

more generally!

•  $\ln(n) = o(n^k)$  for  $k > 0, k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Proof  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^k} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/n}{k \cdot n^{k-1}}$

$$= \frac{1}{k} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^k} = 0$$

same for  $\log_b(n)$  instead of  $\ln(n)$ .

Also

$$o(\ln(n)^m) = o(n^k)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln(n))^m}{n^k} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(\ln(n))^{m-1} \cdot \frac{1}{n}}{k n^{k-1}}$$

$$= \frac{m}{k} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln(n))^{m-1}}{n^k}$$

∴ applications of L'Hop.

$$= \text{const} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^k}$$

Ex.  $f(n) = n^3, g(n) = n^4$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3}{n^4} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

$\therefore n^3 = o(n^4)$

Ex.  $f(n) = n^k (k \geq 0), g(n) = e^n$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^k}{e^n} = k \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{k-1}}{e^n}$$

↑ Same for  $b^n$

∴ [k] app. of L'Hop.  
= 0

Also

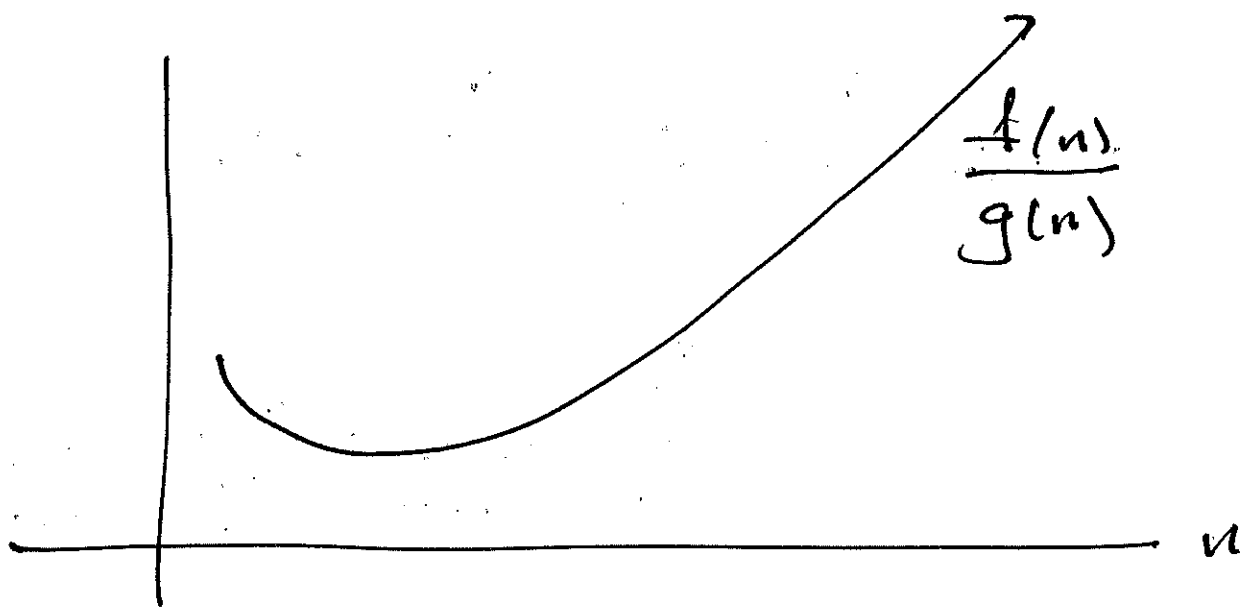
Ex.  $f(n) = a^n, g(n) = b^n, 1 < a < b$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^n}{b^n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a^n = o(b^n)$$

Defn

$$f(n) = o(g(n)) \text{ iff } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{f(n)}{g(n)}\right) = 0$$



Recall: limit of reciprocal is reciprocal of limit. Thus

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(n)}{f(n)} = \infty$$

Thus

$$f(n) = o(g(n)) \quad \text{iff} \quad g(n) = \omega(f(n)).$$

Analogy:

$f(n) = O(g(n))$	$\sim$	$x \leq y$
$f = \Omega(g)$	$\sim$	$x \geq y$
$f = \Theta(g)$	$\sim$	$x = y$
$f = o(g)$	$\sim$	$x < y$
$f = \omega(g)$	$\sim$	$x > y$

note

$f(n) = O(g(n))$  iff  $g(n) = \Omega(f(n))$

$\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \leq B$  iff  $\frac{g(n)}{f(n)} \geq \frac{1}{B}$

