

Insertion Sort and Asymptotic Analysis

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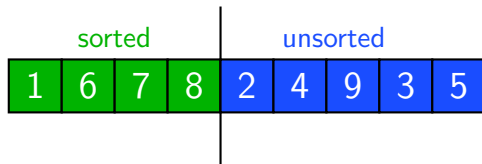
(Based on previous material by Mohamed Faouzi Atig and Parosh Aziz Abdulla)

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We want to sort an array A of n elements in non-decreasing order.

The **Insertion sort** algorithm divides A into two sub-arrays:

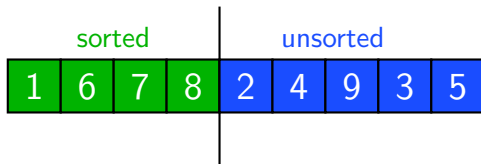
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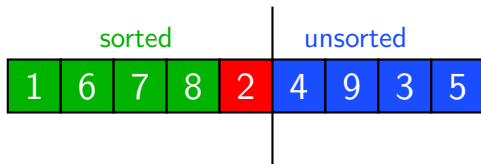
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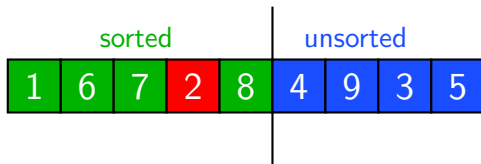
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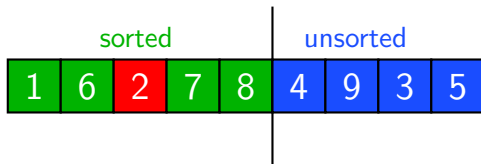
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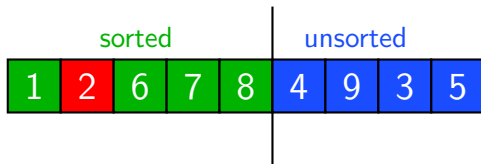
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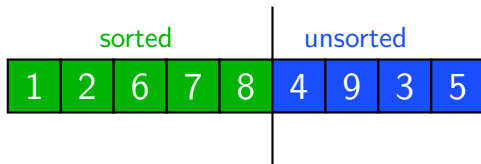
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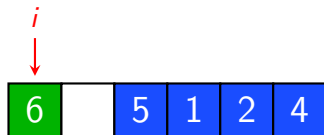


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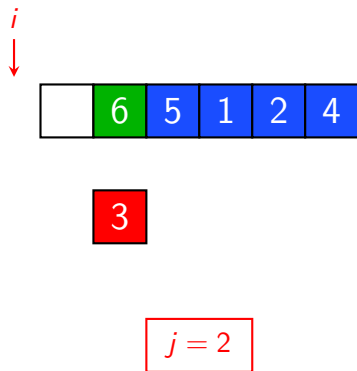
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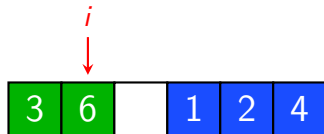


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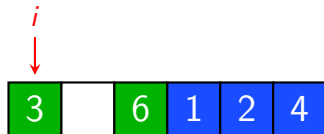
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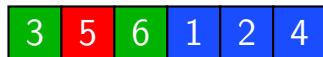
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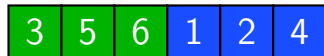


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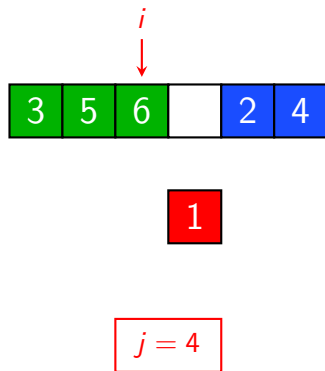


