0)$ is true.

Induction Hypothesis: Let $n = j \in \mathbb{N}$, and assume that $P(j)$ is true.

i.e., we assume that $\sum_{k=1}^j k^3 = (\frac{j(j+1)}{2})^2$

Now let $n = j + 1$. We want to show that $P(j + 1)$ is true.

i.e., want to show that $\sum_{k=1}^{j+1} k^3 = (\frac{(j+1)(j+2)}{2})^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{j+1} k^3 &= \sum_{k=1}^j k^3 + (j+1)^3 \\ &= (\frac{j(j+1)}{2})^2 + (j+1)^3 && \text{(by the induction hypothesis)} \\ &= \frac{j^2(j+1)^2}{4} + (j+1)^3 && \text{(by arithmetic)} \\ &= \frac{(j+1)^2}{4} (j^2 + 4(j+1)) && \text{(factor out } \frac{(j+1)^2}{4} \text{)} \\ &= \frac{(j+1)^2}{4} (j+2)^2 && \text{(since } j^2 + 4(j+1) = (j+2)^2 \text{)} \\ &= (\frac{(j+1)(j+2)}{2})^2 \end{aligned}$$

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- ii. Proof by induction on n :

Define $P(n) : \sum_{k=1}^n k! \cdot k = (n+1)! - 1$

Want to show: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$ is true.

Base case: Prove that $P(0)$ is true.

On the left hand side, $\sum_{k=1}^0 k! \cdot k = 0$, since $0 < 1$

On the right hand side, $(0 + 1)! - 1 = 1! - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$

So $\sum_{k=1}^0 k! \cdot k = (0 + 1)! - 1 = 0$, i.e., $P(0)$ is true.

Induction Hypothesis: Let $n = j \in \mathbb{N}$, and assume that $P(j)$ is true

i.e., we assume that $\sum_{k=1}^j k! \cdot k = (j + 1)! - 1$

Now let $n = j + 1$. We want to show that $P(j + 1)$ is true.

i.e., want to show that $\sum_{k=1}^{j+1} k! \cdot k = (j + 1 + 1)! - 1 = (j + 2)! - 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=1}^{j+1} k! \cdot k &= \sum_{k=1}^j k! \cdot k + (j + 1)! \cdot (j + 1) \\
 &= (j + 1)! - 1 + (j + 1)! \cdot (j + 1) && \text{(by the induction hypothesis)} \\
 &= (j + 1)!(1 + j + 1) - 1 && \text{(factor out } (j + 1)! \text{)} \\
 &= (j + 1)!(j + 2) - 1 \\
 &= (j + 2)! - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

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b) Proof by induction on n :

Define $P(n)$: n is expressible as a sum of 3's and/or 5's, i.e., $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{N}, n = 3a + 5b$

Want to show: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 10 \implies P(n)$

Base case: Prove that $P(10), P(11), P(12)$ are true

$P(10)$: Let $a = 0, b = 2, 10 = 5 + 5 = 3 \times 0 + 5 \times 2$, so $P(10)$ is true

$P(11)$: Let $a = 2, b = 1, 11 = 3 + 3 + 5 = 3 \times 2 + 5 \times 1$, so $P(11)$ is true

$P(12)$: Let $a = 4, b = 0, 12 = 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 3 \times 4 + 5 \times 0$, so $P(12)$ is true.

Induction Hypothesis: Let $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume $k \geq 10$ and that $P(k)$ is true. i.e.,

Assume that k is expressible as a sum of 3's and/or 5's, i.e., $\exists a_0, b_0 \in \mathbb{N}, k = 3a_0 + 5b_0$.

Let $n = k + 3$, we want to show that $P(k+3)$ is true

i.e., want to show that $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{N}, k + 3 = 3a + 5b$

Let $a = a_0 + 1, b = b_0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 k + 3 &= 3a_0 + 5b_0 + 3 && \text{(since } k = 3a_0 + 5b_0 \text{ by the induction hypothesis)} \\
 &= 3(a_0 + 1) + 5b_0 \\
 &= 3a + 5b && \text{(since } a = a_0 + 1, b = b_0 \text{)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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c) i. Want to show: $P(2)$ is true

i.e., want to show: $\forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}, x_1 x_2 \leq \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}\right)^2$

Let $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$.

