# A STUDY ON GROWTH OF ITERATED ENTIRE FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract**. In this paper we consider iteration of three entire functions and study some growth properties.

## 1 Introduction

Let f(z) and g(z) be two entire functions. Lahiri and Banerjee in [7] form the iterations of f(z) with respect to g(z) as follows:

$$f_{1}(z) = f(z)$$

$$f_{2}(z) = f(g(z)) = f(g_{1}(z))$$

$$f_{3}(z) = f(g(f(z))) = f(g(f_{1}(z)))$$

$$\vdots$$

$$f_{n}(z) = f(g(f(g...(f(z) \text{ or } g(z) \text{ according as } n \text{ is odd or even})...)))$$

$$= f(g_{n-1}(z)) = f(g(f_{n-2}(z)))$$

and so

$$g_{1}(z) = g(z)$$

$$g_{2}(z) = g(f(z)) = g(f_{1}(z))$$

$$g_{3}(z) = g(f_{2}(z)) = g(f(g_{1}(z)))$$

$$\vdots$$

$$g_{n}(z) = g(f_{n-1}(z)) = g(f(g_{n-2}(z))).$$

Then all  $f_n(z)$  and  $g_n(z)$  are entire functions.

Let f(z) and g(z) be entire functions. Banerjee and Dutta [1] used the notations  $M_{f_1}(r)$ ,  $M_{f_2}(r)$ ,  $M_{f_3}(r)$ , etc to mean M(r, f), M(M(r, f), g), M(M(M(r, f), g), f), respectively and  $F(r) = O^*(G(r))$  to mean that there exist two positive costants  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  such that  $K_1 \leq \frac{F(r)}{G(r)} \leq K_2$  for large r.

In 2003 Sun [9] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$  and  $g_1$ ,  $g_2$  be four transcendental entire functions with  $T(r, f_1) = O^*\left((\log r)^{\nu} e^{(\log r)^{\alpha}}\right)$  and  $T(r, g_1) = O^*\left((\log r)^{\beta}\right)$ . If  $T(r, f_1) \sim T(r, f_2)$  and  $T(r, g_1) \sim T(r, g_2)$   $(r \to \infty)$ , then

$$T(r, f_1(g_1)) \sim T(r, f_2(g_2)) \quad (r \to \infty, r \notin E),$$

where  $\nu > 0$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $\beta > 1$  and  $\alpha\beta < 1$  and E is a set of finite logarithmic measure.

After this in 2011, Banerjee and Dutta [1] extend Theorem 1.1 for iterated entire functions in the following manner.

**Theorem 1.2.** Let f, g, u, v be four transcendental entire functions with  $T(r, f) \sim T(r, u)$ ,  $T(r, g) \sim T(r, v)$ ,  $T(r, f) = O^* \left( (\log r)^{\nu} e^{(\log r)^{\alpha}} \right) (0 < \alpha < 1, \nu > 0)$  and  $T(r, g) = O^* \left( (\log r)^{\beta} \right)$  where  $\beta > 1$  is a constant, then  $T(r, f_n) \sim T(r, u_n)$  for  $n \ge 2$ , where  $u_n(z) = u(v(u(v...(u(z) \text{ or } v(z))...)))$  according as n is odd or even.

In [8], Niino and Suita proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.3.** Let f(z) and g(z) be entire functions. If  $M(r,g) > \frac{2+\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} |g(0)|$  for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then we have

$$T(r, f(g)) \le (1 + \varepsilon) T(M(r, g), f).$$

In particular, if g(0) = 0, then

$$T(r, f(g)) \leq T(M(r, g), f)$$
 for all  $r > 0$ .

As a generalisation of Theorem 1.3, Banerjee and Dutta [1] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.4.** Let f(z), g(z) be two entire functions. Then

$$T(R_2, f) \le T(r, f_n) \le T(R_3, f)$$

where  $|f(z)| > R_1 > \frac{2+\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} |f(0)|$  and  $|g(z)| > R_2 > \frac{2+\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} |g(0)|$ ,  $R_3 = \max\{M_{f_{n-1}}(r), M_{g_{n-1}}(r)\}$  for sufficiently large values of r and any integer  $n \ge 2$ .

