

关于无穷小的阶数大小:

(一) 定义: 设 $x \rightarrow x_0$ 时, $\alpha(x), \beta(x)$ 都是无穷小量, 且都是无穷大量.

(1) 若 $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{\alpha(x)}{\beta(x)} = 0$, 则称 $\alpha(x) = o(\beta(x))$ ($x \rightarrow x_0$), 此时, 有

$\frac{\alpha(x)}{\beta(x)} = \frac{o(\beta(x))}{\beta(x)} \rightarrow 0$ ($x \rightarrow x_0$). 即小阶表示高阶无穷小.

(2) 若在 x_0 附近 $\frac{\alpha(x)}{\beta(x)}$ 有界: $\exists M > 0$ 使 $|\frac{\alpha(x)}{\beta(x)}| \leq M$. 则称

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$|\frac{\alpha(x)}{\beta(x)}| = |\frac{O(\beta(x))}{\beta(x)}| \leq M$. 即 $\frac{O(\beta(x))}{\beta(x)}$ 是有界量, 而 $\frac{O(\beta(x))}{\beta(x)}$ 是无穷小.

(二). 小阶 o 与大阶 O 的关系:

(1). 小阶 o 是大阶 O 的一个真子集. 理由:

若 $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{\alpha(x)}{\beta(x)} = 0$ 时, 根据有极限必有界可知, $\exists M > 0$,

使 $|\frac{\alpha(x)}{\beta(x)}| \leq M$. 由此, 可知, 若 $\alpha(x) = O(\beta(x))$ 时, 必有 $\alpha(x) = o(\beta(x))$

再依有界的必有极限可知, 小阶 o 是大阶 O 的一个真子集.

(2). 若 $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{\alpha(x)}{\beta(x)} = C \in \mathbb{R}, C \neq 0$ 时, 称 $\alpha(x)$ 与 $\beta(x)$ 是同阶 (即) 无穷小.

(3). 此时, 必有 $|\frac{\alpha(x)}{\beta(x)}| \leq M, M > 0, \therefore \alpha(x) = O(\beta(x)), x \rightarrow x_0$.

综上所述可知：在 $x \rightarrow x_0$ 时，若 $\alpha(x)$ 是比 $\beta(x)$ 高阶无穷小，或同阶无穷小，或等价无穷小，都可统一记作： $\alpha(x) = O(\beta(x))$ — 大欧。

(3). 有限个小区间的代数和仍是小区间。

证：设 $o_1(\alpha(x)), o_2(\alpha(x)), \dots, o_m(\alpha(x))$ 都是 $x \rightarrow x_0$ 时的 $\alpha(x)$ 的高阶

无穷小量，即 $\frac{o_1(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)} \rightarrow 0, \dots, \frac{o_m(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)} \rightarrow 0 \quad (x \rightarrow x_0)$ 。则因

$$\frac{o_1(\alpha(x)) + o_2(\alpha(x)) + \dots + o_m(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)} \rightarrow 0 + 0 + \dots + 0 = 0 \quad (x \rightarrow x_0)$$

$$\therefore o_1(\alpha(x)) + o_2(\alpha(x)) + \dots + o_m(\alpha(x)) = o(\alpha(x))$$

(4). 有限个大区间的代数和仍是大区间。

证：设 $\frac{O_1(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)}, \frac{O_2(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)}, \dots, \frac{O_m(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)}$ 都是 $x \rightarrow x_0$ 时的有界量。

$$\text{且} \left| \frac{O_1(\alpha(x)) + O_2(\alpha(x)) + \dots + O_m(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)} \right| \leq \left| \frac{O_1(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)} \right| + \left| \frac{O_2(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)} \right| + \dots + \left| \frac{O_m(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)} \right|$$

$$\leq M_1 + M_2 + \dots + M_m \triangleq M, \quad (M_1 > 0, \dots, M_m > 0) \text{ 可知。}$$

$$O_1(\alpha(x)) + O_2(\alpha(x)) + \dots + O_m(\alpha(x)) = O(\alpha(x))$$

(5). 小区间与大区间的和差仍是大区间。

证：设 $o(\alpha(x)) \pm O(\alpha(x))$ 是小区间与大区间的和差，则

$$\left| \frac{o(\alpha(x)) \pm O(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)} \right| \leq \left| \frac{o(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)} \right| + \left| \frac{O(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)} \right| \leq M_1 + M_2 \quad (M_1 > 0, M_2 > 0)$$

$$\text{可知, } o(\alpha(x)) \pm O(\alpha(x)) = O(\alpha(x))$$

(6). 小区间与小区间之积必是小区间:

$$\text{证: } \ll \frac{O(\alpha(x)) \cdot O(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)} = \frac{O(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)} \cdot \frac{O(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)} \cdot \alpha(x) \rightarrow 0 \quad (x \rightarrow x_0)$$

(无穷小量与有界变量之积是无穷小量) 可知.

$$O(\alpha(x)) \cdot O(\alpha(x)) = O(\alpha(x))$$

(7). 小区间与小区间的复合必是小区间:

$$\text{证: } \ll \frac{O(O(\alpha(x)))}{\alpha(x)} = \frac{O(O(\alpha(x)))}{O(\alpha(x))} \cdot \frac{O(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)} \text{ 是无穷小与有界量之积} \\ \rightarrow 0 \quad (x \rightarrow x_0).$$

$$\Rightarrow O(O(\alpha(x))) = O(\alpha(x)) \quad (x \rightarrow x_0).$$

$$\text{证: } \ll \frac{O(O(\alpha(x)))}{\alpha(x)} = \frac{O(O(\alpha(x)))}{O(\alpha(x))} \cdot \frac{O(\alpha(x))}{\alpha(x)} \text{ 是有界量与无穷小之积} \\ \rightarrow 0 \quad (x \rightarrow x_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow O(O(\alpha(x))) = O(\alpha(x)) \quad (x \rightarrow x_0).$$

$$(8). \ll \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{a^x}{x^x} = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^m}{a^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^m} \quad (\forall a > 1, m \in \mathbb{N}^*)$$

$$\text{证: } a^x = O(x^x), \quad x^m = O(a^x), \quad \ln x = O(x^m), \quad x \rightarrow +\infty, \forall a > 1, \forall m \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

$$(9). \ll \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{n^n} = 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^n}{n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^m}{a^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^m} \quad (\forall a > 1, m \in \mathbb{N}^*)$$

$$\text{证: } n! = O(n^n), \quad a^n = O(n!), \quad n^m = O(a^n), \quad \ln n = O(n^m), \quad (\forall a > 1, m \in \mathbb{N}^*)$$