

Asymptotic Analysis

Session Learning Outcome-SLO

- Estimate algorithmic complexity
- Learn approximation tool
- Specify the behaviour of algorithm

Asymptotic Analysis

- Analysis of a given algorithm with larger values of input data
- Theory of approximation.
- Asymptote of a curve is a line that closely approximates a curve but does not touch the curve at any point of time
- Used by paul bachman in number theory
- Specify the behaviour of the algorithm when the input size increases

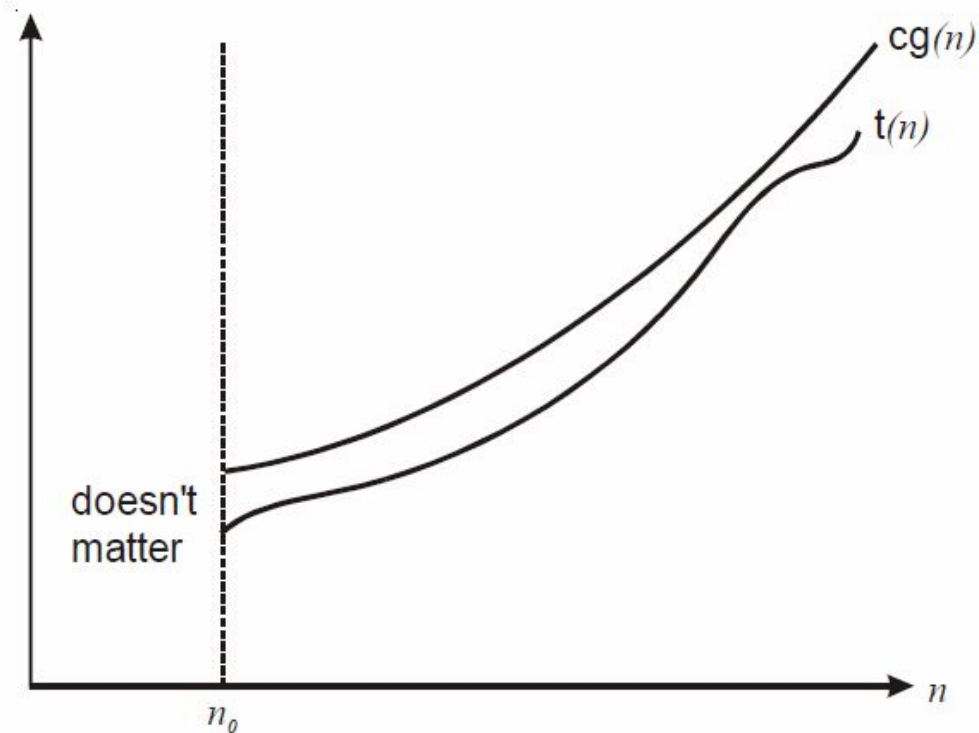
Asymptotic Notation

- The order of growth of the running time of an algorithms, gives a simple characterization of algorithms efficiency.
 - It also allows to compare relative performance of alternative algorithms.
 - *Asymptotic order* is concerned with how the running time of an algorithm increases with the size of the input, if input increases from small value to large values
1. Big-Oh notation (O)
 2. Big-Omega notation (Ω)
 3. Theta notation (θ)
 4. Little-oh notation (o)
 5. Little-omega notation (ω)

Big-Oh Notation (O)

- Big-oh notation is used to define the worst-case running time of an algorithm and concerned with large values of n .
- **Definition:** A function $t(n)$ is said to be in $O(g(n))$, denoted as $t(n) \in O(g(n))$, if $t(n)$ is bounded above by some constant multiple of $g(n)$ for all large n . i.e., if there exist some positive constant c and some non-negative integer n_0 such that
$$t(n) \leq cg(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0$$
- **$O(g(n))$:** Class of functions $t(n)$ that grow no faster than $g(n)$.
- Big-oh puts asymptotic *upper bound* on a function.

Big-Oh Notation (O)



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$$1 < \log n < \sqrt{n} < n < n \log n < n^2 < n^3 < \dots < 2^n < 3^n < \dots < n^n$$

