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# COURSE ORIENTATION RECAP: ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHM EFFICIENCY

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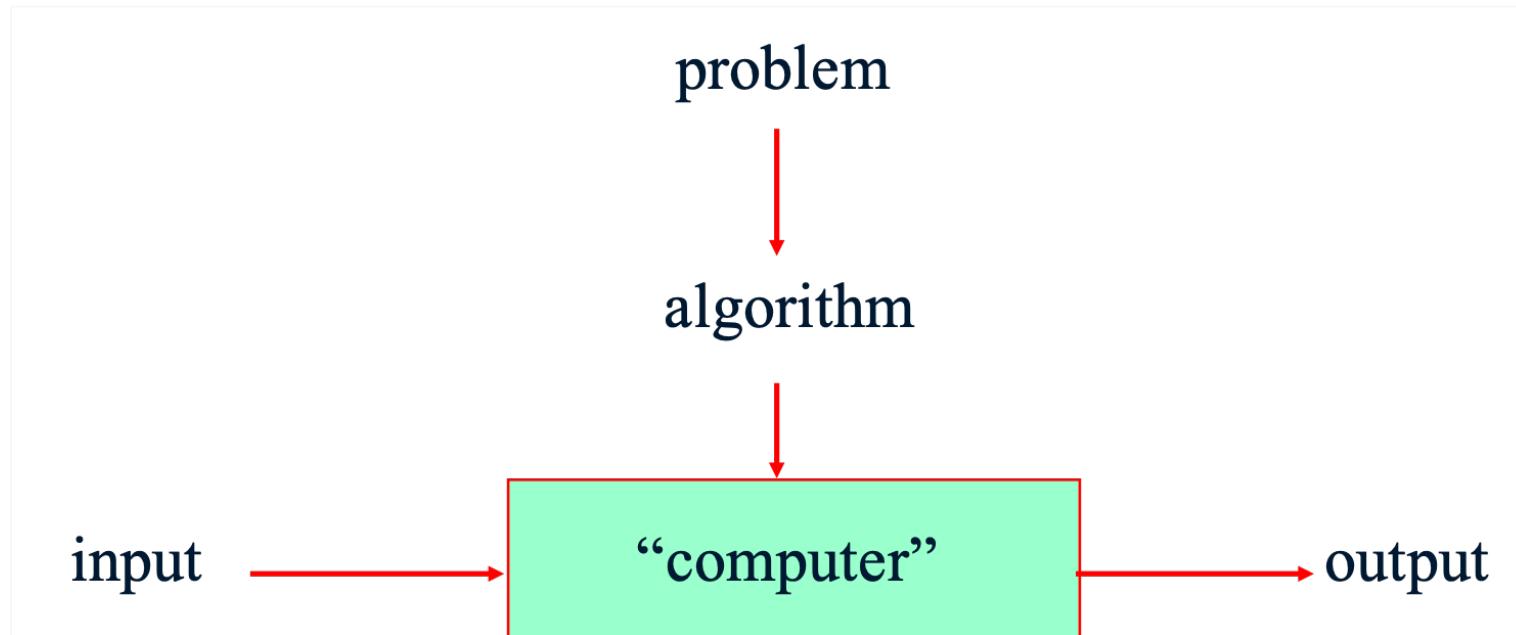


## COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- ▶ Apply design principles and concepts to algorithm design
- ▶ Implement algorithms in a programming language
- ▶ Analyze efficiency and correctness of algorithms
- ▶ Apply appropriate algorithms to solve problems

## WHAT IS AN ALGORITHM

A sequence of **unambiguous instructions** for solving a **well-defined problem**, i.e., obtaining a required output for any legitimate input, in **finite time**.



## PROBLEM VS. INSTANCE OF PROBLEM

- ▶ Sorting problem
  - ▶ Input: A sequence of  $n$  orderable keys  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$
  - ▶ Output: The permutation (reordering) of the input sequence
- ▶ Instance of sorting problem
  - ▶ Input: Array of names {Mike, Bob, Sally, Jill, Jan}, or a list of numbers like {154, 245, 568, 324, 654, 324}
  - ▶ Output: The sorted array or list above.

# EXPRESSING ALGORITHM

## 1. NATURAL LANGUAGE

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### Algorithm MaxElement

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- 1: Input: A sequence of numbers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$
  - 2: Output: The largest element in the input sequence
  - 3:
  - 4: **Step 1:** Set the first element as the current maximum
  - 5: **Step 2:** For the rest of the elements, compare the current maximum to the each element. If the element is greater than the current maximum, update the current maximum to the current element.
  - 6: **Step 3:** Take the current maximum as the algorithm output.
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## EXPRESSING ALGORITHM

### 2.HIGH-LEVEL, UNAMBIGUOUS LANGUAGE MIXES OF NATURAL LANGUAGE AND PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

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**Algorithm** MaxElement

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  - 5: **for**  $i = 2$  to  $n$  **do**
  - 6:     **if**  $maxval < a_i$  **then**
  - 7:          $maxval \leftarrow a_i$
  - 8: Return  $maxval$
- ▷  $maxval$  is the largest element
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## PSEUDO-CODE CONSTRUCTS (FOR THIS CLASS)

- ▶ Header (Name, Input, Output)
- ▶ Value assignment, Comparisons
- ▶ Alternate path selection
  - ▶ if (condition) ... else if ... else .... end if
- ▶ Iterations
  - ▶ for (condition) ... end for
  - ▶ while (condition) ... end while
  - ▶ do ... while (condition)

# EXPRESSING ALGORITHM

## 3. PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

### ► Try to write by Python

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7:      $maxval \leftarrow a_i$ 
8: Return  $maxval$                                  $\triangleright maxval$  is the largest element
```

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def MaxElement(A):
    maxval = A[0]    Python, start the index with 0
    for i in range(1, len(A)):
        if maxval < A[i]:
            maxval = A[i]
    return maxval
```

