

1. If $f_1(n) = O(g_1(n))$ and $f_2(n) = O(g_2(n))$ then $f_1(n) + f_2(n) = O(\max\{g_1(n), g_2(n)\})$. Prove the assertions.

Q1 By definition, there exist constant c_1, n_1 such that for all $n \geq n_1$, $f_1(n) \leq c_1 \cdot g_1(n)$

similarly there exist constant c_2, n_2 such that for all $n \geq n_2$, $f_2(n) \leq c_2 \cdot g_2(n)$

Let $n_0 = \max\{n_1, n_2\}$ and $c = c_1 + c_2$ for all $n \geq n_0$

$$f_1(n) + f_2(n) \leq c_1 \cdot g_1(n) + c_2 \cdot g_2(n)$$

By definition of maximum

$$g_1(n) \leq \max\{g_1(n), g_2(n)\}$$

$$g_2(n) \leq \max\{g_1(n), g_2(n)\}$$

Thus

$$f_1(n) + f_2(n) \leq c_1 \cdot \max\{g_1(n), g_2(n)\} + c_2 \cdot \max\{g_1(n), g_2(n)\}$$

$$= (c_1 + c_2) \cdot \max\{g_1(n), g_2(n)\}$$

$$= c \cdot \max\{g_1(n), g_2(n)\}$$

$$f_1(n) + f_2(n) \leq c \cdot \max\{g_1(n), g_2(n)\}$$

$$\text{Hence } f_1(n) + f_2(n) = O(\max\{g_1(n), g_2(n)\})$$

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2. Find the time complexity of the recurrence equation.

Q1 Let us consider such that recurrence for merge sort

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$$

By using master theorem

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$