- Let $t(n) = 2n + 3$ upper bound
 $2n + 3 \leq \underline{\hspace{2cm}} ??$

$$2n + 3 \leq 5n \quad n \geq 1$$

here $c = 5$ and $g(n) = n$

$$t(n) = O(n)$$

$$2n + 3 \leq 5n^2 \quad n \geq 1$$

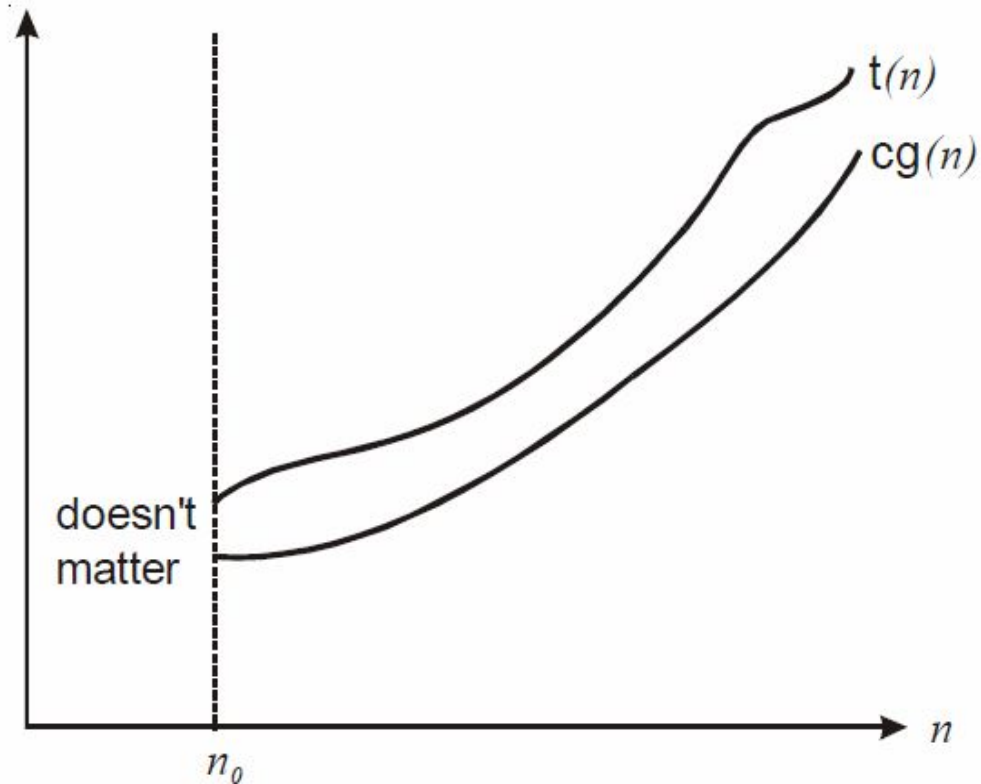
here $c = 5$ and $g(n) = n^2$

$$t(n) = O(n^2)$$

Big-Omega notation (Ω)

- This notation is used to describe the best case running time of algorithms and concerned with large values of n .
- **Definition:** A function $t(n)$ is said to be in $\Omega(g(n))$, denoted as $t(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$, if $t(n)$ is bounded below by some positive constant multiple of $g(n)$ for all large n . i.e., there exist some positive constant c and some non-negative integer n_0 . Such that
$$t(n) \geq cg(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0$$
- It represents the **lower bound** of the resources required to solve a problem.

Big-Omega notation (Ω)



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$$1 < \log n < \sqrt{n} < n < n \log n < n^2 < n^3 < \dots < 2^n < 3^n < \dots < n^n$$

- Let $t(n) = 2n + 3$ lower bound
 $2n + 3 \geq \underline{\hspace{2cm}} ??$

$$2n + 3 \geq 1n \quad n \geq 1$$

here $c = 5$ and $g(n) = n$

$$t(n) = \Omega(n)$$

$$2n + 3 \geq 1 \log n \quad n \geq 1$$

here $c = 5$ and $g(n) = \log n$

$$t(n) = \Omega(\log n)$$

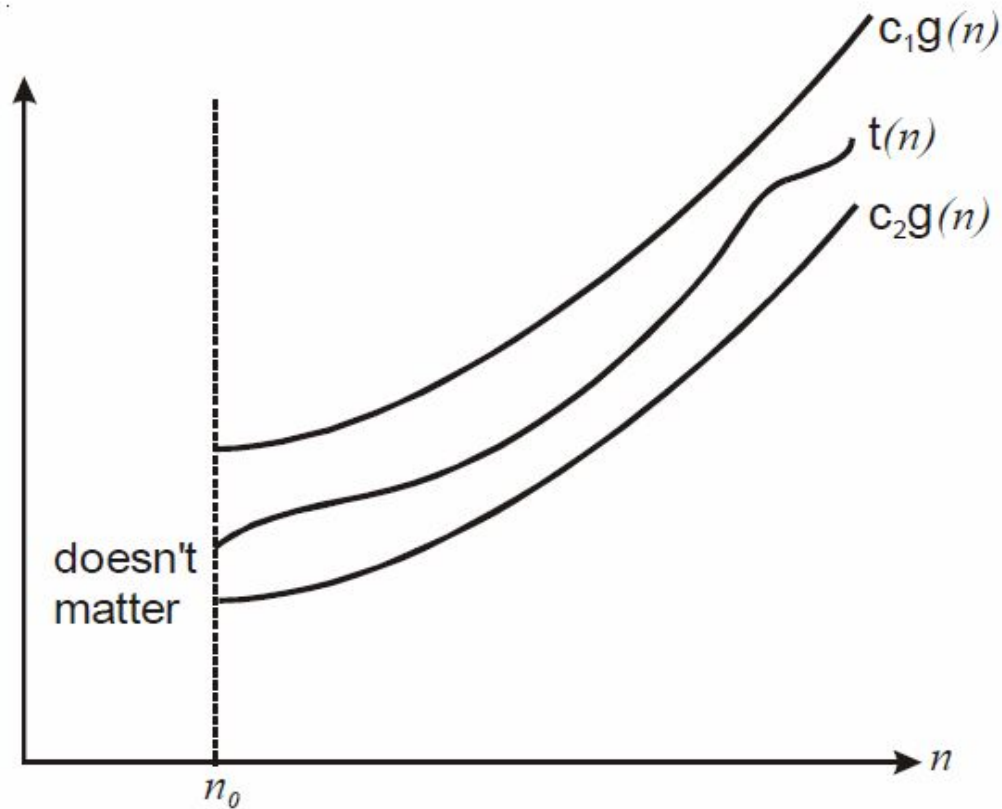
Theta notation (θ)