## SORTING PROBLEMS



# SEARCHING PROBLEMS



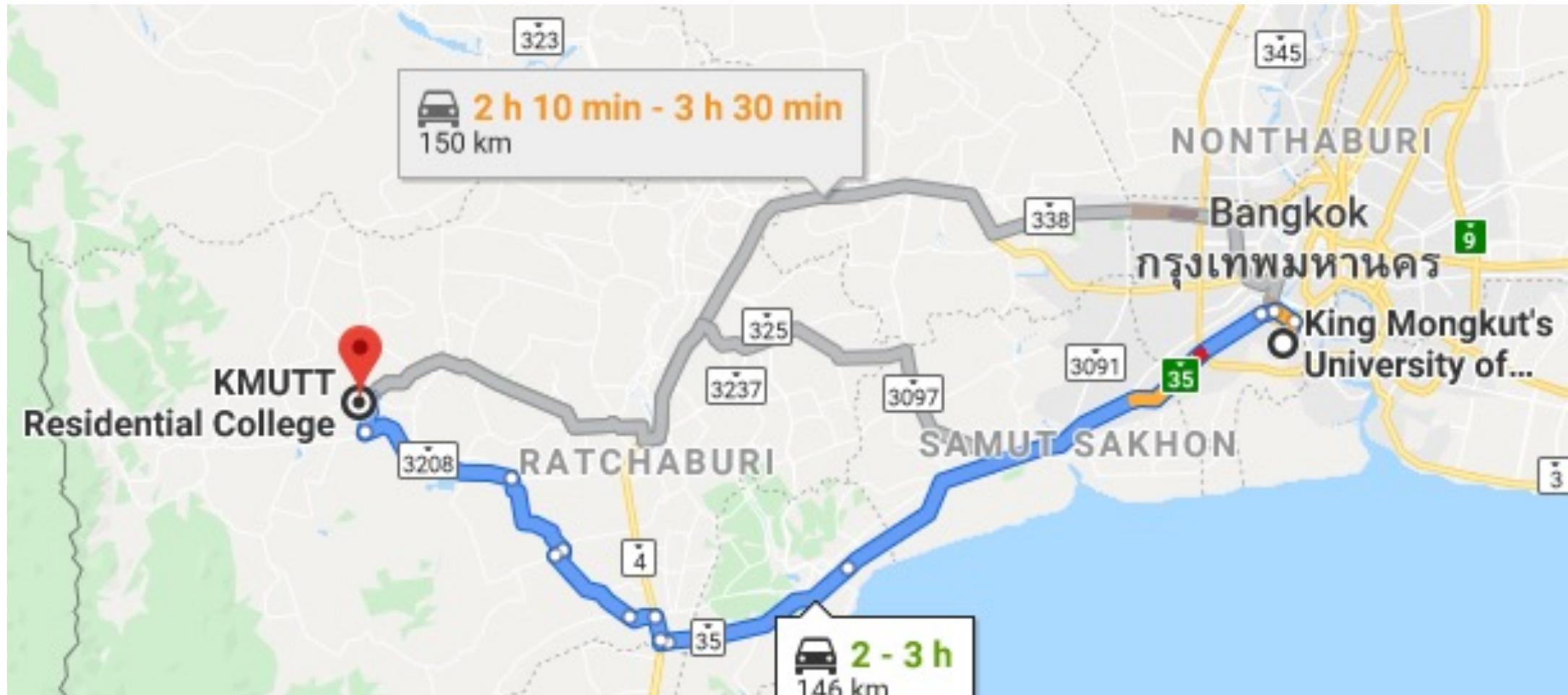
## STRING PROCESSING

String is a sequence of characters from an alphabet

## STRING MATCHING

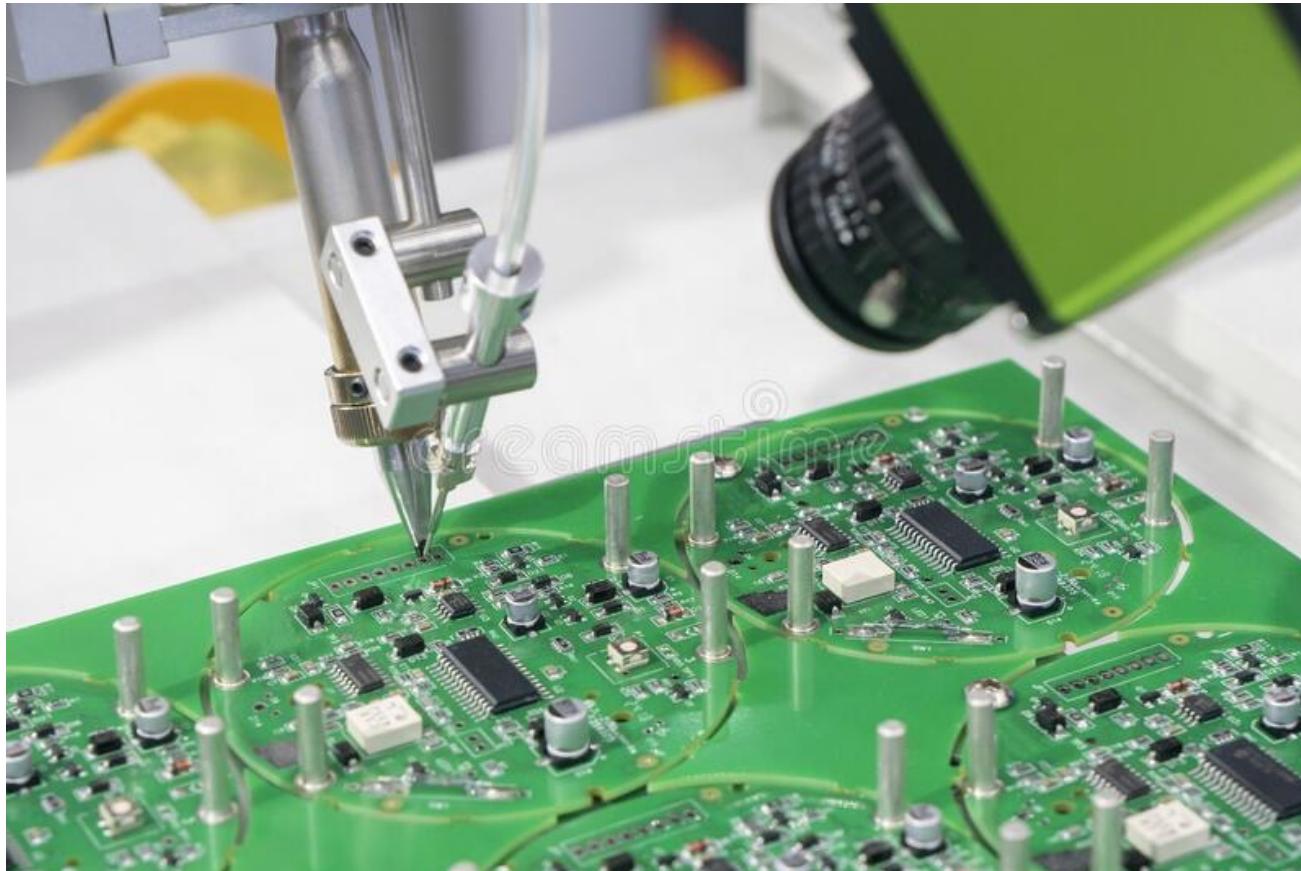
DNA SEQUENCE {A, C, G,T}

## GRAPH PROBLEMS



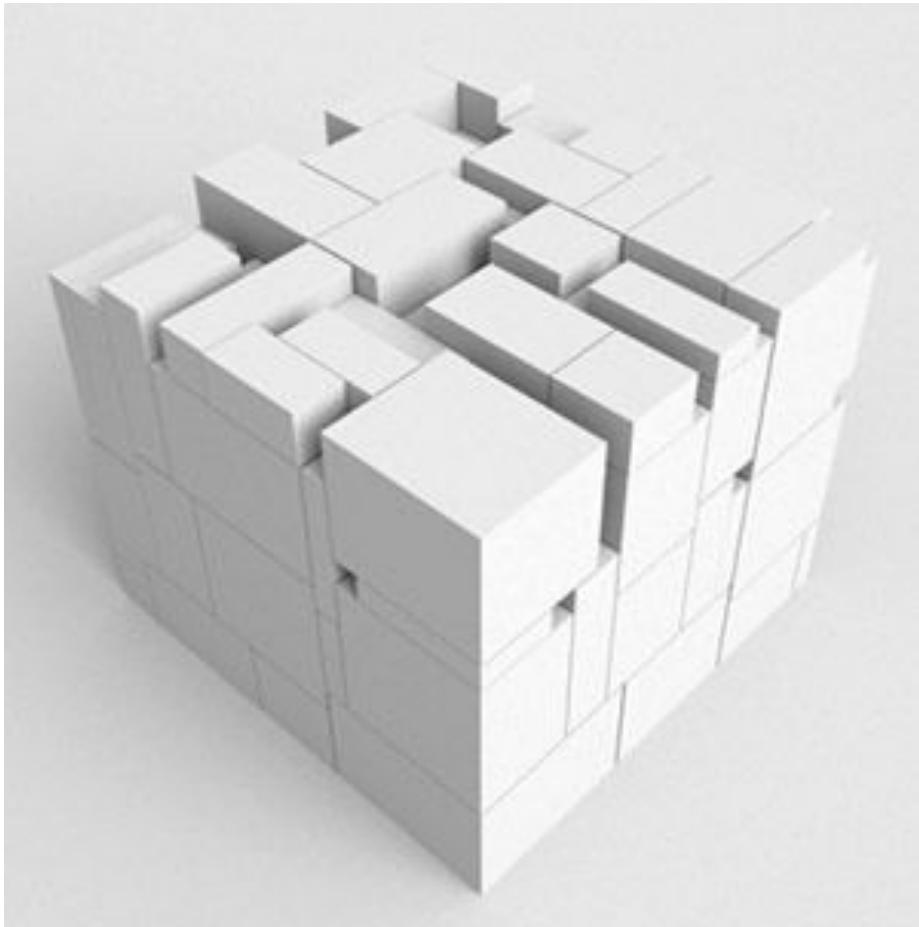
TRAVEL LOCATION PLANNING