Want to show $x_1x_2 \leq (\frac{x_1+x_2}{2})^2$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}\right)^2 &= \frac{(x_1+x_2)^2}{4} \\
&\geq \frac{(x_1+x_2)^2 - (x_1-x_2)^2}{4} \\
&\quad (\text{Since } (x_1-x_2)^2 \geq 0, (x_1+x_2)^2 \geq (x_1+x_2)^2 - (x_1-x_2)^2) \\
&= \frac{4x_1x_2}{4} \quad (\text{by arithmetic}) \\
&= x_1x_2
\end{aligned}$$

So, $x_1x_2 \leq (\frac{x_1+x_2}{2})^2$ ■

ii. **PART 1.** Prove for each $n \geq 2$, if $P(2)$ and $P(n)$ are true, then $P(2n)$ is also true.

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n \geq 2$.

Assume $P(2)$ and $P(n)$ are true.

Want to show $P(2n)$.

i.e. Want to show: $x_1 \cdots x_{2n} \leq (\frac{x_1+\cdots+x_{2n}}{2n})^{2n}$ where $x_1, \dots, x_{2n} \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$

$$\begin{aligned}
x_1 \cdots x_{2n} &= x_1 \cdots x_n x_{n+1} \cdots x_{2n} \\
&\leq \left(\frac{x_1 + \cdots + x_n}{n}\right)^n \left(\frac{x_{n+1} + \cdots + x_{2n}}{n}\right)^n \\
&\quad (\text{Since } P(n) \text{ is true by the assumption.}) \\
&\leq \left(\frac{\left(\frac{x_1+\cdots+x_n}{n}\right)^n + \left(\frac{x_{n+1}+\cdots+x_{2n}}{n}\right)^n}{2}\right)^2 \\
&\quad (\text{Since } P(2) \text{ is true by the assumption.}) \\
&= \left(\frac{\frac{(x_1+\cdots+x_n)^n}{n^n} + \frac{(x_{n+1}+\cdots+x_{2n})^n}{n^n}}{2}\right)^2 \\
&= \left(\frac{(x_1 + \cdots + x_n)^n + (x_{n+1} + \cdots + x_{2n})^n}{2n^n}\right)^2 \\
&\leq \left(\frac{(x_1 + \cdots + x_n + x_{n+1} + \cdots + x_{2n})^n}{2n^n}\right)^2 \\
&\quad (\text{Since } x_1, \dots, x_{2n} \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}) \\
&= \frac{(x_1 + \cdots + x_n + x_{n+1} + \cdots + x_{2n})^{2n}}{2n^{2n}} \quad (\text{By arithmetic}) \\
&= \left(\frac{x_1 + \cdots + x_{2n}}{2n}\right)^{2n}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $P(2n)$ is true. ■

PART 2. Prove that $P(2^m)$ is true for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$, where $m \geq 1$.

We'll prove this using an induction on m .

Base Case: Let $m = 1$.

Since $P(2^1) = P(2)$, we know that $P(2)$ is true from (i).

Inductive Step: Let $m = k \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume $k \geq 1$ and $P(2^k)$ is true.

Let $m = k + 1$. Want to show that $P(2^{k+1})$ is true.

$$P(2^{k+1}) = P(2^k 2^1)$$

By the assumption, $P(2^k)$ is true. Also, $2^k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $2^k \geq 2$ since $k \geq 1$.
 From PART 1, we know that $\forall n \geq 2$, if $P(2)$ and $P(n)$ are true, then $P(2n)$ is true.

Then, because $P(2^k)$ and $P(2)$ are true, $P(2^k 2^1) = P(2^{k+1})$ is also true. ■

iii. Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $k \geq 2$.

Assume $P(k)$ is true.

Want to show $P(k-1)$ is true.

i.e. Want to show: $\forall x_1, \dots, x_{k-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}, x_1 \cdots x_{k-1} \leq \left(\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_{k-1}}{k-1}\right)^{k-1}$

Let $x_1, \dots, x_{k-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$

$$x_1 \cdots x_k \leq \left(\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_k}{k}\right)^k \quad (\text{by the assumption})$$

Then, by multiplying $\frac{1}{k}$ to the power of both sides,

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1 \cdots x_k)^{\frac{1}{k}} &\leq \left(\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_k}{k}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_{k-1}}{k-1} (k-1) + x_k\right) \quad (\text{taking } \frac{x_k}{k} \text{ out}) \\ &= \frac{1}{k} \left((k-1) \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_{k-1}}{k-1} + x_k\right) \quad (\text{taking } \frac{1}{k} \text{ out}) \\ &= \frac{1}{k} ((k-1)x_k + x_k) \quad (\text{Since } x_k = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_{k-1}}{k-1}) \\ &= \frac{1}{k} ((k-1) + 1)x_k \quad (\text{by arithmetic}) \\ &= \frac{1}{k} (k \cdot x_k) \quad (\text{by arithmetic}) \\ &= x_k \quad (\text{by arithmetic}) \end{aligned}$$