(for  $n \geq n_0$ )

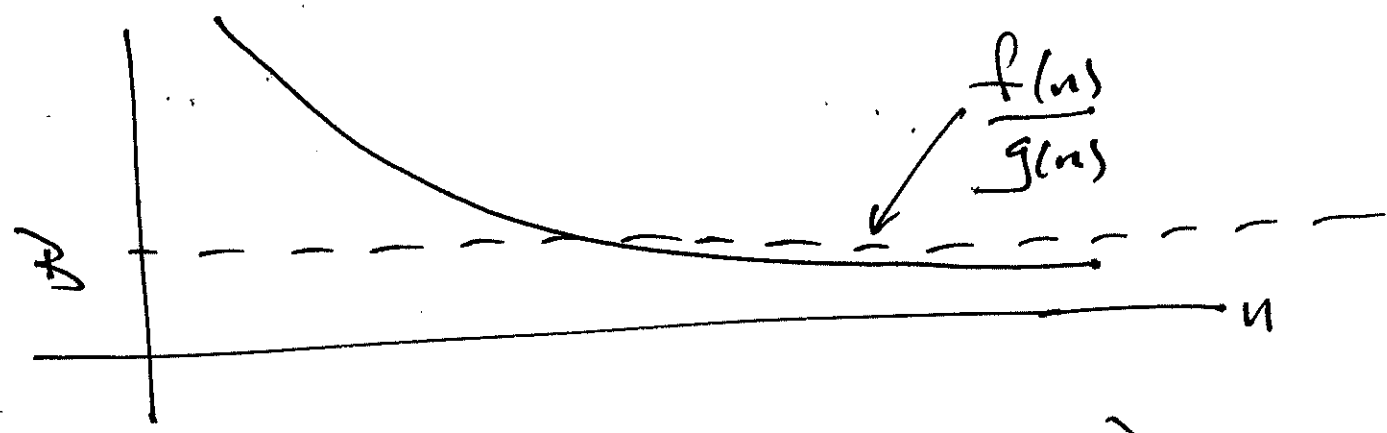
(for  $n \geq n_0$ )

note:

$$f(n) = o(g(n)) \not\Rightarrow f(n) = O(g(n))$$

Pf:

$$f = o(g) \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \right) = 0$$



Thus there is a const.  $B > 0$

$$\text{s.t. } \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \leq B \quad (\text{for } n \geq n_0, \text{ some } n_0)$$

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



also: transitivity

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

implies  $f(n) = O(h(n))$ .

Exercise.

See p. 8 of handout.

#3 | for any  $c > 0$

$$c \cdot f(n) = O(f(n))$$

$$c \cdot f(n) = \Omega(f(n))$$

$$c \cdot f(n) = \Theta(f(n))$$

$$f(n) = o(g(n)) \Rightarrow c \cdot f(n) = o(g(n))$$
  
$$\omega \quad \Rightarrow \quad \omega$$

#1]  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$n^\alpha = \begin{cases} o(n^\beta) & \text{if } \alpha < \beta \\ \Theta(n^\beta) & \alpha = \beta \\ \omega(n^\beta) & \alpha > \beta \end{cases}$$



why?

$$\frac{n^\alpha}{n^\beta} = n^{\alpha-\beta} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 & \alpha < \beta \\ 1 & \alpha = \beta \\ \infty & \alpha > \beta \end{cases}$$

#5] let  $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \right)$ , if it exists.

- a.)  $0 \leq L < \infty \Rightarrow f(n) = O(g(n))$
- b.)  $0 < L \leq \infty \Rightarrow f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$
- c.)  $0 < L < \infty \Rightarrow f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$
- d.)  $L = 0 \iff f(n) = o(g(n))$
- e.)  $L = \infty \iff f(n) = \omega(g(n))$

#4) if  $a > 1$ ,  $b > 1$ , then

$$\log_a(n) = \Theta(\log_b(n))$$

why? since

$$\log_a(n) = \frac{\ln(n)}{\ln(b)}$$

$$\therefore \underbrace{\ln(b)}_{\text{const.}} \cdot \log_a(n) = \ln(n)$$

more to come ...

Part 4