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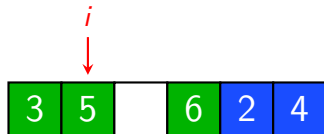
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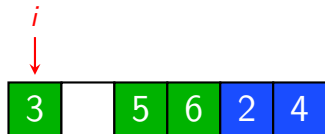
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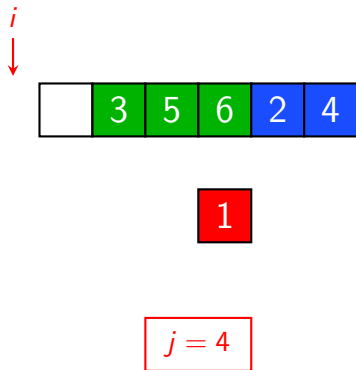
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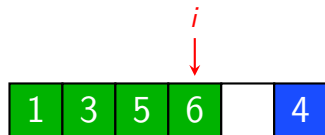


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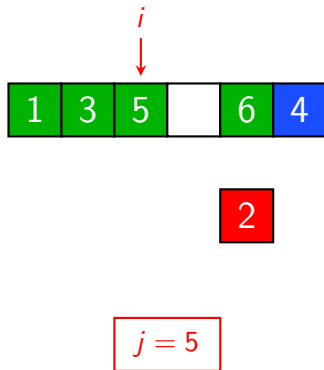
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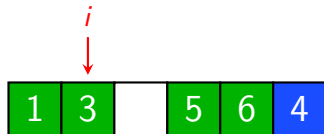
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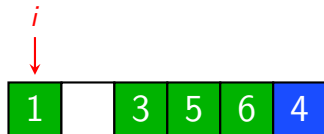
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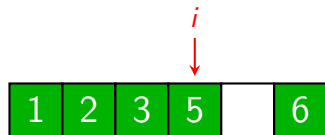
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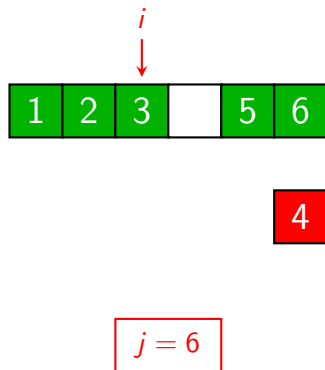
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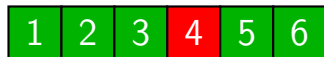
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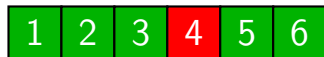


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Correctness – Loop Invariants

Loop Invariant:

- Property which remains true throughout the execution of a loop.
- It should be a useful property for showing correctness of the algorithm.

How to Show a Loop Invariant?

- **Initialization:** The invariant holds prior to the first iteration of the loop.
- **Maintenance:** The invariant is preserved by each iteration of the loop. In other words, if it holds before the next iteration, it will also hold after performing that iteration. This continues until (and including) the point of termination of the loop.
- **Termination:** At the point of termination, the invariant implies a “useful property”, which in turn can be used for proving correctness of the program.

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Insertion Sort - Cost Analysis

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Insertion Sort - Best Case

What is the best case?

INSERTION-SORT(A)

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INSERTION-SORT(*A*)

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Insertion Sort - Best Case

Best Case: The array is already sorted: $t_j = 1$

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INSERTION-SORT(A)

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```



$j = 2$

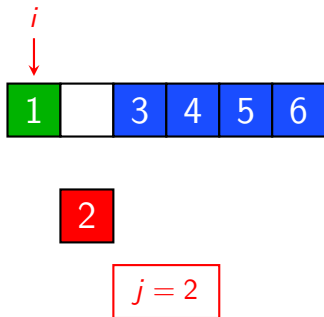
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$j = 2$

$t_j = 1$

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```



$j = 3$

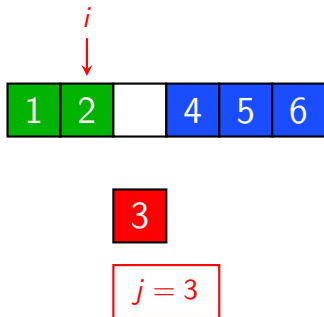
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```