# GRAPH PROBLEMS IN INDUSTRIAL



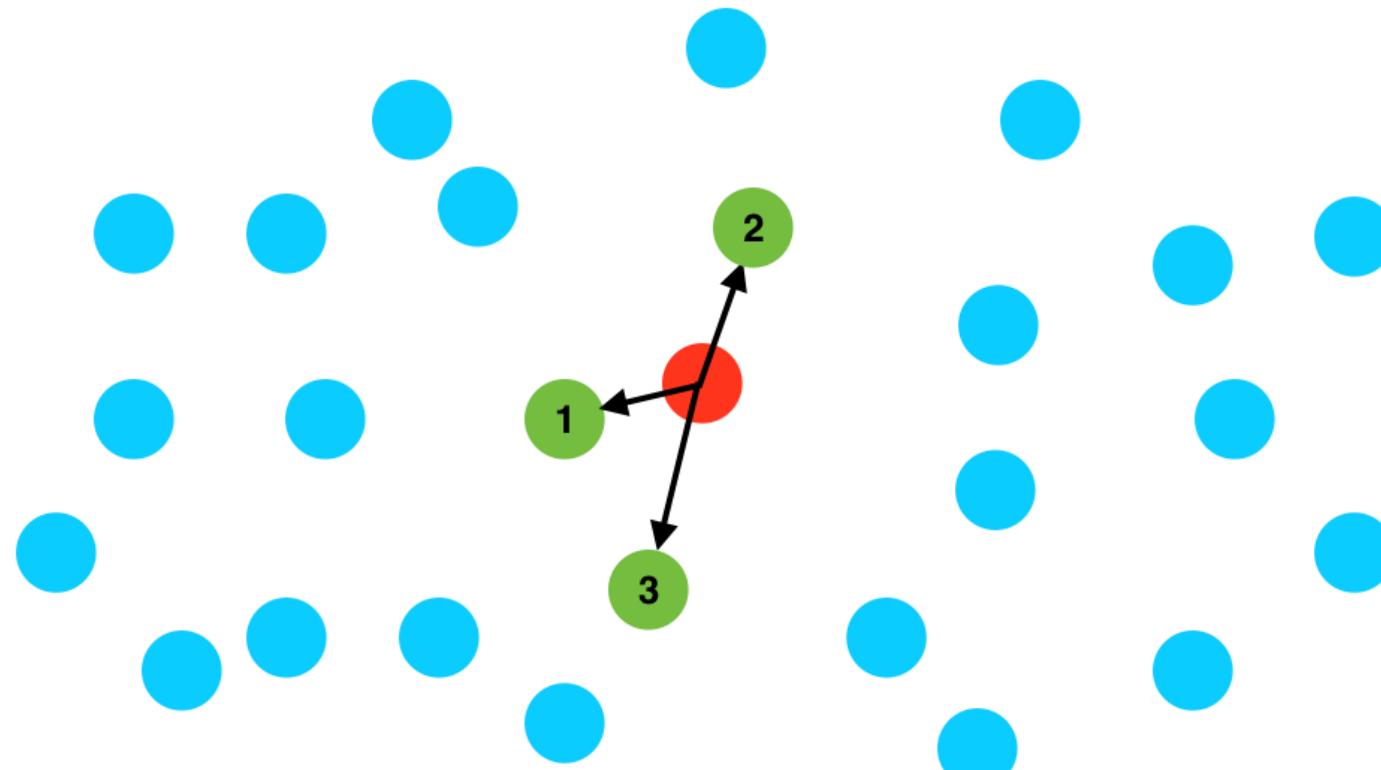
ROBOT TOUR OPTIMIZATION

## COMBINATORIAL PROBLEMS IN LOGISTICS



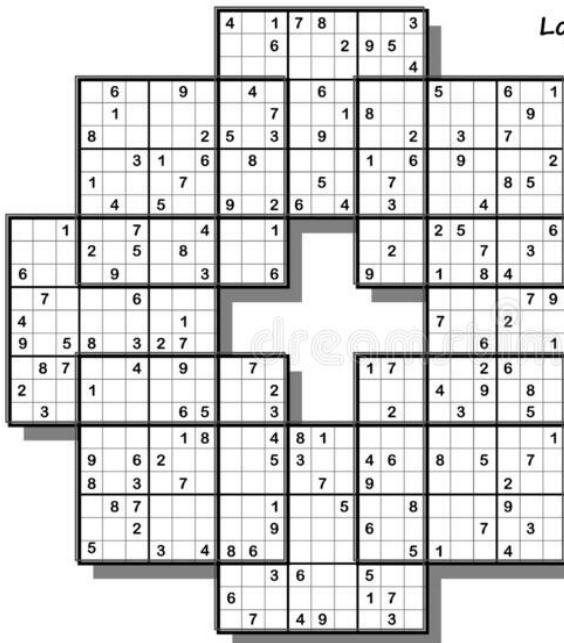
BIN-PACKING PROBLEM

## GEOMETRIC PROBLEMS

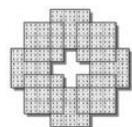


CLOSEST PAIR PROBLEM

# NUMERICAL PROBLEMS



Logic Sudoku puzzle game  
for smartest.