Then, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1 \cdots x_k)^{\frac{1}{k}} &\leq x_k \\ (x_1 \cdots x_{k-1})^{\frac{1}{k}} (x_k)^{\frac{1}{k}} &\leq x_k \\ (x_1 \cdots x_{k-1})^{\frac{1}{k}} &\leq x_k^{\frac{k-1}{k}} \end{aligned}$$

Then, by multiplying k to the power of both sides, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1 \cdots x_{k-1}) &\leq (x_k)^{k-1} \\ &= \left(\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_{k-1}}{k-1}\right)^{k-1} \quad (\text{Since } x_k = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_{k-1}}{k-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $P(k-1)$ is true. ■

iv. Since we know that $P(n) \implies P(n-1)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ where $n \geq 2$, when $P(2)$ is true, $P(1)$ is true. This case covers when $n = 1$.

Now we want to know why $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ where $n > 1$.

We know that $P(2^m)$ is true for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$ where $m \geq 1$.

In other words, $P(n)$ is true for every power m of 2, where $n = 2^m$.

Because $P(n) \implies P(n-1)$, $P(n)$ is also true for the intervals that are between each power of 2 (i.e. the intervals that have not been covered by $P(2^m)$), recursively.

Then, $P(n)$ covers both the power of 2 and the intervals between them as well. i.e. $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ where $n \geq 1$.

Question 2

- a) i. Want to find x in $(EA)_{16} = (x)_8$:

$$\begin{aligned} (EA)_{16} &= A \times 16^0 + E \times 16^1 \\ &= 10 \times 16^0 + 14 \times 16^1 && \text{(since } A = 10, E = 14\text{)} \\ &= 10 + 14 \times 16 && \text{(by arithmetic)} \\ &= (234)_{10} && \text{(by arithmetic)} \end{aligned}$$

$$(234)_{10} = 3 \times 8^2 + 5 \times 8^1 + 2 \times 8^0$$

$$\text{So } (234)_{10} = (352)_8$$

$$\text{i.e., } (EA)_{16} = (352)_8$$

Therefore, $x = 352$.

- ii. Want to find x in $(755)_8 = (x)_2$:

$$\begin{aligned} (755)_8 &= 7 \times 8^2 + 5 \times 8^1 + 5 \times 8^0 \\ &= 7 \times 64 + 40 + 5 && \text{(by arithmetic)} \\ &= (493)_{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (493)_{10} &= 1 \times 2^8 + 1 \times 2^7 + 1 \times 2^6 + 1 \times 2^5 + 0 \times 2^4 + 1 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 \\ &= (111101101)_2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $x = 111101101$.

- iii. Want to find x in $(9009)_{10} = (x)_{16}$:

$$\begin{aligned} (9009)_{10} &= 2 \times 16^3 + 3 \times 16^2 + 3 \times 16^1 + 1 \times 16^0 \\ &= (2331)_{16} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $x = 2331$.

- b) Want to show: Every fraction p/q (where $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$, $q \neq 0$, and $\gcd(p, q) = 1$) has a base- b representation without repeating digits if and only if there exists an $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $q \mid b^m$.

Since it's bi-conditional, we will prove both sides.

PART 1. Let $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume that $q \neq 0$ and $\gcd(p, q) = 1$

Let $b \in \mathbb{N}$ and suppose $b \geq 2$

Assume that $\frac{p}{q}$ has a base- b representation without repeating digits, i.e.,

$$\frac{p}{q} = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a_i b^i + \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \frac{y_i}{b^i} \quad (\text{where } a_i, y_i \in \{0, \dots, b-1\}, \text{ from base } b)$$

We want to show that $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}, q \mid b^m$

Let $m \geq m_1$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p}{q}(b^m) &= b^m \left(\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a_i b^i + \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \frac{y_i}{b^i} \right) \\ &= b^m \left(\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a_i b^i \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \frac{y_i}{b^i} (b^m) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a_i b^{i+m} + \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} y_i b^{m-i} \end{aligned}$$

Since a_i, y_i, i are all integers, b and m are natural numbers.