$j = 3$

$t_j = 1$

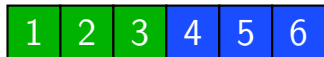
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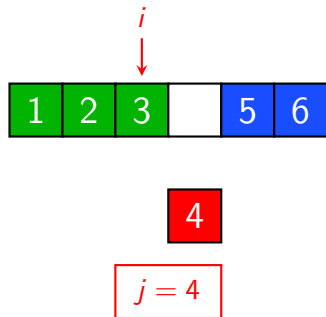
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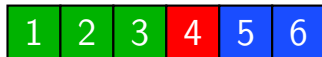
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$j = 4$

$t_j = 1$

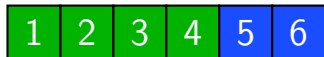
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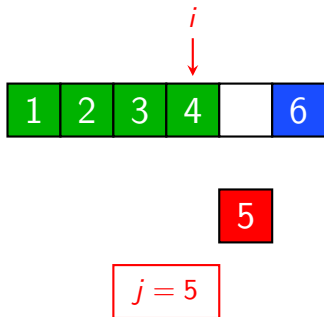
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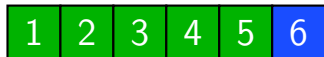
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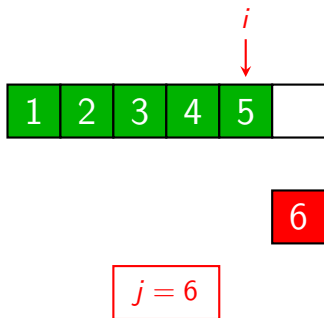
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$j = 6$

$t_j = 1$

Insertion Sort - Best Case

Best Case: The array is already sorted: $t_j = 1$

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Insertion Sort - Best Case

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In the best case, insertion sort runs in linear time
($T(n)$ is of the form $an + b$)

Insertion Sort - Worst Case

What is the worst case?