$\pi = 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288419716939937510582362824571291100863164062862089986274463414640808651328148111745$

## RSA Algorithm

### Key Generation

Select  $p, q$ ,  
 $p$  and  $q$ , both prime;  $p \neq q$   
Calculate  $n = p \times q$ ,  
Calculate  $\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$ ,  
Select integer  $e$ ,  
 $\gcd(\phi(n), e) = 1$ ;  $1 < e < \phi(n)$   
Calculate  $d$ ,  
 $d \mod \phi(n) = 1$ ,  
Public Key  
 $KU = \{e, n\}$ ,  
Private Key  
 $KR = \{d, n\}$

### Encryption

Plaintext:  $M < n$   
Ciphertext:  $C = M^e \pmod{n}$

### Decryption

Plaintext:  $C$   
Ciphertext:  $M = C^d \pmod{n}$

## SUMMARY – IMPORTANT PROBLEM TYPES

- ▶ Sorting
- ▶ Searching
- ▶ String processing
- ▶ Graph problems
- ▶ Combinatorial problems
- ▶ Geometric problems
- ▶ Numerical problems

## ALGORITHM DESIGN STRATEGIES

- ▶ Brute force
- ▶ Greedy approach
- ▶ Divide/Decrease/Transform and conquer
- ▶ Dynamic programming
- ▶ Backtracking and branch-and-bound
- ▶ etc.

## EX: GREATEST COMMON DIVISOR (GCD)

- ▶ Find  $\text{gcd}(m,n)$ , the greatest common divisor of two non-negative, not both zero integers,  $m$  and  $n$ .
  - ▶  $\text{gcd}(60, 24) = ?$
  - ▶  $\text{gcd}(60, 0) = ?$

## "MIDDLE-SCHOOL" PROCEDURE TO GCD(M,N)

- ▶ Step 1: Find the prime factorization of m
- ▶ Step 2: Find the prime factorization of n
- ▶ Step 3: Find all the common prime factors
- ▶ Step 4: Compute the product of all the common prime factors and return it as gcd(m,n)

## "BRUTE FORCE" PROCEDURE TO GCD(M,N)

- ▶ Step 1: Assign the value of  $\min\{m,n\}$  to t.
- ▶ Step 2: Divide m by t. If the remainder is 0, go to Step 3;  
Otherwise, go to Step 4
- ▶ Step 3: Divide n by t. If the remainder is 0, return t and  
stop; Otherwise, go to Step 4
- ▶ Step 4: Decrease t by 1 and go to Step 2

**DOES IT WORK FOR EVERY INPUTS ?**

## DESCRIPTIONS OF EUCLID'S ALGORITHM

- ▶ Step 1: If  $n = 0$ , return  $m$  and stop; otherwise go to Step 2
- ▶ Step 2: Divide  $m$  by  $n$  and assign the value of the remainder to  $r$
- ▶ Step 3: Assign the value of  $n$  to  $m$  and the value of  $r$  to  $n$ . Go to Step 1.

EUCLID'S ALGORITHM: FOR  $M \geq N$ ,

$\text{GCD}(M, N) = \text{GCD}(N, M \bmod N)$

REPEAT UNTIL  $N$  BECOMES 0 AND TAKE  $M$  AS THE OUTPUT

## PSEUDO-CODE

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### Algorithm Euclid's algorithm

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- 1: Input: Two non-negative, not both zero, integers  $m$  and  $n$  ( $m \geq n$ )
  - 2: Output: A largest integer not greater than  $\min(m, n)$  that divides  $m$  and  $n$
  - 3:
  - 4: **while**  $n \neq 0$  **do**
  - 5:      $r \leftarrow m \bmod n$
  - 6:      $m \leftarrow n$
  - 7:      $n \leftarrow r$
  - 8: **return**  $m$
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## BACK TO "MIDDLE-SCHOOL" PROCEDURE TO GCD(M,N)

How can we know which is prime number ?

- ▶ Step 1: Find the prime factorization of m
- ▶ Step 2: Find the prime factorization of n
- ▶ Step 3: Find all the common prime factors
- ▶ Step 4: Compute the product of all the common prime factors and return it as gcd(m,n)

## PSEUDO-CODE

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### Algorithm Sieve of Eratosthenes

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Input: Integer  $n \geq 2$

Output: List of primes less or equal to  $n$

**for**  $p \leftarrow 2$  to  $n$  **do**

$A[p] \leftarrow p$

**for**  $p \leftarrow 2$  to  $\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor$  **do**

**if**  $A[p] \neq 0$  **then**  $\triangleright p$  hasn't been previously eliminated from the list

$j \leftarrow p \times p$

**while**  $j \leq n$  **do**

$A[j] \leftarrow 0$   $\triangleright$  Mark element as eliminated

$j \leftarrow j + p$

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# SIEVE OF ERATOSTHENES

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

# The Analysis Framework



Time efficiency → Time complexity  
how fast an algorithm runs through a question

Space efficiency → Space complexity  
the amount of memory units required by the algorithm

now, the space issue is not much concern

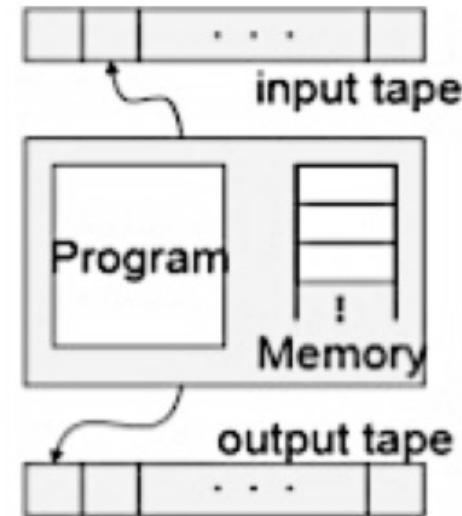
# Measuring Running Time

Analyzed Factors depend on

- number of processors
- Read/Write speed (cache, disk)
- 32bit or 64 bit-Architecture
- ...
- ...
- **number of Input**



**order of growth**



RAM model

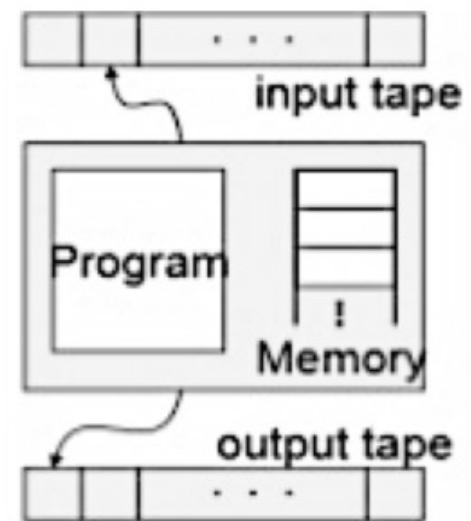
- single processor
- sequential execution
- 1 unit time for arithmetical and logical operation
- 1 unit time for assignment and return

# Measuring Running Time

## RAM Model of Computation

Machine-independent algorithm design depends upon a hypothetical computer called the *Random Access Machine* (RAM). Under this model of computation, simply run time is calculated by

- Each ``simple'' operation (+, \*, -, =, if, call) takes exactly 1 time step.
- Loops and subroutines are *not* considered simple operations. Instead, they are the composition of many single-step operations. The time it takes to run through a loop or execute a subprogram depends upon **the number of loop iterations** or the specific nature of the subprogram.
- Each memory access takes exactly one time step, and we have as much memory as we need. **no matter an item is in cache or on the disk**



**run time of an algorithm = No. of steps it takes on a given problem instance**

**Example :** Determine the running time of the algorithm that finds the summation for all elements in the sequence

### **Algorithm Sum\_all\_Element**

1. Input: A sequence of numbers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$
2. Output: The summation of all elements in the input sequence

	cost	No. of iteration
4. sum $\leftarrow 0$	1	1
5. <b>for</b> $i = 1$ to $n$ <b>do</b>	2	$n+1$
6.   sum $\leftarrow$ sum + $a_i$	2	$n$
7. <b>return</b> sum	1	1

$$\text{total} = 1 + 2(n+1) + 2n + 1 = 4n + 4$$

Algorithm running time   input's size

## Asymptotic Notation

- Big-Oh notation ( $O$ ) – Upper bound
- Big-Omega notation ( $\Omega$ ) – Lower bound
- Big-Theta notation ( $\Theta$ ) – Average bound

comparing and ranking growth orders of algorithms solving the same problem.

