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$$a_n = O(b_n)$$

$$\exists c > 0$$

$$0 < \frac{a_n}{b_n} \leq c$$

$$a_n = o(b_n)$$

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \exists N > 0 \quad \text{st}$$

$$0 < \frac{a_n}{b_n} < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq N$$



$\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ and $\{b_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ - two sequences (non-negative)

"Big O" $a_n = O(b_n)$

$O \equiv$ order

If $\exists c > 0$ such that $0 \leq a_n \leq c b_n \quad \forall n \geq 1$

if $b_n \neq 0$

$$\forall n \geq 1 \quad 0 \leq \frac{a_n}{b_n} \leq c$$

Sequence of Ratios is bounded

"little o" $a_n = o(b_n)$

$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists N \geq 1$ s.t. $0 \leq a_n \leq \varepsilon b_n \quad \forall n \geq N$

if $b_n \neq 0$

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists N \geq 1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad 0 \leq \frac{a_n}{b_n} \leq \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq N$$

$$\left(\frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \right)$$

Sequence of Ratios Converges to 0.

1. Let $a, b : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ be two sequences

- $a_n = O(b_n)$ if there exists $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ and $c > 0$ such that $a_n \leq cb_n$ for all $n \geq N_0$
- $a_n = o(b_n)$ if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists N_0 such that $a_n \leq \epsilon b_n$ for all $n \geq N_0$

2. Consider the following sets of sequences:

- (a) $a_n = n^3 + 5n^2 + 15$ and $b_n = n^3 + 7n + 8$
- (b) $a_n = n^3 + 5n^2 + 15$ and $b_n = n^3 + 700000n + 1000$
- (c) $a_n = n^3 + 5n^2 + 15$ and $b_n = 0.0005n^4 + 7n^2 + 8$
- (d) $a_n = n^3 + 5n^2 + 15$ and $b_n = 2^n$

i. The below R-code is available in Dropbox shared folder [BIGO.R](#).

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> #writing sequences as functions
> a <- function(n){ n^3+ 5*n^2+ 15}
> b1 <- function(n){n^3+ 7*n+ 8}
> b2 <- function(n){n^3+ 700000*n+ 1000}
> b3 <- function(n){0.0005*n^4+ 7*n^2+ 8}
> b4 <- function(n){2^n }
> # setting the number of steps
> n = seq(1, 100, by = 1)
> #calculating the ratio of sequences
> c1 <- a(n)/b1(n)
> c2 <- a(n)/b2(n)
> c3 <- a(n)/b3(n)
> c4 <- a(n)/b4(n)
> #setting chart in plot to four spaces
> par(mfrow= c(2,2))
> #plotting the sequences in one chart
> plot(c1~n, cex= 0.2, col= "#d55e00", xlab= "n", ylab= "a/b1", main = "(a)")
> plot(c2~n, cex= 0.2, col= "#cc79a7", xlab= "n", ylab= "a/b2", main = "(b)")
> plot(c3~n, cex= 0.2, col= "#0072b2", xlab= "n", ylab= "a/b3", main = "(c)")
> plot(c4~n, cex= 0.2, col= "#009e73", xlab= "n", ylab= "a/b4", main = "(d)")
>
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In R-studio cloud or elsewhere please run the above code to obtain the plots.

- ii. From the plots can you guess for each of (a), (b), (c), (d), if $a_n = O(b_n)$ or $a_n = o(b_n)$.
 - iii. Change the R and plot till $n = 5000$ for the sequences mentioned in (a), (b), (c), and (d).
 - iv. Decide (with proof) whether $a_n = O(b_n)$ or $a_n = o(b_n)$ for sequences in (a), (b), (c), (d).
3. For each of the following indicate whether $a_n = O(b_n)$, or $a_n = o(b_n)$

- (a) $a_n = n^3 + 5n^2 + 15$ and $b_n = n^3 + 7n + 8$
- (b) $a_n = nb^n$, for $b \in (0, 1)$ and $b_n = \frac{1}{n^4}$

In (i), (ii) (iii) - plotted $\frac{a_n}{b_n}$ and guessed

whether $a_n = O(b_n)$ or $a_n = o(b_n)$

$$\textcircled{a} \quad \begin{aligned} a_n &= n^3 + 5n^2 + 15 \\ b_n &= n^3 + 7n + 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$n \geq 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} a_n &\geq 21 & \Rightarrow & a_n \geq 0 \quad \forall n \geq 1 \\ b_n &\geq 16 & \Rightarrow & b_n > 0 \quad \forall n \geq 1 \end{aligned} \quad \textcircled{*}$$

