

Defn

Let $g(n)$ be a function. Let

$$\Theta(g(n)) = O(g(n)) \cap \Omega(g(n)).$$

Equivalently:

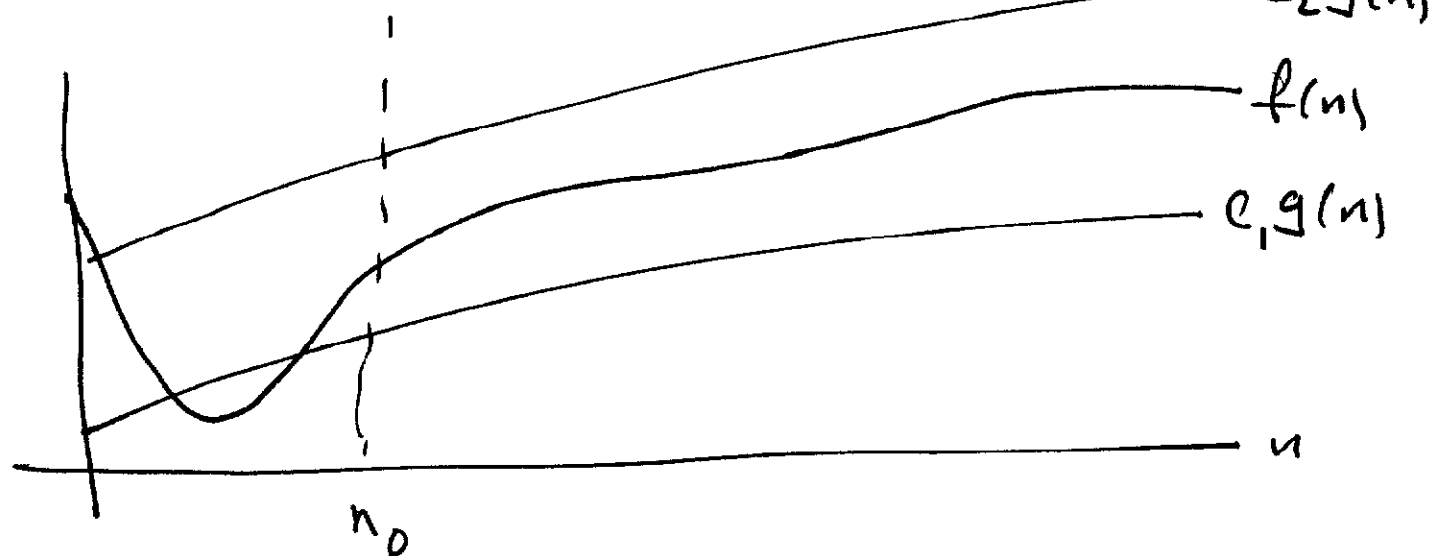
$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ iff $\exists c_1 > 0, \exists c_2 > 0, \exists n_0 > 0$

such that $\forall n \geq n_0$:

$$0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n).$$

we say: $g(n)$ is a tight asymptotic bound for $f(n)$.

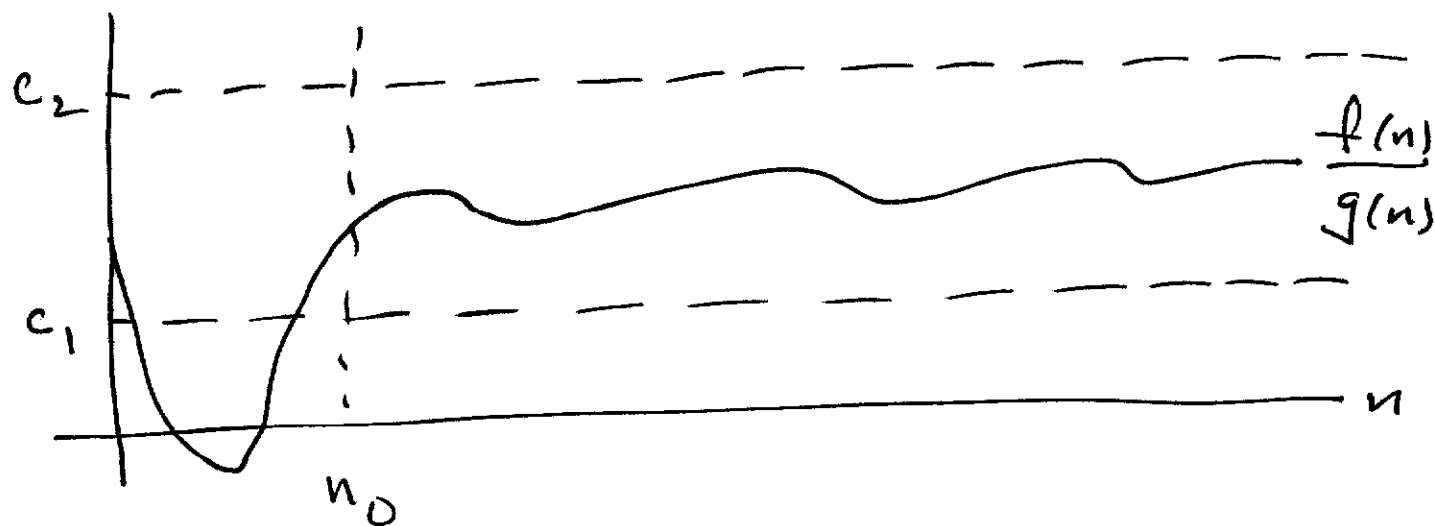
Picture:



If $g(n)$ is a.p., this is equiv. to

$$0 \leq c_1 \leq \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \leq c_2$$

Picture:



Exercise

Prove that $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ iff $g(n) = \Theta(f(n))$.

