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## بخشهای مرتبط در کتاب

- جلسه قبل (ضرب و تقسیم و حل): 2.3 و 4.4
- این جلسه (تحلیل زمانی): 3
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<http://sharif.edu/~ghodsi/books/ds-algf-dics-both.pdf>

# FROM LAST WEEK

## THE POINT OF ASYMPTOTIC NOTATION

**suppress constant factors and lower-order terms**

*too system dependent*

*irrelevant for large inputs*

- **Some guiding principles:** we care about how the running time/number of operations *scales* with the size of the input (i.e. the runtime's *rate of growth*), and we want some measure of runtime that's independent of hardware, programming language, memory layout, etc.
  - We want to reason about high-level algorithmic approaches rather than lower-level details

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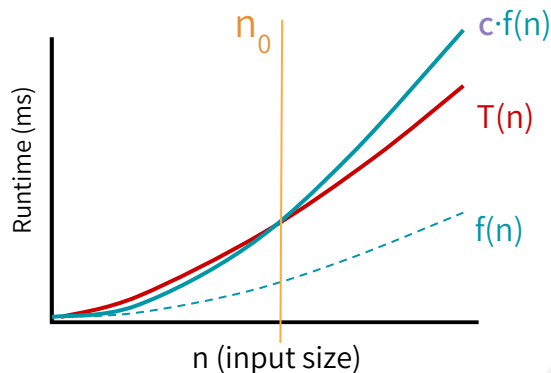
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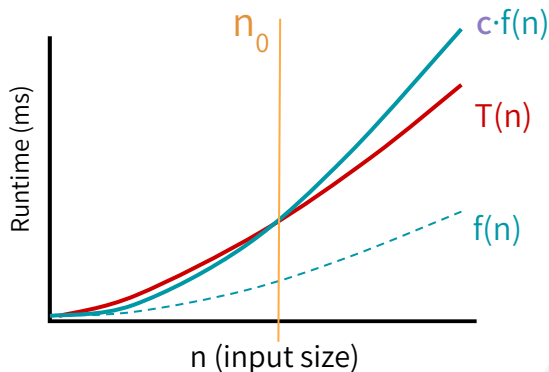
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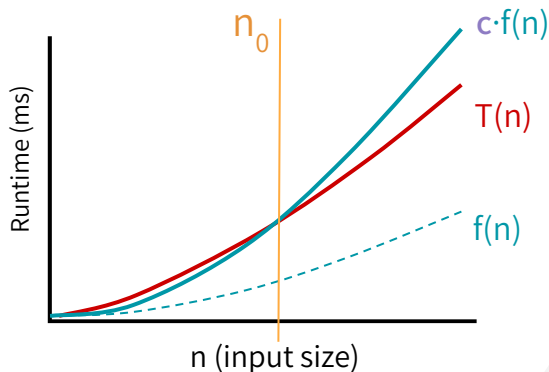
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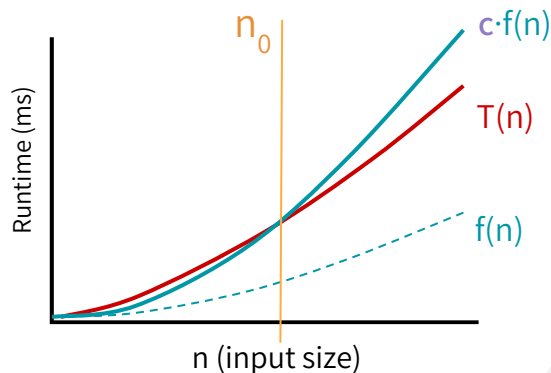
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We know that for any  $n \geq n_0 = 5$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} 5 &\leq n \\ 5n &\leq n^2 \\ 3n^2 + 5n &\leq 4n^2 \end{aligned}$$

Using our choice of  $c$  and  $n_0$ , we have successfully shown that  $3n^2 + 5n \leq c \cdot n^2$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . From the definition of Big-O, this proves that  $3n^2 + 5n = O(n^2)$ . ■



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Conclude that the original assumption must be false, so  $T(n)$  is *not*  $O(f(n))$ .

you have triumphantly proven your silly (or lying) friend wrong.

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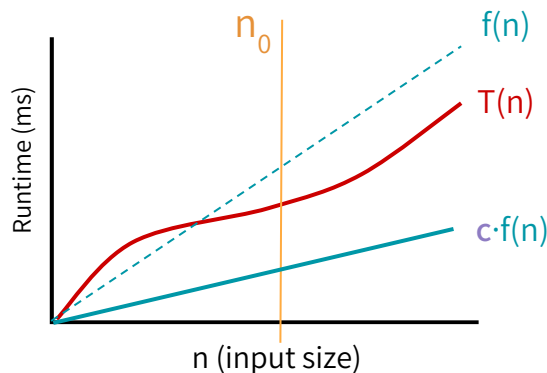
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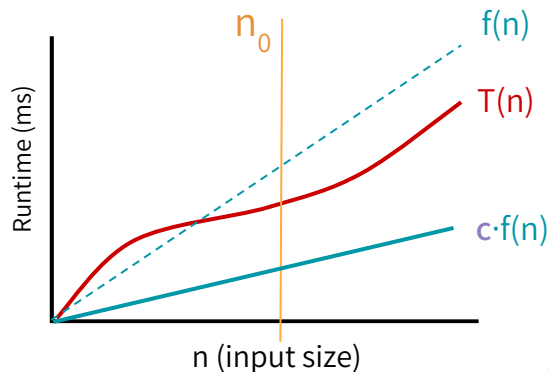
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*and*

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# ASYMPTOTIC NOTATION CHEAT SHEET

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