

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$; $1 < a < b$

Let $c = \log_a(b)$ rounded up to integer

$$\Rightarrow 1 < c < b \quad \wedge \quad a^c \geq b$$

Define function $u: \mathbb{N}^{>0} \times \mathbb{N}^{>0} \times \mathbb{N}^{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^{>0}$ recursively:

$$u(a, x, 0) := x$$

$$u(a, x, k+1) := a^{u(a, x, k)}$$

(Then as a special case we have $u(a, a, k) = a^{[4]}(k+1)$
(Also $u(a, a^{[4]m}, k) = a^{[4]}(k+m)$)

Now let $x, y, k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x > 0, y > 0, k \geq 0$, and

$$x \geq c * (y+k) \quad (i)$$

Then the following can be proved:

$$(ii) \quad \forall l \in \mathbb{N}, \quad 0 \leq l \leq k : \quad u(a, x, l) \geq c * (u(b, y, l) + k - l)$$

Proof by induction on l :

$l = 0$ directly gives (i)

Now assume (ii) to be true for l , then we wish to prove that

$$l+1 \leq k \quad \Rightarrow \quad u(a, x, l+1) \geq c * (u(b, y, l+1) + k - (l+1))$$

$$u(a, x, l+1) = a^{u(a, x, l)} \geq b^{(u(b, y, l) + k - l)}$$

$$= b * \left(b^{(u(b, y, l) + k - (l+1))} \right) \geq c * \left(b^{(u(b, y, l) + k - (l+1))} \right)$$

$$\geq c * \left(b^{u(b, y, l) + k - (l+1)} \right) = c * \left(u(b, y, l+1) + k - (l+1) \right)$$

This concludes the prove of (ii).

From (ii) follows:

$$x \geq c * (y + k) \Rightarrow u(a, x, k) \geq c * u(b, y, k)$$

$$\Rightarrow u(a, x, k+1) \geq u(b, y, k+1)$$

As special case:

$$a [+] n \geq c * (b + k) \Rightarrow u(a, a [+] n, k+1) \geq u(b, b, k+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a [+] (k+n+1) \geq b [+] (k+2)$$