Consider $\frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{n^3 + 5n^2 + 15}{n^3 + 7n + 8}$

- Divide numerator and denominator by n^3

$$\frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{1 + \frac{5}{n} + \frac{15}{n^3}}{1 + \frac{7}{n^2} + \frac{8}{n^3}} \quad \textcircled{+}$$

- lower bound:

$$\textcircled{*} \Rightarrow 0 \leq \frac{a_n}{b_n}$$

$\alpha \geq 0$ $a \leq b$ $\Rightarrow \alpha a \leq \alpha b$

- upper bound

$$\textcircled{+} \quad \begin{aligned} n \geq 1 &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \leq 1, \quad \frac{1}{n^2} \leq 1, \quad \frac{1}{n^3} \leq 1 \\ &\Rightarrow 1 + 5/n + 15/n^3 \leq 1 + 5(1) + 15(1) = 1 + 5 + 15 = 21 \end{aligned}$$

$c \in \mathbb{R}$ $a \leq b$ $\Rightarrow a + c \leq b + c$
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$$\frac{1}{n} \geq 0, \quad \frac{1}{n^2} \geq 0, \quad \frac{1}{n^3} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 7/n^2 + 8/n^3 \geq 1 + 0 + 0 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} x \geq 1 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + \frac{7}{n^2} + \frac{8}{n^3}} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{1 + \frac{5}{n} + \frac{15}{n^2}}{1 + \frac{7}{n^2} + \frac{8}{n^3}} \leq 21.1$$

(c) $a_n = n^3 + 5n^2 + 15$ Guess
 $a_n = o(b_n)$
 $b_n = 0.0005n^4 + 7n^2 + 8$

Let $\alpha = 0.0005 \Rightarrow b_n = \alpha n^4 + 7n^2 + 8$

$$\begin{aligned} n \geq 1 \quad a_n &\geq 1 + 5 + 15 = 21 \geq 0 \\ b_n &\geq \alpha + 7 + 8 \geq 15 > 0 \end{aligned} \quad \} \textcircled{*}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{n^3 + 7n^2 + 15}{\alpha n^4 + 7n^2 + 8}$$

lower bound

From $\textcircled{*}$ $0 \leq \frac{a_n}{b_n}$

let $\epsilon > 0$ be given

Todo :- need to find $N \geq 1$ st

$$\frac{a_n}{b_n} \leq \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq N$$

$$\frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{n^3 + 7n^2 + 15}{4n^4 + 7n^2 + 8}$$

(Divide by n^4)

$$\frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{7}{n^2} + \frac{15}{n^4}}{4 + \frac{7}{n^2} + \frac{8}{n^4}}$$

• $\forall n \geq 1$

$$4 + \frac{7}{n^2} + \frac{8}{n^4} \geq 4 + 0 + 0 = 4 \quad \text{--- \#}$$

$\therefore \forall n \geq 1$

$$\frac{a_n}{b_n} \leq \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{7}{n^2} + \frac{15}{n^4} \right)$$

SubTodo 1 :- Find $N \geq 1$ s.t

$$\frac{1}{n} + \frac{7}{n^2} + \frac{15}{n^4} \leq \epsilon \alpha, \quad \forall n \geq N$$

- Subtodo 2 :-

Find $N \geq 1$:

$$\frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{\epsilon \alpha}{4}$$

$$\frac{7}{n^2} \leq \frac{\epsilon \alpha}{4} \quad \forall n \geq N$$

$$\frac{15}{n^4} \leq \frac{\epsilon \alpha}{4}$$

Find $n \geq 1$ s.t

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{\epsilon \alpha}{3} \quad -$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{1}{n^2} \leq \frac{\epsilon \alpha}{2} \quad \forall n \geq N$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \frac{1}{n^4} \leq \frac{\epsilon \alpha}{4}$$

$$N_1 \geq \frac{3}{\varepsilon} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \quad \forall n \geq N_1$$

$$N_2 \geq \sqrt{\frac{21}{\varepsilon}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n^2} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{21} \quad \forall n \geq N_2$$

$$N_3 \geq \left(\frac{45}{\varepsilon}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n^4} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{45} \quad \forall n \geq N_3$$

$$\text{Take } N = \max(N_1, N_2, N_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{21} \quad \forall n \geq N$$

$$\frac{1}{n^4} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{45}$$

\therefore SubTask 2

\Rightarrow SubTask

\Rightarrow Task

As $\varepsilon > 0$ was arbitrary we have
shown $a_n = o(b_n)$

