

POW 2024-19: Stationary function

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Let $h(x) = 2024g(x)$. Then $h(t) : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ is a decreasing continuous function with $h(0) = 2024$. Also, for every $s, t \geq 0$,

$$t^{11}g(s+t) \leq 2024[g(s)]^2 \Leftrightarrow t^{11}2024g(s+t) \leq 2024^2[g(s)]^2 \Leftrightarrow t^{11}h(s+t) \leq [h(s)]^2.$$

Put $s = 0$, then $t^{11}h(t) \leq 2024^2$, so $h(t) \leq \frac{2024^2}{t^{11}}$.

Let $c > 1$ be arbitrary constant, and $A = \sqrt[11]{c}$. Let $S_0 = \sqrt[11]{2024^2}A^2$.

$$\text{Then } g(S_0) \leq \frac{2024^2}{(\sqrt[11]{2024^2}A^2)^{11}} = \frac{2024^2}{2024^2c^2} = c^{-2}. \text{ Let } S_n = S_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{A^k}.$$

Claim) $g(S_n) \leq c^{-(n+2)}$ for all $n \geq 0$.

Proof) Use induction on n . For $n = 0$, it clearly holds. Assume it holds for n .

$$\text{Put } t = \frac{1}{A^{n+1}} \text{ and } s = S_n, \text{ then we get } \left(\frac{1}{A^{n+1}}\right)^{11} h(S_{n+1}) \leq [h(S_n)]^2.$$

$$\text{So } h(S_{n+1}) \leq (A^{n+1})^{11}[h(S_n)]^2 = c^{n+1}[h(S_n)]^2 \leq c^{n+1}(c^{-(n+2)})^2 = c^{-(n+3)}.$$

So it also holds for $n + 1$. ■

$$\text{Note that } S := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = S_0 + \frac{1/A}{1 - 1/A} = S_0 + \frac{1}{A - 1} = \sqrt[11]{2024^2}A^2 + \frac{1}{A - 1}.$$

As $g(S) \leq g(S_n) \leq c^{-(n+2)}$ for any n , $g(S) = 0$.

$$\text{Choose } A = 1.4, \text{ then } S = \sqrt[11]{2024^2}1.4^2 + \frac{1}{1.4 - 1} < 2\sqrt[11]{2048^2} + 2.5 = 2 \times 4 + 2.5 = 10.5 < 11.$$

Therefore, $0 \leq g(12) \leq g(11) \leq g(S) = 0$, so $g(11) = g(12) = 0$.