## Big-Oh notation: Upper bound

$$c^*g(n)$$

$$f(n) \in O(g(n))$$

$$f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n), \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n)$$

$f(n)$  is big-Oh of  $g(n)$

$f(n)$  has the growth order bounded above by  $g(n)$

$O(g(n))$  is a big-Oh estimate of  $f(n)$

$$n_0$$

$$n$$

Example:  $f(n) = 4n + 4$

$$4n + 4 \leq 10n \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ f(n) & c & g(n) \end{array}$$

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$$\therefore f(n) = O(n)$$

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$$4n + 4 \leq 4n^2 + 4n^2 \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

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

## Big-Omega notation: Lower bound

$$f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$$

$$f(n) \geq c \cdot g(n), \forall n \geq n_0$$

$f(n)$

$c^*g(n)$

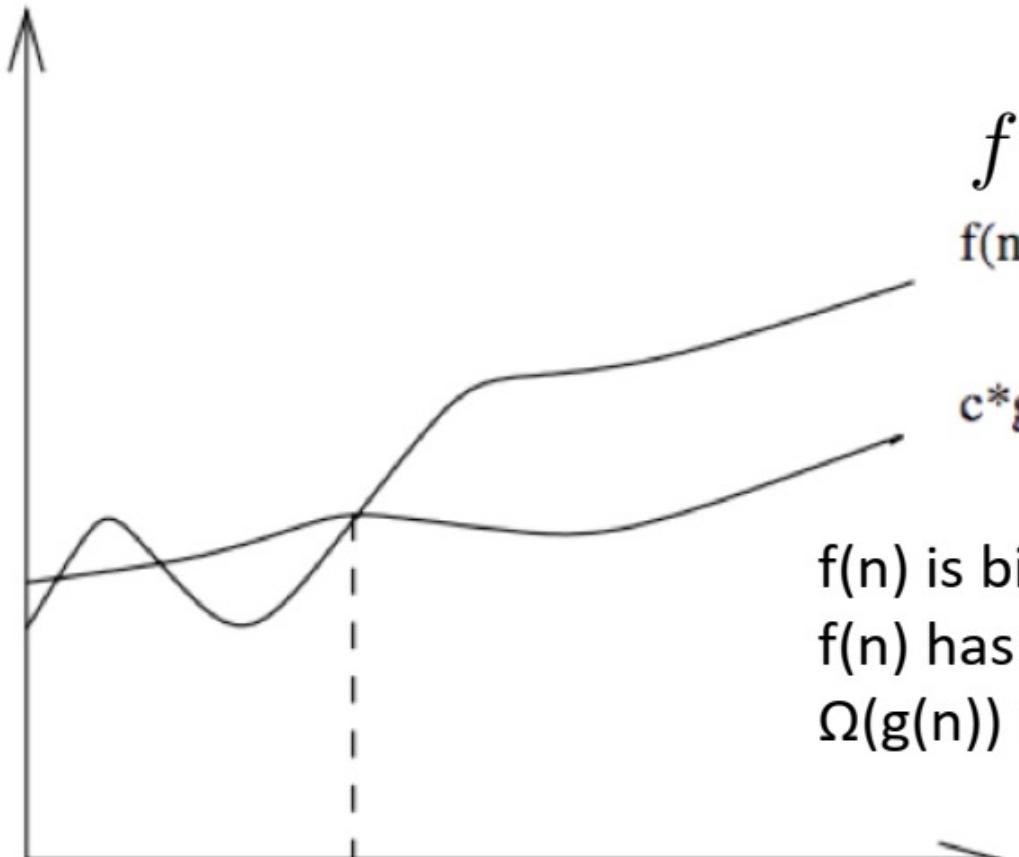
$f(n)$  is big-Omega of  $g(n)$

$f(n)$  has the growth order bounded below by  $g(n)$

$\Omega(g(n))$  is a big-Omega estimate of  $f(n)$

$n_0$

$n$



Example:  $f(n) = 4n + 4$

$$4n + 4 \geq 2n \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ f(n) & c & g(n) \end{array}$$

$$\therefore f(n) = \Omega(n)$$

$$f(n) \geq c \cdot g(n), \forall n \geq n_0$$

let's test for  $\log n$

$$\therefore f(n) = \Omega(\log n)$$

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Determine which one below is true or false.

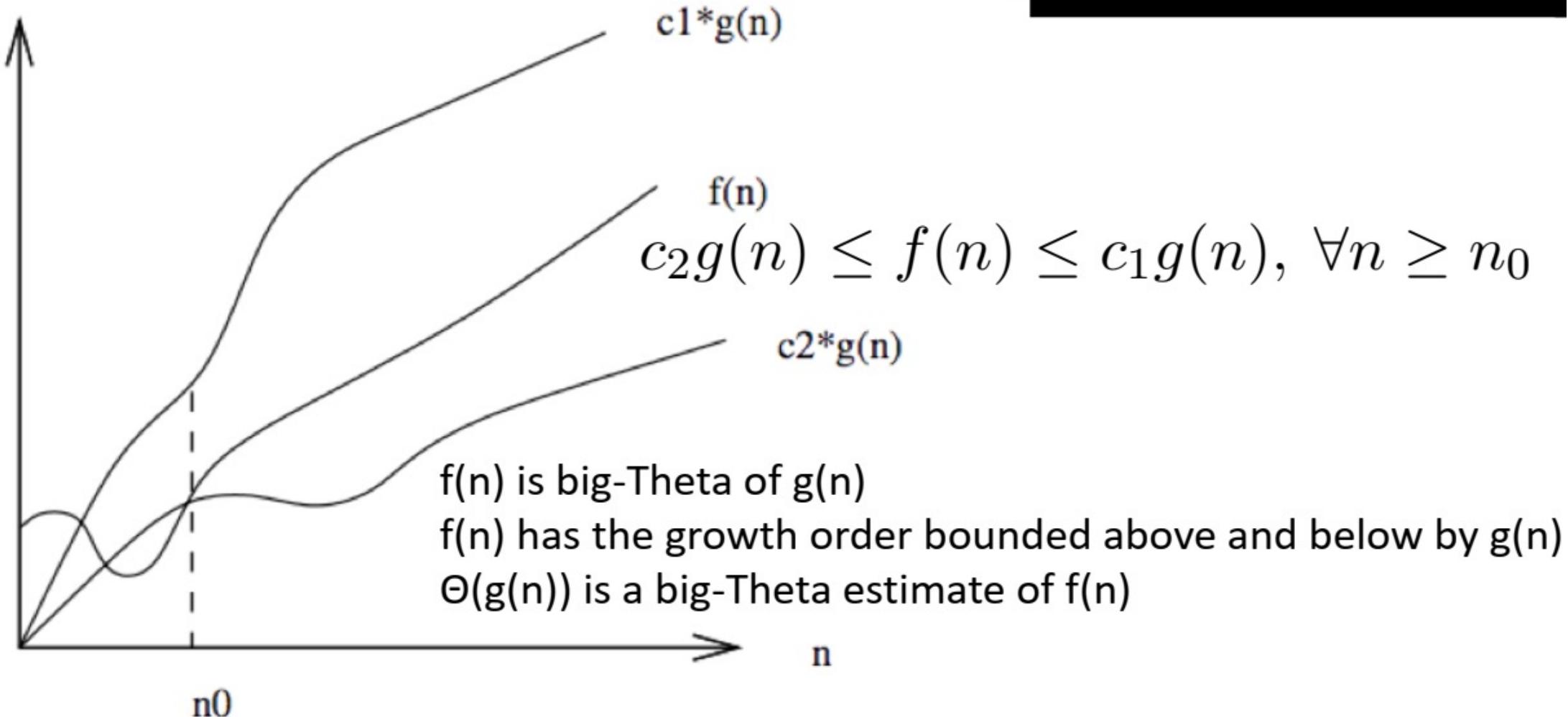
$$3n^2 - 100n + 6 \in \Omega(n^2) \quad (1)$$