Also, because $\forall i \in [0, k-1], i+m \geq 0$, b^{i+m} is an integer.

Since we let $m \geq m_1$,

$\forall i \in [1, m_1], m-i \geq 0$. So, b^{m-i} is an integer as well.

Therefore, we know that $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a_i b^{i+m} + \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} y_i b^{m-i}$ is an integer. This means that $\frac{p \cdot b^m}{q}$ is also an integer. Therefore, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} b^m p &= q \left(\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a_i b^{i+m} + \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} y_i b^{m-i} \right) \\ \implies q \mid b^m p &\quad (\text{Since } \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a_i b^{i+m} + \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} y_i b^{m-i} \in \mathbb{Z}) \end{aligned}$$

Since $\gcd(p, q) = 1$, $q \nmid p$,

$$\implies q \mid b^m$$

Therefore, q must divide b^m . ■

PART 2. Let $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$.

Assume $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}, b^m = qn$.

We want to show: $p \neq 0 \wedge \gcd(p, q) = 1 \implies \exists k, m_1 \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \exists a_{k-1}, \dots, a_0, y_1, \dots, y_{m_1} \in \{0, 1, \dots, b-1\}, \frac{p}{q} = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a_i b^i + \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \frac{y_i}{b^i}$

Assume $p \neq 0 \wedge \gcd(p, q) = 1$.
Let us start with the assumption.

$$\begin{aligned} b^m &= qn \\ pb^m &= pqn && \text{(multiply both sides by } p) \\ \frac{pb^m}{q} &= pn && \text{(divide both sides by } q) \end{aligned}$$

Because $b^m \in \mathbb{N}$, $q \in \mathbb{N}$, and $b^m = qn$, we know that $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Then, since $p \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we know that $pn \in \mathbb{N}$.

Then by the fact that every natural number has a base- b representation, pn has a base b representation: $pn = \sum_{i=0}^{k_0-1} c_i b^i$, where $c_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, b-1\}$. We let the max of i to be $k_0 - 1$. Here, k_0 is a natural number and is always greater than m because we can always just add 0s to the representation to make it a valid base b representation. Let $m_1 = m$ and $k = k_0 - m$. Finally, we have pn :

$$\begin{aligned} pn &= \sum_{i=0}^{k_0-1} c_i b^i && \text{(where } c_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, b-1\}) \\ \frac{pb^m}{q} &= \sum_{i=0}^{k_0-1} c_i b^i && \text{(Since } \frac{pb^m}{q} = pn) \\ \frac{p}{q} &= \frac{1}{b^m} \sum_{i=0}^{k_0-1} c_i b^i && \text{(divide both sides by } b^m \text{ to get } \frac{p}{q}) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{k_0-1} c_i b^{i-m} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} c_i b^{i-m} + \sum_{i=m}^{k_0-1} c_i b^{i-m} && \text{(Since } k_0 \text{ is always greater than } m) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} c_{m-(m-i)} b^{-(m-i)} + \sum_{i=m}^{k_0-1} c_i b^{i-m} \text{ (by manipulating the bounds and terms)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m c_{m-i} b^{-i} + \sum_{i=0}^{k_0-1-m} c_{m+i} b^i && \text{(by manipulating the bounds and terms)} \end{aligned}$$

Then, we have:

$$\frac{p}{q} = \sum_{i=1}^m c_{m-i} b^{-i} + \sum_{i=0}^{k_0-m-1} c_{m+i} b^i$$

,where $c_{m-i}, c_{m+i} \in \{0, 1, \dots, b-1\}$, which is the same domain as where a_i and y_i in the "Want to show" statement belong to.

Then, finally, we have:

$$\frac{p}{q} = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a_i b^i + \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} y_i b^{-i} \quad (\text{Since } m = m_1 \text{ and } k_0 - m = k)$$

So, we conclude that $\frac{p}{q}$ has no repeating digits. ■

Question 3

- a) i. Translation of statement:

$$\forall \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^+, n \in \mathcal{O}(n^{1+\epsilon})$$

Expanding the definition of big-oh:

$$\forall \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^+, \exists c, n_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow n \leq c \cdot n^{1+\epsilon}$$

Proof: Let $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Let $c = 1$. Let $n_0 = 1$. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and assume $n \geq n_0$.