Further they showed Theorem 1.2 also true for less conditions and proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.5.** Let f, g, u, v be four transcendental entire functions with  $T(r, f) \sim T(r, u)$ ,  $T(r,g) \sim T(r,v), T(r,f) = O^*\left((\log r)^{\beta}\right)$  and  $T(r,g) = O^*\left((\log r)^{\beta}\right)$  where  $\beta > 1$  is a constant, then  $T(r, f_n) \sim T(r, u_n)$ .

In this paper we consider three entire functions f(z), g(z) and h(z) and following Banerjee and Mandal [2] form the iterations of f(z) with respect to g(z) and h(z) [defined below] and generalise the results of Banerjee and Dutta [1] in this direction.

$$\begin{array}{lll} f_1(z) &=& f(z) \\ f_2(z) &=& f(g(z)) = f(g_1(z)) \\ f_3(z) &=& f(g(h(z))) = f(g(h_1(z))) = f(g_2(z)) \\ f_4(z) &=& f(g(h(f(z)))) = f(g(h_2(z))) = f(g_3(z)) \\ &\vdots \\ f_n(z) &=& f(g(h(f..(f(z) \text{ or } g(z) \text{ or } h(z) \text{ according as } n = 3m - 2 \text{ or } 3m - 1 \\ &\text{ or } 3m)...))) \\ &=& f(g_{n-1}(z)) = f(g(h_{n-2}(z))) \,. \end{array}$$

Similarly,

$$g_{1}(z) = g(z)$$

$$g_{2}(z) = g(h(z)) = g(h_{1}(z))$$

$$g_{3}(z) = g(h(f(z))) = g(h(f_{1}(z))) = g(h_{2}(z))$$

$$g_{4}(z) = g(h(f(g(z)))) = g(h(f_{2}(z))) = g(h_{3}(z))$$

$$\vdots$$

$$g_{n}(z) = g(h(f(g...(g(z) \text{ or } h(z) \text{ or } f(z) \text{ according as } n = 3m - 2 \text{ or } 3m - 1 \text{ or } 3m)...)))$$

$$= g(h_{n-1}(z)) = g(h(f_{n-2}(z)))$$

and

$$\begin{split} h_1(z) &= h(z) \\ h_2(z) &= h(f(z)) = h(f_1(z)) \\ h_3(z) &= h(f(g(z))) = h(f(g_1(z))) = h(f_2(z)) \\ h_4(z) &= h(f(g(h(z)))) = h(f(g_2(z))) = h(f_3(z)) \\ &\vdots \\ h_n(z) &= h(f(g(h...(h(z) \text{ or } f(z) \text{ or } g(z) \text{ according as } n = 3m - 2 \text{ or } 3m - 1 \\ &\text{ or } 3m)...))) \\ &= h(f_{n-1}(z)) = h(f(g_{n-2}(z))) \,. \end{split}$$

Clearly all  $f_n$ ,  $g_n$  and  $h_n$  are entire functions.

We now use the following notation throughout the paper.

Let f(z), g(z) and h(z) be entire functions. we use the notations  $M_{f_1}(r)$ ,  $M_{f_2}(r)$ ,  $M_{f_3}(r)$ ,  $M_{f_4}(r)$  etc to mean M(r, f), M(M(r, f), h), M(M(M(r, f), h), g), M(M(M(r, f), h), g), f) respectively. Similarly we use the notations  $M_{g_1}(r)$ ,  $M_{g_2}(r)$ ,  $M_{g_3}(r)$ ,  $M_{g_4}(r)$  etc to mean M(r, g), M(M(r, g), f), M(M(M(r, g), f), h), M(M(M(M(r, g), f), h), g) respectively and  $M_{h_1}(r)$ ,  $M_{h_2}(r)$ ,  $M_{h_3}(r)$ ,  $M_{h_4}(r)$  etc to mean M(r, h), M(M(r, h), g), M(M(M(r, h), g), f), M(M(M(r, h), g), f), h) respectively and  $F(r) = O^*(G(r))$  to mean that there exist two positive costants  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  such that  $K_1 \leq \frac{F(r)}{G(r)} \leq K_2$  for any large r.