$$3n^2 - 100n + 6 \in \Omega(n^3) \quad (2)$$

$$3n^2 - 100n + 6 \in \Omega(n) \quad (3)$$

## Big-Theta notation: Average bound

$$f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$$



**Example:**  $f(n) = 4n + 4$

$$2n \leq 4n + 4 \leq 10n \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

$$\begin{matrix} c_2 & g(n) & f(n) & c_1 & g(n) \end{matrix}$$

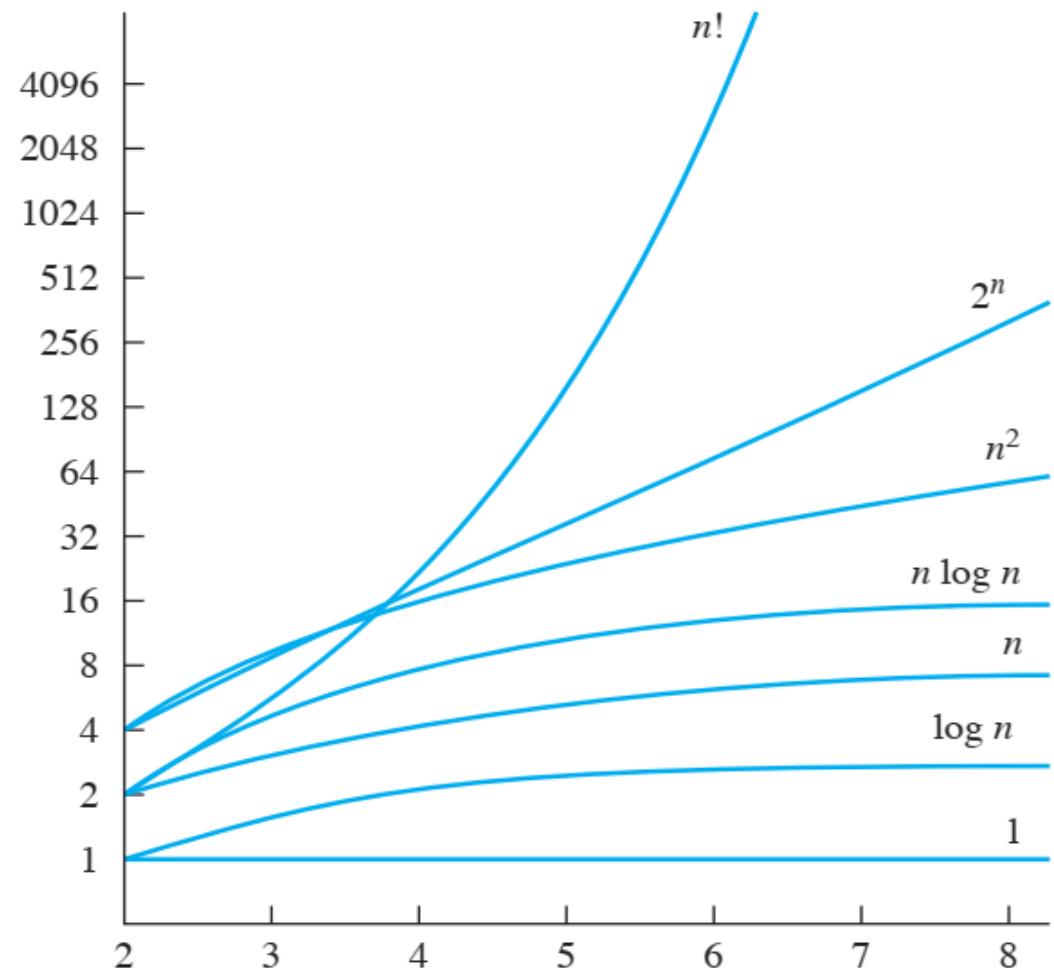
$$c_2 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_1 g(n), \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$\therefore f(n) = \Theta(n)$$

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

# The growth order of Algorithm

- The growth order is the dominant term in the running time, **with any multiplicative constant removed.**
- The growth order is an indicator of **the algorithm's efficiency** used to rank and compare algorithms.



## Summary

- **Big-Oh** is upper bound → execution time is not more than  $O(g(n))$
- **Big-Omega** is lower bound → execution time is at least  $\Omega(g(n))$
- **Big-Theta** is the most preferred expression for algorithm efficiency
- $O(g(n))$  may equal to  $\Omega(g(n))$  and may equal to  $\Theta(g(n))$
- **Big-Oh** and **Big-Omega** may have more than one function but normally we use the closest function
- Sometime  $\Theta(g(n))$  is not exists
  - e.g.:  $f(n) = n!$

## ▪ Basic Asymptotic Efficiency Class

Class $g(n)$	Name
1	Constant
$\log n$	Logarithmic
$n$	Linear
$n \log n$	Linearithmic / Superlinear
$\sqrt{n}$	Sublinear polynomial
$n^b$	Polynomial
$b^n$	Exponential
$n!$	Factorial