INSERTION-SORT(A)

```
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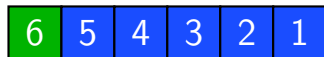
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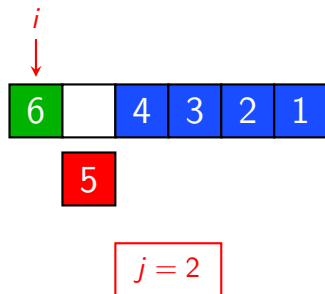
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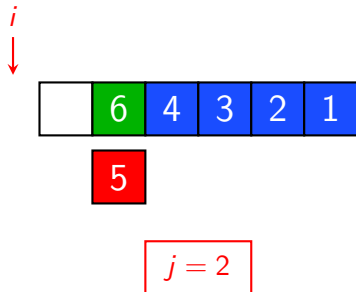
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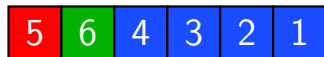
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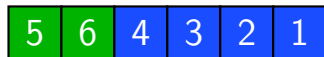
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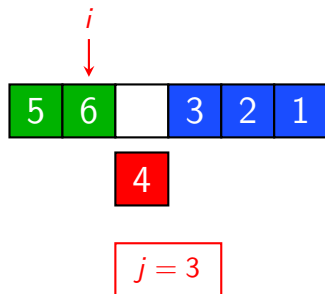
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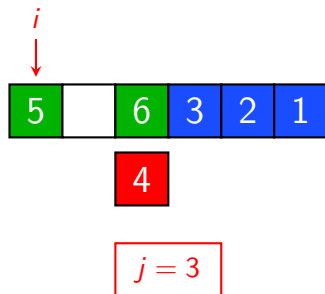
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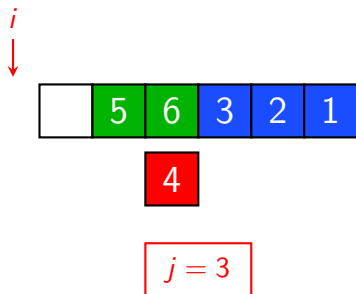
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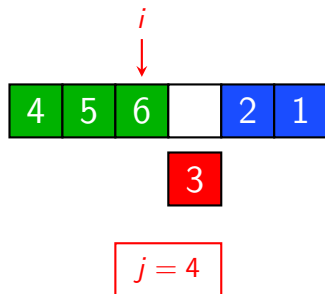
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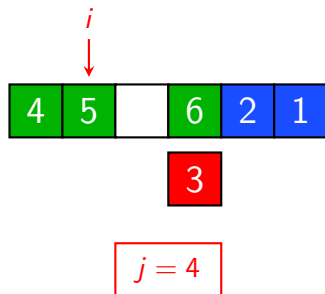