- **Definition:** A function $t(n)$ is said to be in $\theta(g(n))$, denoted $t(n) \in \theta(g(n))$, if $t(n)$ is bounded both above and below by some positive constant multiples of $g(n)$ for all large n . i.e., if there exist some positive constant c_1 and c_2 and some non-negative integer n_0 such that

$$c_2 g(n) \leq t(n) \leq c_1 g(n) \text{ for all } n > n_0$$

$$\theta(g(n)) = O(g(n)) \cap \Omega(g(n))$$

Theta notation (θ)



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$$1 < \log n < \sqrt{n} < \textcolor{red}{n} < n \log n < n^2 < n^3 < \dots < 2^n < 3^n < \dots < n^n$$

- Let $t(n) = 2n + 3$ average bound
 $\underline{\hspace{2cm}} \leq 2n + 3 \leq \underline{\hspace{2cm}} ??$

$$1n \leq 2n + 3 \leq 5n \quad n \geq 1$$

here $c_1 = 1$, $c_2 = 5$ and $g(n) = n$

$$\textcolor{red}{t(n) = \theta(n)}$$

Little-oh notation (o)

- This notation is used to describe the worst case analysis of algorithms and concerned with small values of n .
- **Definition** : A function $t(n)$ is said to be in $o(g(n))$, denoted $t(n) \in o(g(n))$, if there exist some positive constant c and some non-negative integer such that

$$t(n) \leq cg(n)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t(n)}{g(n)} = 0$$

Little-omega notation (ω)

- This notation is used to describe the best case analysis of algorithms and concerned with small values of n .
- The function $t(n) = \omega(g(n))$ iff

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \infty \quad (\text{or}) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(n)}{f(n)} = 0$$

Properties of O , Ω and θ

General property:

If $t(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ then $a * t(n)$ is $O(g(n))$. Similar for Ω and θ

Transitive Property :

If $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ and $g(n) \in O(h(n))$, then $f(n) \in O(h(n))$; that is O is transitive. Also Ω , θ , o and ω are transitive.

Reflexive Property

If $f(n)$ is given then $f(n)$ is $O(f(n))$

Symmetric Property

If $f(n)$ is $\theta(g(n))$ then $g(n)$ is $\theta(f(n))$

Transpose Property

If $f(n) = O(g(n))$ then $g(n)$ is $\Omega(f(n))$

Asymptotic Notation

Notation	What it means	In terms of limit	Representation	Mathematically equivalent to
Big oh (O)	Growth of $t(n)$ is \leq the growth of $g(n)$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t(n)}{g(n)} = c, c \geq 0$	$t(n) = O(g(n))$	\leq
Big omega (Ω)	Growth of $t(n)$ is \geq the growth of $g(n)$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t(n)}{g(n)} \neq 0$	$t(n) = \Omega(g(n))$	\geq
Theta notation (θ)	Growth of $t(n)$ is \approx the growth of $g(n)$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t(n)}{g(n)} = c, c > 0$	$t(n) = \theta(g(n))$	\approx
Little oh (o)	Growth of $t(n)$ is \ll the growth of $g(n)$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t(n)}{g(n)} = 0$	$t(n) = o(g(n))$	$<$
Little omega (ω)	Growth of $t(n)$ is \gg the growth of $g(n)$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t(n)}{g(n)} = \infty$	$t(n) = \omega(g(n))$	$>$

Activity

- Find the upper bound, lower bound and tight bound range for the following functions
 - $2n + 5$
 - $3n + 2$
 - $3n + 3$
 - $n^2 \log n$
 - $10n^2 + 4n + 2$
 - $20n^2 + 80n + 10$
 - $n!$
 - $\log n!$

Order of growth of functions

10^{10} operations / sec typical CPU speeds

n	$\log n$	n	$n \log n$	n^2	n^3	2^n	$n!$
10	3	10	30	100	10^3	10^3	10^6
100	7	100	700	10^4	10^6	10^{30}	10^{157}
1000	10	1000	10^4	10^6	10^9		
10^4	13	10^4	10^5	10^8	10^{12}		
10^6				10^{12}			
10^{10}	33			10^{20}			

Summary

- Asymptotic analysis estimate an algorithmic complexity
- Based on theory of approximation.
- Effective in specifying the behaviour of algorithm when the input size increases
- Big – Oh notation – upper bound
- Big – Omega notation – lower bound
- Little – oh notation – tight bound