#### 2 Lemmas

**Lemma 2.1.** [6] Let f(z) be an entire function. For  $0 \le r < R < \infty$ , we have

$$T(r, f) \le \log^{+} M(r, f) \le \frac{R+r}{R-r}T(R, f)$$

**Lemma 2.2.** [5] Let f(z) be an entire function of order  $\rho$  ( $\rho < \infty$ ). If  $k > \rho - 1$ , then

$$\log M(r, f) \sim \log M(r - r^{-k}, f) \quad (r \to \infty) \,.$$

**Lemma 2.3.** [8] Let g(z) and f(z) be two entire functions. Suppose that |g(z)| > R > |g(0)| on the circumference  $\{|z| = r\}$  for some r > 0. Then we have

$$T(r, f(g)) \ge \frac{R - |g(0)|}{R + |g(0)|} T(R, f).$$

Lemma 2.4. [9] Let f be a transcendental entire function with

$$T(r,f) = O^*\left(\left(\log r\right)^\beta e^{\left(\log r\right)^\alpha}\right) \quad \left(0 < \alpha < 1, \beta > 0\right).$$

Then

$$T(r, f) \sim \log M(r, f) \quad (r \to \infty, r \notin E) \text{ and}$$
  
$$T(\sigma r, f) \sim T(r, f) \quad (r \to \infty, \sigma \ge 2, r \notin E),$$

where E is a set of finite logarithmic measure.

**Lemma 2.5.** [1] Let f be a transcendental entire function with  $T(r, f) = O^*\left((\log r)^{\beta}\right)$  where  $\beta > 1$ . Then

$$\begin{array}{lll} T\left(r,f\right) & \sim & \log M\left(r,f\right) & \left(r \to \infty, r \notin E\right) \ and \\ T\left(\sigma r,f\right) & \sim & T\left(r,f\right) & \left(r \to \infty, \sigma \geq 2, r \notin E\right), \end{array}$$

where E is a set of finite logarithmic measure.

**Lemma 2.6.** [1] Let  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  be two entire functions with  $T(r, f_1) = O^*\left((\log r)^{\beta}\right)$  where  $\beta > 1$  and  $T(r, f_1) \sim T(r, f_2)$  then  $M(r, f_1) \sim M(r, f_2)$ .

**Lemma 2.7.** [1] Let  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  be two entire functions with  $T(r, f_1) = O^* \left( (\log r)^{\nu} e^{(\log r)^{\alpha}} \right)$ where  $\nu > 1, 0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $T(r, f_1) \sim T(r, f_2)$  then  $M(r, f_1) \sim M(r, f_2)$ .

### 3 Main Results

**Theorem 3.1.** Let f(z), g(z) and h(z) be three entire functions. Then we have

$$T(R_2, f) \le T(r, f_n) \le T(R_4, f)$$
(3.1)

where  $|f(z)| > R_1 > \frac{2+\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} |f(0)|$ ,  $|g(z)| > R_2 > \frac{2+\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} |g(0)|$ ,  $|h(z)| > R_3 > \frac{2+\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} |h(0)|$  and  $R_4 = \max\{M_{f_{n-1}}(r), M_{g_{n-1}}(r), M_{h_{n-1}}(r)\}$  for sufficiently large values of r and any integer  $n \ge 3$ .

*Proof.* CASE-I: When  $n = 3m, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  arbitrary small, then by Theorem 1.3, we have

$$T(r, f_n) = T(r, f_{n-1}(h))$$

$$\leq (1 + \varepsilon) T(M(r, h), f_{n-1})$$

$$= (1 + \varepsilon) T(M_{h_1}(r), f_{n-2}(g))$$

$$\leq (1 + \varepsilon)^2 T(M(M_{h_1}(r), g), f_{n-2})$$

$$= (1 + \varepsilon)^2 T(M_{h_2}(r), f_{n-2})$$

$$= (1 + \varepsilon)^2 T(M_{h_2}(r), f_{n-3}(f))$$

$$\leq (1 + \varepsilon)^3 T(M_{h_3}(r), f_{n-3})$$

$$= (1 + \varepsilon)^3 T(M_{h_3}(r), f_{n-4}(h))$$

$$\leq (1 + \varepsilon)^4 T(M_{h_4}(r), f_{n-4})$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\leq (1 + \varepsilon)^{n-1} T(M_{h_{n-1}}(r), f)$$