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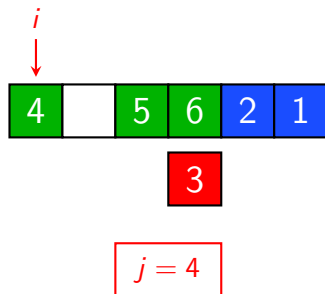
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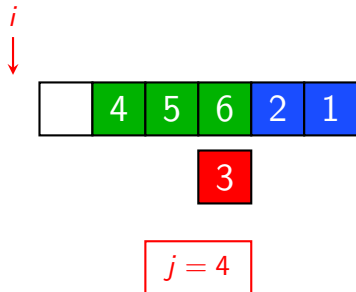
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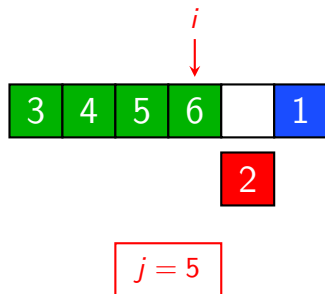
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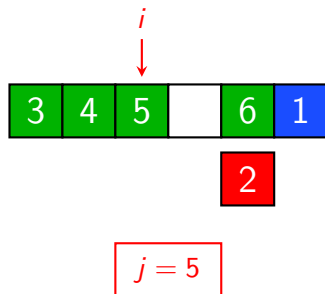
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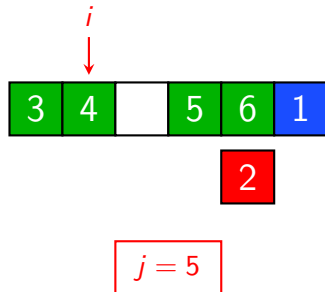
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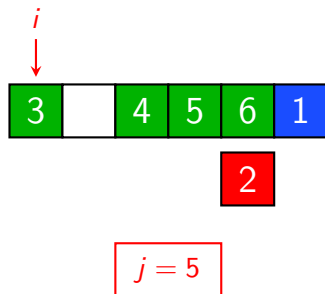
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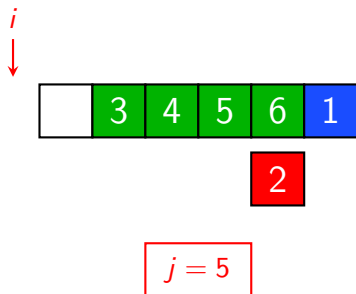
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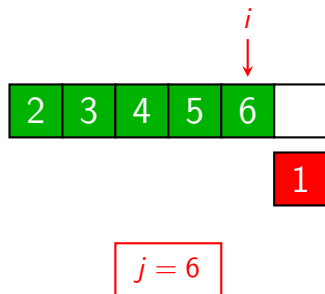
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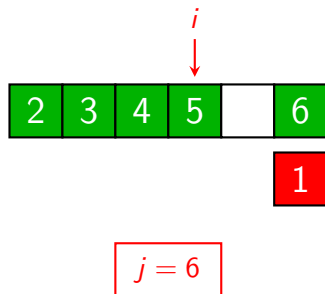
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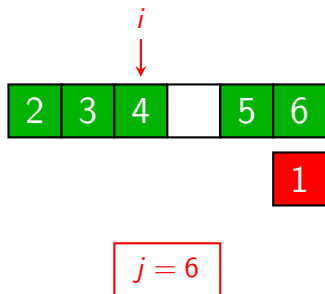