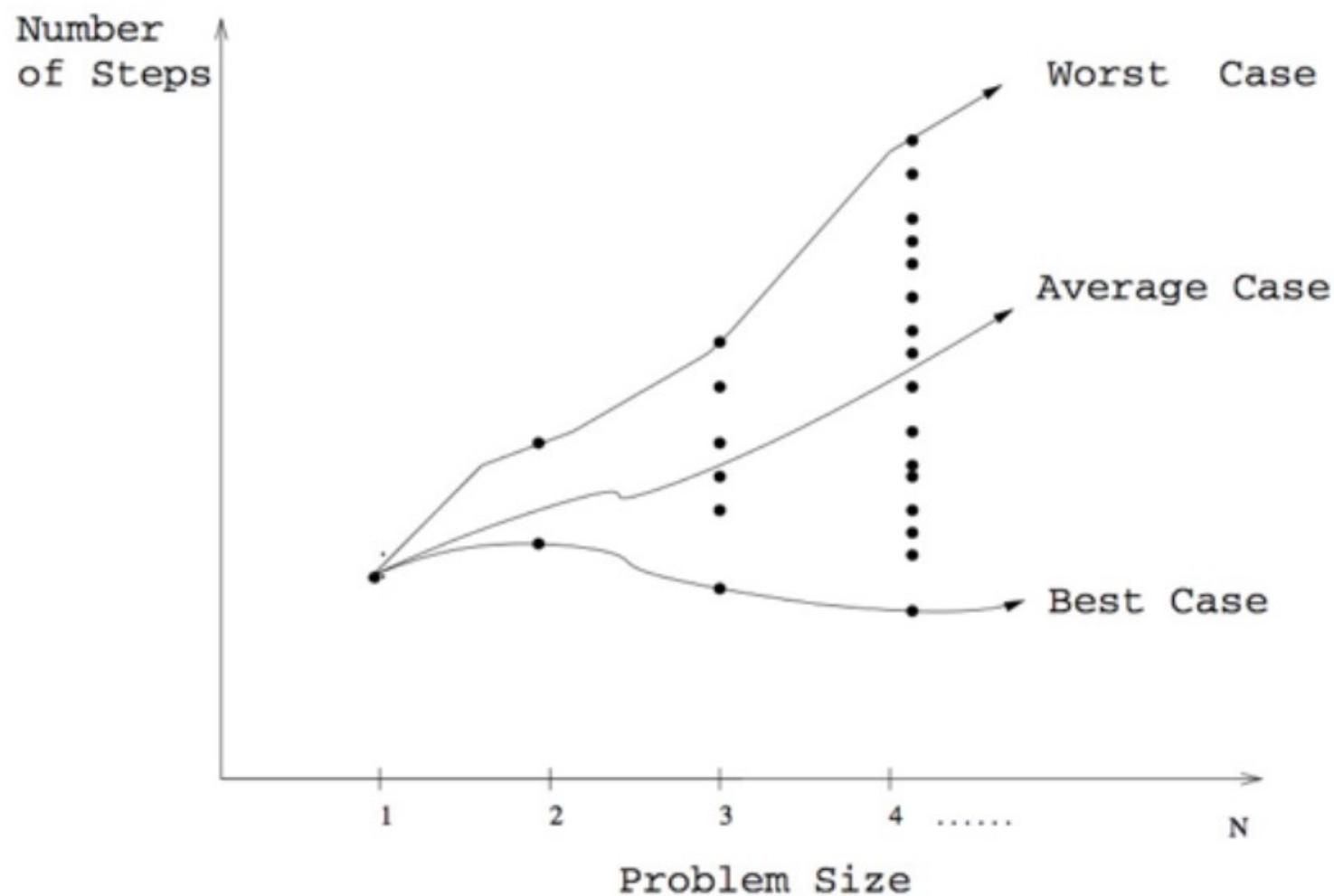
**Example :** Determine the running time of the algorithm that finds the summation for all element in the sequence

### **Algorithm UniqueElement**

	Cost	No. of Iteration
1. Input: A sequence of numbers $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$		
2. Output: Return “true” if all elements are distinct and “false” otherwise		
3.		
4. <b>for</b> $i = 1$ to $n - 1$ <b>do</b>	2	?
5. <b>for</b> $j = i + 1$ to $n$ <b>do</b>	2	?
6. <b>if</b> $a_i == a_j$ <b>then</b>	1	?
7. <b>return</b> false	1	1
8. <b>return</b> true	1	1

Algorithm running time dose not depend on input's size

## Best/ Average/ Worst-case Efficiencies



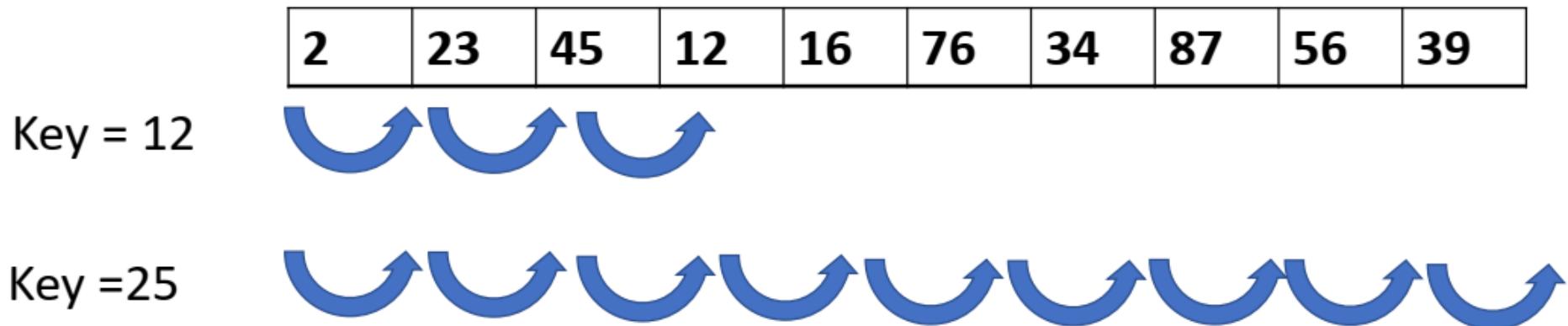
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  5.     **for**  $j = i + 1$  to  $n$  **do**
  6.         **if**  $a_i == a_j$  **then**
  7.             **return** false
  8.     **return** true
- | 3. | Best Case   | Worst Case       |
|----|-------------|------------------|
|    | $a_1 = a_2$ | all elements are |
|    | $f(n) = 6$  | unique           |

Algorithm running time dose not depend on input's size

## Linear Search



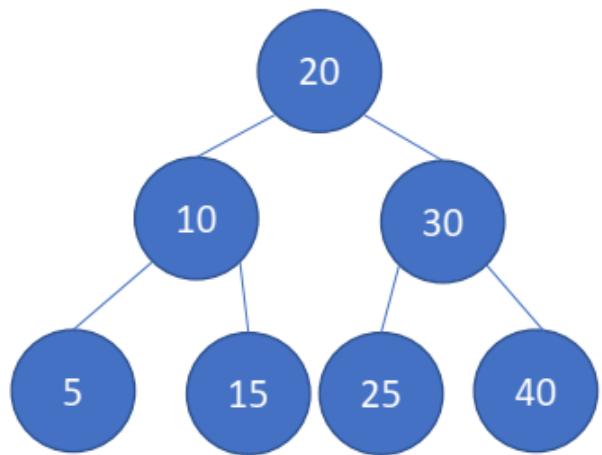
Best Case → found at the first order →  $O(n)$

Worst Case → found at the last order/ not found →  $O(n)$

Average Case → 
$$\frac{\text{all possible case time}}{\text{no. of case}}$$

$$= \frac{1+2+\dots+n}{n} = \frac{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}{n} = \frac{n+1}{2}$$

