

Exercise 1. Interpret, and then verify, the following equalities. Throughout, $g(x)$ and $h(x)$ denote positive-valued functions.

- a. $O(g(x)) + O(h(x)) = O(\max\{g(x), h(x)\})$.
- b. $g(x)O(h(x)) = O(g(x)h(x)) = O(g(x))O(h(x))$.
- c. $O(O(g(x))) = O(g(x))$.

Exercise 2.

- a. Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be polynomials with real coefficients of degrees m and n , respectively. Prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)x^{n-m}}{g(x)}$$

exists and is nonzero.

- b. Prove that

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = O(x^{m-n})$$

for all sufficiently large x . What does the implied constant depend on?

Exercise 3.

- a. Let $k, \epsilon > 0$. Prove that

$$(\log x)^k = O(x^\epsilon)$$

for all sufficiently large x . Does the implied constant depend on k or ϵ ?

- b. Let $f(x)$ be a polynomial with real coefficients. Prove that for any $\epsilon > 0$

$$f(\log x) = O(x^\epsilon)$$

for all sufficiently large x . What does the implied constant depend on?

Exercise 4. Suppose that $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are continuous for $x \geq 1$, that $g(x) > 0$, and that $f(x) = O(g(x))$ for all sufficiently large x . Prove that $f(x) = O(g(x))$ for *all* $x \geq 1$, but that the implied constant will depend on $f(x)$ and $g(x)$. [*Hint:* A continuous function on a closed interval attains its maximum and minimum values.]