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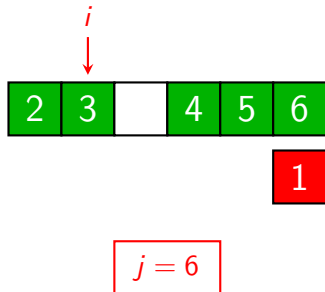
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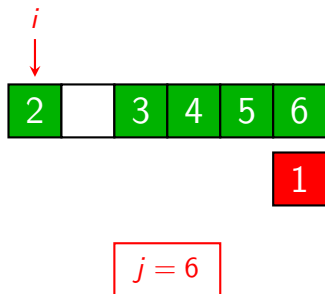
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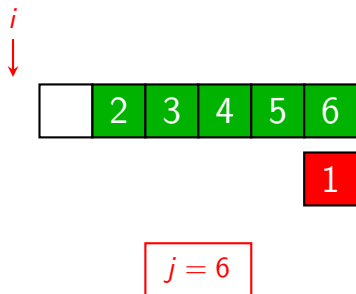
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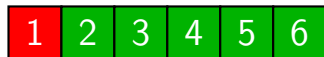
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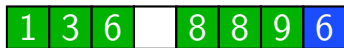
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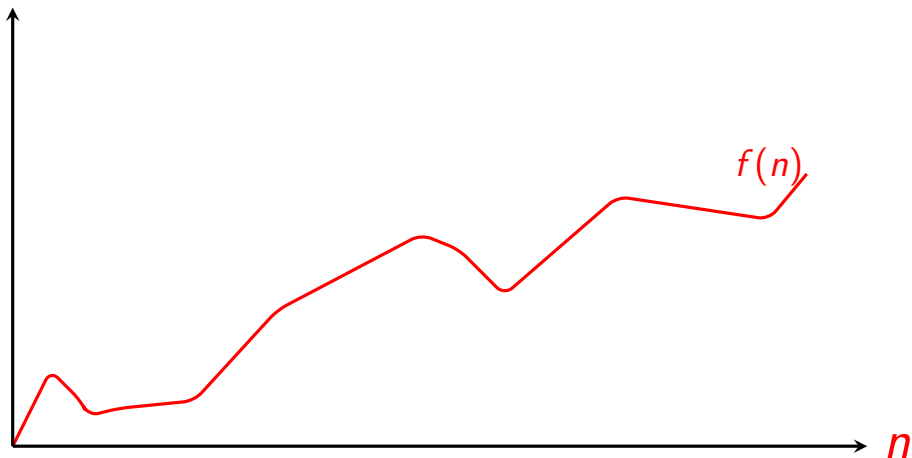
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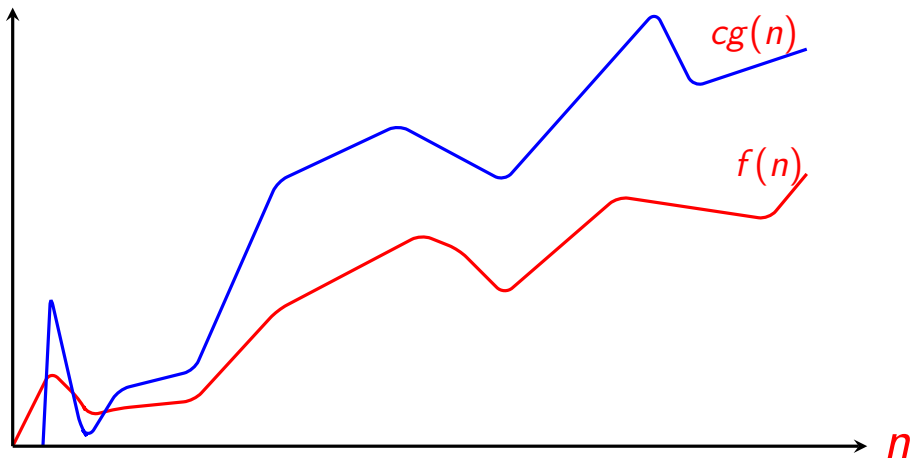
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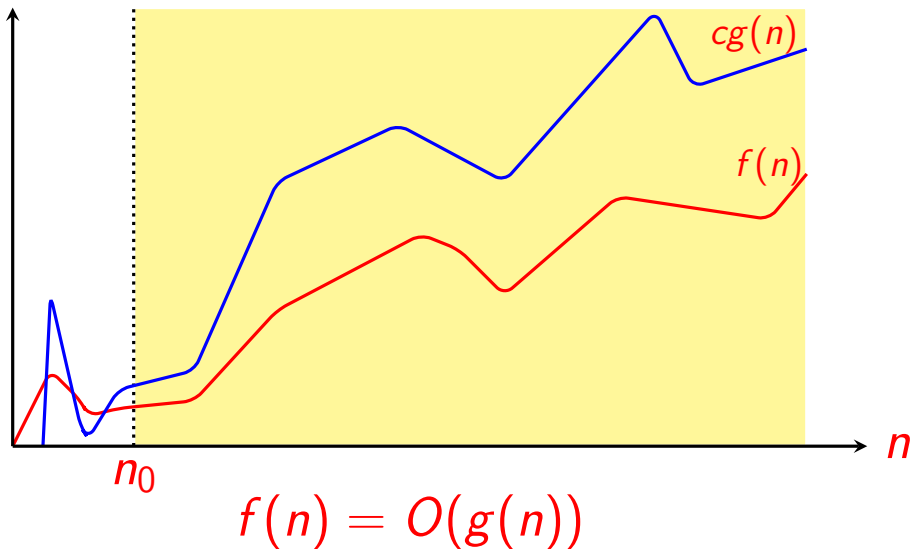
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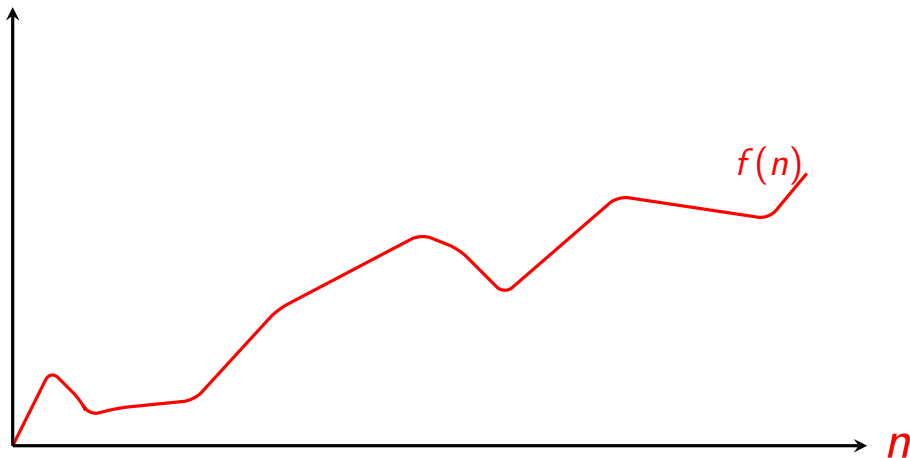
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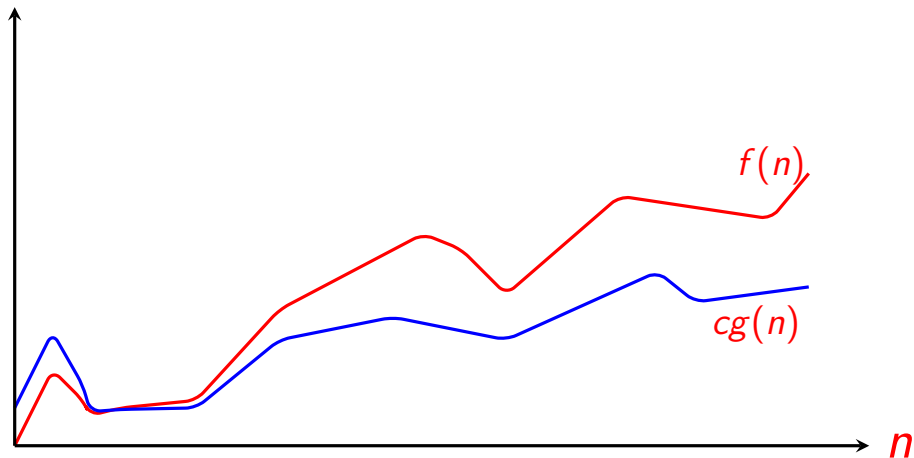
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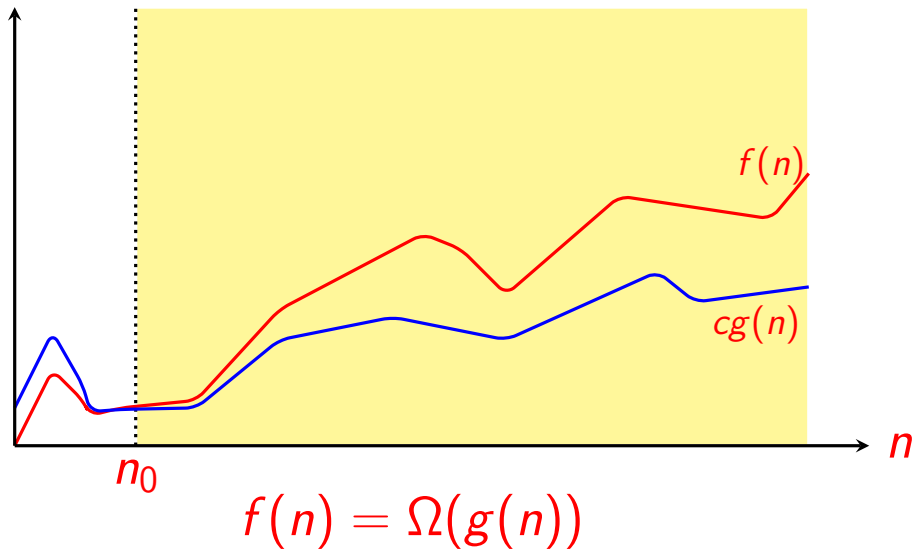