Exercise

let $g(n)$ be a fun., and let $c > 0$.

Prove that

$$(1) \quad c \cdot g(n) = O(g(n))$$

$$(2) \quad c \cdot g(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

$$(3) \quad c \cdot g(n) = \Theta(g(n))$$

Ex. show that $\sqrt{n+10} = \Theta(\sqrt{n})$.

must find pos. numbers c_1, c_2, n_0 s.t.

for all $n \geq n_0$:

$$0 \leq c_1 \sqrt{n} \leq \sqrt{n+10} \leq c_2 \sqrt{n}$$

Let $c_1 = 1$, $c_2 = \sqrt{2}$, $n_0 = 10$.

Then if $n \geq n_0$, we have

$$-10 \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 10 \leq n$$

$$\therefore -10 \leq (1-1)n \quad \text{and} \quad 10 \leq (2-1)n$$

$$\therefore -10 \leq (1-c_1^2)n \quad \text{and} \quad 10 \leq (c_2^2-1)n$$

$$\therefore c_1^2 n \leq n+10 \quad \text{and} \quad n+10 \leq c_2^2 n$$

$$\therefore 0 \leq c_1^2 n \leq n+10 \leq c_2^2 n$$

$$\therefore 0 \leq c_1 \sqrt{n} \leq \sqrt{n+10} \leq c_2 \sqrt{n},$$

as required.

note: check that $c_1 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$, $c_2 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$
and $n_0 = 20$ also work.

Theorem

If $h(n) = O(g(n))$ and if $f(n) \leq h(n)$
for all suff. large n , then

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

Proof.

we have

$$(1) \exists \text{ pos } c_1, n_1 \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_1,$$

$$0 \leq h(n) \leq c_1 g(n)$$

and

$$(2) \exists \text{ pos } n_2 \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_2$$

$$0 \leq f(n) \leq h(n)$$

↑

f is a.n.n.

we must show

$$(3) \exists \text{ pos. } c, n_0 \text{ st. } \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$0 \leq f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$$

Let $n_0 = \max(n_1, n_2)$, and $c = c_1$.

Then if $n \geq n_0$ we have $n \geq n_1$,
(so (1) is true) and $n \geq n_2$ (so
(2) is true), therefore

$$0 \leq f(n) \leq h(n) \leq c_1 g(n) = c \cdot g(n)$$

$$\therefore 0 \leq f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n),$$

showing that (3) is true.



Exercise:

- show that if $h(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ and
it $f(n) \geq h(n)$ for all suff. large n ,
then $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$.
- show that if $h_1(n) = \Omega(g(n))$,
 $h_2(n) = O(g(n))$, and if $h_1(n) \leq f(n) \leq h_2(n)$
for all suff. large n , then

$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$$

Ex. let $k \geq 0$ be fixed. Prove that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^k = \Theta(n^{k+1})$$

Proof.

observe

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^k \leq \sum_{i=1}^n n^k = n \cdot n^k = n^{k+1} = O(n^{k+1}).$$

also

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^k \geq \sum_{i=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^n i^k$$

$$\geq \sum_{i=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^n \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil^k$$

$$= (n - \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 1) \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil^k$$

$$= \left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + 1 \right) \cdot \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil^k \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{since} \\ n = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \end{array} \right.$$

$$> \left(\frac{n}{2} - 1 + 1\right) \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^k \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Since} \\ \lfloor x \rfloor \geq x - 1 \\ \lceil x \rceil \leq x + 1 \end{array} \right. \quad \boxed{9}$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^k$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k+1} \cdot n^{k+1} = \Omega(n^{k+1})$$

By the prev. exercise

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^k = \Theta(n^{k+1})$$



Remark: recall that

$$k=1: \sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \Theta(n^2)$$

$$k=2: \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} = \Theta(n^3)$$

$$k=3: \sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2 = \Theta(n^4)$$

⋮

Defn

let $g(n)$ be a function.

$$o(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \forall c > 0, \exists n_0 > 0, \forall n \geq n_0: 0 \leq f(n) < c \cdot g(n)\}$$

we say: $g(n)$ is a strict asymptotic upper bound for $f(n)$.

Recall:

$$O(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \exists c > 0, \exists n_0 > 0, \forall n \geq n_0: 0 \leq f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)\}$$

observe: $o(g(n)) \subseteq O(g(n))$.

Lemma

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

Proof.

observe $f(n) = o(g(n))$ iff

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_0 > 0, \forall n \geq n_0 \quad 0 \leq \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} < \epsilon.$$

This is the very definition of

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

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Ex. $\ln(n) = o(n)$ since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\ln(n)}{n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1/n}{1} \right) = 0.$$

↑
l'Hopital's rule.

Exercise Show for any $k_1, k_2, b > 0$ that

$$(\log_b(n))^{k_1} = o(n^{k_2})$$

Ex. let $k > 0$. $n^k = o(e^n)$ since

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

$$= \dots \dots \dots \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \uparrow k \text{ applications} \\ \text{of L'Hop.} \end{array} \right.$$

$$= 0$$

Exercise Show $n^k = o(b^n)$ for any $k > 0, b > 1$.

analog γ :

$$f(n) = O(g(n)) \sim a \leq b$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(g(n)) \sim a \geq b$$

$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n)) \sim a = b$$

$$f(n) = o(g(n)) \sim a < b$$

$$f(n) = \omega(g(n)) \sim a > b$$