We will show $n \leq c \cdot n^{1+\epsilon}$ holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon &> 0 \\ 1 + \epsilon &> 1 \\ n^{1+\epsilon} &> n^1 && (\text{since } n \geq 1) \\ n &\leq 1 \cdot n^{1+\epsilon} \\ n &\leq c \cdot n^{1+\epsilon} && (\text{from } c = 1) \end{aligned}$$

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- ii. Expanded statement:

$$\exists c, n_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow \log_2 n \leq c \cdot n$$

Proof: Let $c = 1$. Let $n_0 = 1$. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume $n \geq n_0$.

We will show $\log_2 n \leq c \cdot n$ holds.

Fact 1 states that $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n \leq 2^n$, since the n we picked is ≥ 1 , by subbing in the n we picked into fact 1 directly, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} n &\leq 2^n && (\text{fact 1}) \\ \log_2 n &\leq \log_2 2^n && (\text{taking log base 2 of both sides, by fact 2}) \\ \log_2 n &\leq n && (\text{by log arithmetic}) \\ \log_2 n &\leq 1 \cdot n \\ \log_2 n &\leq c \cdot n && (\text{from } c = 1) \end{aligned}$$

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iii. Expanded statement:

$$\exists c, n_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow 2^n \leq c \cdot n!$$

Let $c = 1$. Let $n_0 = 4$.

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume $n \geq n_0$

Want to show: $2^n \leq c \cdot n!$

i.e., Want to show $2^n \leq n!$

Proof by induction: Define $P(n) : 2^n \leq n!$

Base case: $n = 4$

$$2^4 \leq 4!$$

$$16 \leq 24$$

(base case holds.)

Inductive Step: Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume $k \geq 4$ and that $P(k)$ holds. i.e., $2^k \leq k!$

We will show $P(k+1)$:

$P(k+1)$ means: $2^{k+1} \leq (k+1)!$

from the induction hypothesis:

$$2^k \leq k!$$

$$2 \cdot 2^k \leq 2 \cdot k!$$

$$2^{k+1} \leq (k+1) \cdot k! \quad (\text{from } k \geq 4 > 2)$$

$$(k+1)k! = (k+1)!$$

Therefore:

$$2^{k+1} \leq (k+1)!$$

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b) $f(n) \in \mathcal{O}(\log_2 n)$ means:

$$\exists c_1, n_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow f(n) \leq c_1 \cdot \log_2 n$$

$2^{f(n)} \in \mathcal{O}(n^c)$ means:

$$\exists c_2, n_1 \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_1 \Rightarrow 2^{f(n)} \leq c_2 \cdot n^c$$

Proof: Let $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$. Assume $f(n) \in \mathcal{O}(\log_2 n)$.

Let $c = c_1$. Let $c_2 = 1$. Let $n_1 = n_0$. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and assume $n \geq n_1$. We will show:

$$2^{f(n)} \leq c_2 \cdot n^c$$

Using fact 3 and $f(n) \in \mathcal{O}(\log_2 n)$:

$$2^{f(n)} \leq 2^{c_1 \cdot \log_2 n}$$

$$2^{c_1 \cdot \log_2 n} = (2^{\log_2 n})^{c_1} = n^{c_1}$$

Therefore:

$$2^{f(n)} \leq n^{c_1}$$

Since $c = c_1$:

$$2^{f(n)} \leq n^c$$

Since $c_2 = 1$:

$$2^{f(n)} \leq c_2 \cdot n^c$$

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c) Proof: Let $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$.

Assume:

$$\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow f(n) \leq 1$$

Want to show:

$$\exists c, n_1 \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_1 \Rightarrow e^{f(n)} - 1 \leq c \cdot f(n)$$

Let $c = e - 1$. Let $n_1 = n_0$ from the eventually dominated assumption. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume $n \geq n_1$ (therefore $n \geq n_0$). We will show $e^{f(n)} - 1 \leq c \cdot f(n)$

Using the series given, substitute $f(n)$ for x :

$$\begin{aligned} e^{f(n)} - 1 &= f(n) + \frac{f(n)^2}{2!} + \frac{f(n)^3}{3!} + \dots \\ &= f(n) \left(1 + \frac{f(n)}{2!} + \frac{f(n)^2}{3!} + \dots \right) \\ &\leq f(n) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots \right) \\ &\quad \text{(since } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow f(n) \leq 1 \text{ by the assumption)} \\ &= f(n) \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} - 1 \right) \\ &= f(n)(e - 1) \quad \text{(from the definition of Euler's number, } e = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \text{)} \\ &= f(n)(c) \end{aligned}$$

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