## Binary Search Tree



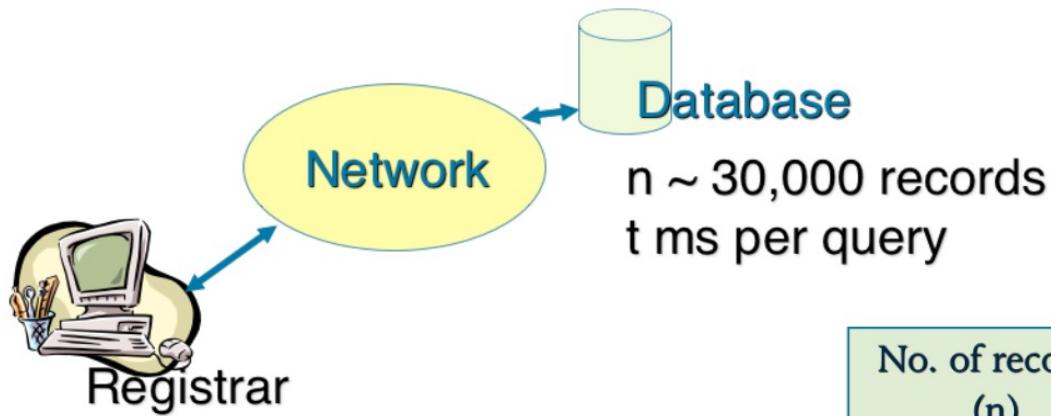
Best case → found at root →  $O(1)$

Worst case → found at leaf → height of Tree

## General Plan for Analyzing Non-Recursive Algorithms

Step	Ex: UniqueElement()
Decide on parameters indicating an input's size.	$n$
Identify algorithm's basic operations	<code>for, if <math>a_i == a_j</math> and return</code>
Check if basic operations depend on additional properties other than the input size.	<code>if <math>a_i == a_j</math></code>
Set up the sum expressing # executions of basic operations.	<b>Best case = <math>f(n)</math></b> <b>Worst case = <math>f(n)</math></b>
Evaluate the sum to closed-form (or establish growth order)	<b>Best case = <math>O(g(n))</math></b> <b>Worst case = <math>O(g(n))</math></b>

## How does time-complexity grow the time?



How long to wait on average?

$n$	$f(n)$	$\lg n$	$n$	$n \lg n$	$n^2$	$2^n$	$n!$
10	0.003 $\mu$ s	0.01 $\mu$ s	0.033 $\mu$ s	0.1 $\mu$ s	1 $\mu$ s	3.63 ms	
20	0.004 $\mu$ s	0.02 $\mu$ s	0.086 $\mu$ s	0.4 $\mu$ s	1 ms	77.1 years	
30	0.005 $\mu$ s	0.03 $\mu$ s	0.147 $\mu$ s	0.9 $\mu$ s	1 sec		$8.4 \times 10^{15}$ yrs
40	0.005 $\mu$ s	0.04 $\mu$ s	0.213 $\mu$ s	1.6 $\mu$ s	18.3 min		
50	0.006 $\mu$ s	0.05 $\mu$ s	0.282 $\mu$ s	2.5 $\mu$ s	13 days		
100	0.007 $\mu$ s	0.1 $\mu$ s	0.644 $\mu$ s	10 $\mu$ s	$4 \times 10^{13}$ yrs		
1,000	0.010 $\mu$ s	1.00 $\mu$ s	9.966 $\mu$ s	1 ms			
10,000	0.013 $\mu$ s	10 $\mu$ s	130 $\mu$ s	100 ms			
100,000	0.017 $\mu$ s	0.10 ms	1.67 ms	10 sec			
1,000,000	0.020 $\mu$ s	1 ms	19.93 ms	16.7 min			
10,000,000	0.023 $\mu$ s	0.01 sec	0.23 sec	1.16 days			
100,000,000	0.027 $\mu$ s	0.10 sec	2.66 sec	115.7 days			
1,000,000,000	0.030 $\mu$ s	1 sec	29.90 sec	31.7 years			

No. of records (n)	Waiting times (10 msec per search)	
	Linear search (n)	Binary search ( $\log_2 n$ )
$n = 1000$	10 s	0.1 s
$n = 10000$	100 s	0.1329 s
$n = 30000$	300	0.1487 s

No. of records (n)	Waiting times (1 msec per search)	
	Linear search (n)	Binary search ( $\log_2 n$ )
$n = 1000$	1 s	0.01 s
$n = 10000$	10 s	0.01329 s
$n = 30000$	30 s	0.01487 s

## Running Time Analysis of Recursive Algorithms

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### Algorithm Factorial( $n$ )

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- 1: Input: A non-negative integer  $n$
  - 2: Output: The value of  $n!$
  - 3:
  - 4: **if**  $n = 0$  **then**
  - 5:     return 1
  - 6: **else**
  - 7:     return Factorial( $n - 1$ )\* $n$
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$$F(n) = \begin{cases} F(n-1) \cdot n & \text{for } n > 0 \\ 1 & \text{for } n = 0 \end{cases}$$

## Method of Backward Substitutions

$M(n)$ , # basic operations (multiplication), has the recurrence relation:

$$M(n) = \begin{cases} M(n - 1) + 1 & \text{for } n > 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } n = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$F(n) = \begin{cases} F(n - 1) \cdot n & \text{for } n > 0 \\ 1 & \text{for } n = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M(n) &= M(n - 1) + 1 && \text{substitute } M(n - 1) = M(n - 2) + 1 \\ &= [M(n - 2) + 1] + 1 = M(n - 2) + 2 && \text{substitute } M(n - 2) = M(n - 3) + 1 \\ &= [M(n - 3) + 1] + 2 = M(n - 3) + 3. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$M(n) = M(n - 1) + 1 = \dots = M(n - i) + i = \dots = M(n - n) + n = n.$$

**Example :** Determine the running time of the algorithm that finds the Fibonacci sequence

### **Algorithm Fibonacci**

1. Input: A numbers  $n$
2. Output: Return the Fibonacci series value of  $n$
- 3.
4. **if**  $n \leq 1$
5.     **return**  $n$
6. **else**
7.     **return**  $\text{Fibonacci}(n-1) + \text{Fibonacci}(n-2)$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + C$$

$$T(0) = T(1) = 1$$

assume that  $T(n-1) \approx T(n-2)$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T(n-2) + C \\ &= 2[2T(n-4)+C] + C \\ &= 4T(n-4) + 3C \\ &= 8T(n-6) + 7C \\ &= 16T(n-8) + 15C \end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega(2^{n/2})$$

Lower bound

$$T(n) = 2^k T(n-2k) + (2^k - 1) C$$

$$\text{given } k = n/2$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2^{n/2} T(0) + (2^{n/2} - 1) C \\ &= 2^{n/2} (1+C) - C \end{aligned}$$

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$O(2^n)$

Upper bound

$$T(n) = 2^k T(n-k) + (2^k - 1) C$$

given  $k = n$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2^n T(0) + (2^n - 1) C \\ &= 2^n (1+C) - C \end{aligned}$$

## General Plan for Analyzing Recursive Algorithms

- Decide on parameters indicating an input's size.
- Identify algorithm's basic operations
- Check if basic operations depend on additional properties other than the input size. If so, worst-case, average-case, best-case efficiencies have to be derived separately.
- Set up a recurrence relation with appropriate initial condition expressing # basic operations executed.
- Solve the recurrence to closed-form (or establish growth order)