

1 Algorithm Analysis

Algorithm analysis has two components:

1. Correctness:
 - why does my program work?
 - Does it produce the correct results for valid inputs
 - *left to CSC236*
2. Complexity - aka "efficiency"
 - How much resources does a program use
 - time
 - space (memory)
 - bandwidth (communication)
 - It is not too concise / elegant the code itself is.

Reviewing past ideas (csc108)

Say we have program:

We measure resources relative to a size measure of the input

- If the input is a string, we might use the length
- If the input is a natural number, we might use it or maybe \log_2 of it.

We'll assume the size is a natural number and what we measure is a non-negative number therefore the measure is some function: $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$

Define:

For $f, g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$, f absolutely dominates g if:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, g(n) \leq f(n)$$

Given that, we can define $h, j : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ by $h(n) = 2n + 3, j(n) = \frac{n}{2} + 5$ Examining this, we note that if we say $100h$

$$\begin{aligned} j(n) &= \frac{n}{2} + 5 \\ &\leq 200n + 5 \\ &\leq 200n + 300 \\ &= 100h(n) \end{aligned}$$

therefore, $n \geq 0$

Formalizing this, we can say that:

Define:

h dominates j up to a control factor if:

$$\exists c \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, j(n) \leq ch(n)$$

Proof:

Let $c = 4 \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} h(n) &= 2n + 3 \\ &\leq 2n + 20 \\ &= c\left(\frac{n}{2} + 5\right) \\ &= cj(n) \end{aligned}$$

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Example:

- Define $k : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ by $k(n) = n^2$
- Define $h : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ by $h(n) = 2n + 3$

We note that it is impossible to make it so that either h dominates k or k dominates h even up to a control factor, therefore we have a third situation:

Define:

For $f, g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$, f eventually dominates g up to a control factor if:

$$\exists c, n_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_0 \rightarrow g(n) \leq cf(n)$$

This is also written as $g \in \mathcal{O}(f)$

Formally proving the given example that $h \in \mathcal{O}(k)$ would yield:

Proof:

Let $c = 5 \in \mathbb{R}^+$

Let $n_0 = 1 \in \mathbb{R}^+$

$$\begin{aligned} h(n) &= 2n + 3 \\ &\leq 2n + 3n && \text{since } n \geq 1 \\ &= 5n \\ &\leq 5n^2 \\ &= cn^2 && \text{since } n \geq 1 \\ &= ck(n) && \text{since } c = 5 \end{aligned}$$



We can also say that the opposite is of the above statement is :

$$k \notin \mathcal{O}(h) : \forall c, n_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_0 \wedge k(n) > ch(n)$$