**CASE-II**: When  $n = 3m - 1, m \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$T(r, f_n) = T(r, f_{n-1}(g))$$

$$\leq (1 + \varepsilon) T(M(r, g), f_{n-1})$$

$$= (1 + \varepsilon) T(M_{g_1}(r), f_{n-2}(f))$$

$$\leq (1 + \varepsilon)^2 T(M_{g_1}(r), f), f_{n-2})$$

$$= (1 + \varepsilon)^2 T(M_{g_2}(r), f_{n-2})$$

$$= (1 + \varepsilon)^2 T(M_{g_2}(r), f_{n-3}(h))$$

$$\leq (1 + \varepsilon)^3 T(M_{g_3}(r), f_{n-3})$$

$$= (1 + \varepsilon)^3 T(M_{g_3}(r), f_{n-4}(g))$$

$$\leq (1 + \varepsilon)^4 T(M_{g_4}(r), f_{n-4})$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\leq (1 + \varepsilon)^{n-1} T(M_{g_{n-1}}(r), f)$$

$$\leq (1 + \varepsilon)^{n-1} T(R_4, f).$$

**CASE-III**: When  $n = 3m - 2, m \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$T(r, f_n) = T(r, f_{n-1}(f))$$

$$\leq (1 + \varepsilon) T(M(r, f), f_{n-1})$$

$$= (1 + \varepsilon) T(M_{f_1}(r), f_{n-2}(h))$$

$$\leq (1 + \varepsilon)^2 T(M_{f_1}(r), h), f_{n-2})$$

$$= (1 + \varepsilon)^2 T(M_{f_2}(r), f_{n-2})$$

$$= (1 + \varepsilon)^2 T(M_{f_2}(r), f_{n-3}(g))$$

$$\leq (1 + \varepsilon)^3 T(M_{f_3}(r), f_{n-3})$$

$$= (1 + \varepsilon)^3 T(M_{f_3}(r), f_{n-4}(f))$$

$$\leq (1 + \varepsilon)^4 T(M_{f_4}(r), f_{n-4})$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\leq (1 + \varepsilon)^{n-1} T(M_{f_{n-1}}(r), f)$$

$$\leq (1 + \varepsilon)^{n-1} T(R_4, f).$$

Therefore  $T(r, f_n) \leq (1 + \varepsilon)^{n-1} T(R_4, f)$  for any integer  $n \geq 3$ . Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  was arbitrary, for sufficiently large values of r we have

$$T(r, f_n) \le T(R_4, f). \tag{3.2}$$

Also using Lemma 2.3, we have When  $n = 3m, m \in \mathbb{N}$ 

$$T(r, f_n) = T(r, f_{n-1}(h))$$

$$\geq \left(\frac{R_3 - |h(0)|}{R_3 + |h(0)|}\right) T(R_3, f_{n-1})$$

$$> (1 - \varepsilon) T(R_3, f_{n-2}(g))$$

$$\geq (1 - \varepsilon) \left(\frac{R_2 - |g(0)|}{R_2 + |g(0)|}\right) T(R_2, f_{n-2})$$

$$> (1 - \varepsilon)^2 T(R_2, f_{n-2})$$

$$\geq (1 - \varepsilon)^3 T(R_1, f_{n-3})$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\geq (1 - \varepsilon)^{n-2} T(R_3, f(g))$$

$$\geq (1 - \varepsilon)^{n-1} T(R_2, f).$$

When  $n = 3m - 1, m \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$T(r, f_n) = T(r, f_{n-1}(g)).$$

$$\geq \left(\frac{R_2 - |g(0)|}{R_2 + |g(0)|}\right) T(R_2, f_{n-1})$$

$$> (1 - \varepsilon) T(R_2, f_{n-2}(f))$$

$$\geq (1 - \varepsilon) \left(\frac{R_1 - |f(0)|}{R_1 + |f(0)|}\right) T(R_1, f_{n-2})$$

$$> (1 - \varepsilon)^2 T(R_1, f_{n-3}(h))$$

$$\geq (1 - \varepsilon)^3 T(R_3, f_{n-3})$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\geq (1 - \varepsilon)^{n-2} T(R_3, f(g))$$