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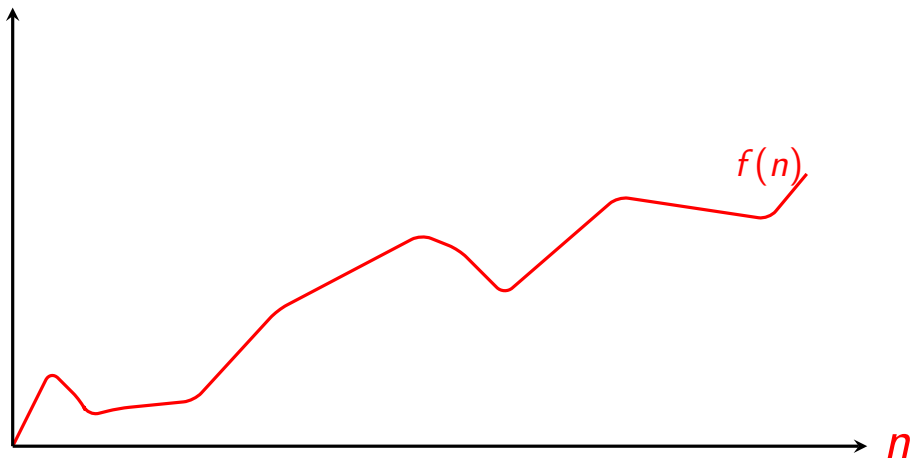
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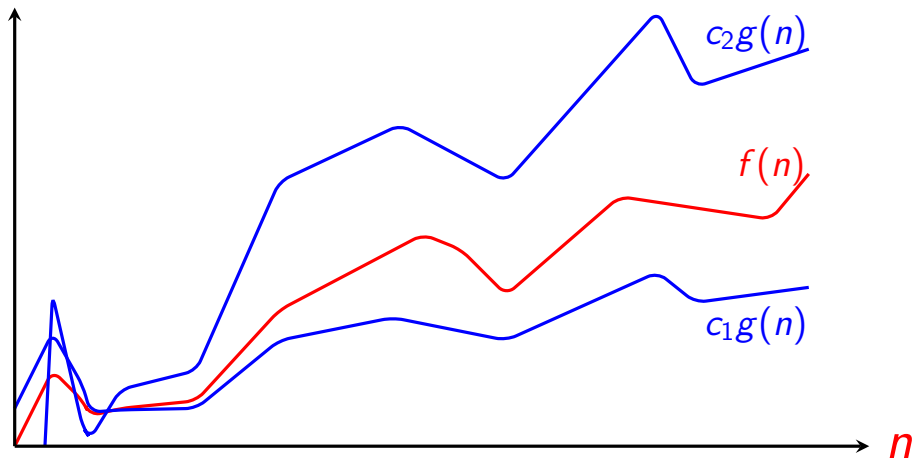
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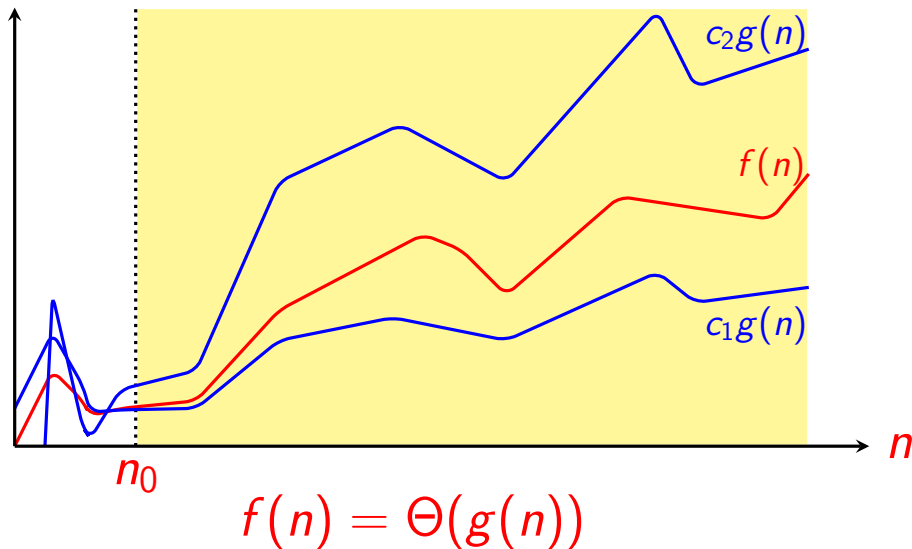
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- For any constant function $f(n)$ (i.e., there is $c > 0$ such that $f(n) = c$ for all n), we have $f(n) = \Theta(1)$
- $\log(n) \neq \Theta(n)$
- $n \neq \Theta(2^n)$
- The Worst-Case complexity of Insertion Sort algorithm is $\Theta(n^2)$
- The Best-case complexity of Insertion Sort algorithm is $\Theta(n)$

Some Properties

Let $X \in \{O, \Theta, \Omega\}$.

- If $f(n) \in X(g(n))$ and $g(n) \in X(h(n))$ then $f(n) \in X(h(n))$
- $f(n) = X(f(n))$
- $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$ iff $g(n) \in O(f(n))$
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Algorithmic Complexity

- We use the asymptotic notations to characterize the complexity of algorithms.
- Always specify on which complexity we talk: Best, Worst or Average-Case complexity
- The O -notation is the most used one.

Complexity of a Problem

- Asymptotic notations can characterize problem complexity:
 - A problem is $O(g(n))$ if there is an algorithm $O(g(n))$ to solve it.
 - A problem is $\Omega(g(n))$ if any algorithm solving it is $\Omega(g(n))$.
 - A problem is $\Theta(g(n))$ if it is $O(g(n))$ and $\Omega(g(n))$.

Different Complexity Classes

The O -notation groups functions into set of classes, for example:

- **Sub-linear functions:**
 - Constant functions: $O(1)$
 - Logarithmic functions: $O(\log(n))$
- **Polynomial functions:**
 - Linear functions: $O(n)$
 - Super-linear functions: $O(n \log(n))$
 - quadratic functions: $O(n^2)$
- **Exponential functions:** $O(c^n)$ for a given constant $c > 1$
- **Factorial functions:** $O(n!)$