$$\geq (1 - \varepsilon)^{n-1} T(R_2, f).$$

When n = 3m - 2,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$T(r, f_n) = T(r, f_{n-1}(f))$$

$$\geq \left(\frac{R_1 - |f(0)|}{R_1 + |f(0)|}\right) T(R_1, f_{n-1})$$

$$> (1 - \varepsilon) T(R_1, f_{n-2}(h))$$

$$\geq (1 - \varepsilon) \left(\frac{R_3 - |h(0)|}{R_3 + |h(0)|}\right) T(R_3, f_{n-2})$$

$$> (1 - \varepsilon)^2 T(R_3, f_{n-3}(g))$$

$$\geq (1 - \varepsilon)^3 T(R_2, f_{n-3})$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\geq (1 - \varepsilon)^{n-2} T(R_3, f(g))$$

$$\geq (1 - \varepsilon)^{n-1} T(R_2, f).$$

So

$$T(r, f_n) \ge (1 - \varepsilon)^{n-1} T(R_2, f).$$

Therefore for sufficiently large values of r and for  $\varepsilon > 0$  arbitrarily, small we have

$$T(r, f_n) \ge T(R_2, f) \tag{3.3}$$

Hence from (3.2) and (3.3) we obtain (3.1). This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let f, g, h; u, v, w be six transcendental entire functions with  $T(r, f) \sim T(r, u)$ ,  $T(r,g) \sim T(r,v)$ ,  $T(r,h) \sim T(r,w)$ ,  $T(r,f) = O^*\left((\log r)^{\nu} e^{(\log r)^{\alpha}}\right)$   $(0 < \alpha < 1, \nu > 0)$ ,  $T(r,g) = O^*\left((\log r)^{\beta}\right)$  and  $T(r,h) = O^*\left((\log r)^{\lambda}\right)$  where  $\beta, \lambda > 1$  are constants. Then  $T(r, f_n) \sim T(r, u_n)$  for  $n \ge 3$ , where  $u_n(z) = u(v(w(u...(u(z) \text{ or } v(z) \text{ or } w(z)...))))$  according as n = 3m - 2 or 3m - 1 or  $3m, m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Proof. We have from Theorem 3.1,

$$T(R_1, f) \leq T(r, f_n) \leq T(R_2, f)$$
(3.4)

$$T\left(R_{1}^{'},u\right) \leq T\left(r,u_{n}\right) \leq T\left(R_{2}^{'},u\right)$$

$$(3.5)$$

where  $R_1$  and  $R'_1$  are such that  $|g(z)| > R_1 > \frac{2+\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} |g(0)|, |v(z)| > R'_1 > \frac{2+\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} |v(0)|$  and  $T(R_1, f) \sim T(R'_1, f), R_2 = \max \{M_{f_{n-1}}(r), M_{g_{n-1}}(r), M_{h_{n-1}}(r)\}$  and  $R'_2 = \max \{M_{u_{n-1}}(r), M_{v_{n-1}}(r), M_{w_{n-1}}(r)\}$  for sufficiently large values of r and arbitrary small  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Since

$$T(r,f) \sim T(r,u)$$

$$T(R_1, f) \sim T\left(R_1', f\right) \sim T\left(R_1', u\right)$$
  
i.e.  $T(R_1, f) \sim T\left(R_1', u\right) \quad (r \to \infty, r \notin E).$  (3.6)

From Lemma 2.7, we have

$$M(r,f) \sim M(r,u).$$

Also we have

$$\begin{split} M\left(M\left(r,f\right),h\right) &\sim M\left(M\left(r,u\right),w\right) \quad (r\to\infty)\\ \text{i.e } M\left(M\left(M\left(r,f\right),h\right),g\right) &\sim M\left(M\left(M\left(r,u\right),w\right),v\right) \quad (r\to\infty)\,. \end{split}$$

So, for  $n = 3m - 2, m \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$M_{f_{n-1}}(r) \sim M_{u_{n-1}}(r) \quad (r \to \infty).$$
 (3.7)

Similarly for  $n = 3m - 1, m \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$M_{g_{n-1}}(r) \sim M_{v_{n-1}}(r) \quad (r \to \infty)$$
 (3.8)

and for  $n = 3m, m \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$M_{h_{n-1}}(r) \sim M_{w_{n-1}}(r) \quad (r \to \infty).$$
 (3.9)

Combining (3.7), (3.8) and (3.9) and for  $n \ge 3$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we obtain  $R_2 \sim R'_2$  for large r. So combining  $T(r, f) \sim T(r, u)$  and  $R_2 \sim R'_2$  we have

$$T(R_2, f) \sim T\left(R'_2, u\right) \quad (r \to \infty).$$
 (3.10)

So from (3.4), (3.5), (3.6) and (3.10) we get

$$T(r, f_n) \sim T(r, u_n)$$
.

This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let f, g, h; u, v, w be six transcendental entire functions with  $T(r, f) \sim T(r, u)$ ,  $T(r,g) \sim T(r,v)$ ,  $T(r,h) \sim T(r,w)$ ,  $T(r,f) = O^*\left((\log r)^{\beta}\right)$ ,  $T(r,g) = O^*\left((\log r)^{\beta}\right)$  and  $T(r,h) = O^*\left((\log r)^{\beta}\right)$  where  $\beta > 1$  is a constant. Then  $T(r, f_n) \sim T(r, u_n)$  for  $n \ge 3$ , where  $u_n(z) = u$  (v (w (u... (u (z) or v (z) or w (z)...)))) according as n = 3m - 2 or 3m - 1 or  $3m, m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The conditions of Theorem 3.2 and Theorem 3.3 are not strictly sharp, which are illustrated by the following examples.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $f(z) = e^{2z}$ , g(z) = 2z, h(z) = 3z and  $u(z) = 2e^{2z}$ , v(z) = 4z, w(z) = 6z. Then we have  $f_3(z) = f(g(h(z))) = f(g(3z)) = f(6z) = e^{12z}$  and  $u_3(z) = u(v(w(z))) = u(v(6z)) = u(24z) = 2e^{48z}$ .

Now

$$T(r, f) = \frac{2r}{\pi}, T(r, u) = \frac{2r}{\pi} + \log 2$$
  

$$T(r, g) = \log r + \log 2, T(r, v) = \log r + \log 4$$
  

$$T(r, h) = \log r + \log 3, T(r, w) = \log r + \log 6$$

Thus  $T\left(r,f\right)\sim T\left(r,u\right),$   $T\left(r,g\right)\sim T\left(r,v\right)$  and  $T\left(r,h\right)\sim T\left(r,w\right).$  Again

$$T(r, f_3) = \frac{12r}{\pi}, T(r, u_3) = \frac{48r}{\pi} + \log 2.$$

Therefore

$$\frac{T(r, f_3)}{T(r, u_3)} = \frac{\frac{12r}{\pi}}{\frac{48r}{\pi} + \log 2} = \frac{1}{4} \text{ as } r \to \infty.$$

So

$$T(r, f_3) \nsim T(r, u_{3.})$$
 as  $r \to \infty$ .

**Example 3.5.** Let  $f(z) = 2e^z$ ,  $g(z) = e^z$ , h(z) = z and u(z) = 2z,  $v(z) = e^{\frac{z}{2}}$ ,  $w(z) = 2e^z$ . Then we have  $f_3(z) = f(g(h(z))) = f(g(z)) = f(e^z) = 2e^{e^z}$  and  $u_3(z) = u(v(w(z))) = u(v(2e^z)) = u(e^{e^z}) = 2e^{e^z}$ .

Then we have

$$T(r, f) = \frac{r}{\pi} + \log 2, \ T(r, u) = \log 2 + \log r$$
  

$$T(r, g) = \frac{r}{\pi}, \ T(r, v) = \frac{r}{2\pi}$$
  

$$T(r, h) = \log r, \ T(r, w) = \log 2 + \frac{r}{\pi}.$$

Therefore we have  $T(r, f) \nsim T(r, u)$ ,  $T(r, g) \nsim T(r, v)$ ,  $T(r, h) \nsim T(r, w)$  as  $r \to \infty$ . But still

$$T(r, f_3) \sim T(r, u_3)$$
 as  $r \to \infty$ .

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