



# COMPLEXITY ANALYSIS



# WORST, BEST AND AVERAGE CASE ANALYSIS

## **Worst Case Analysis:**

Maximum running time an algorithm will take for input size  $n$ .

Consider an input for which the algorithm takes the longest time

Informative and can be usually done.

## **Best Case Analysis:**

Minimum running time that an algorithm takes for an input size  $n$

Consider an input for which the algorithm takes the shortest time

This is not very informative

## **Average Case Analysis:**

Average running time that an algorithm will take for input size  $n$

Consider all possible inputs and compute average.

Generally very difficult. Because all combinations of the input are equally likely.



# COUNTING SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ Count the simple instructions

- Assignments have cost of 1
- Comparisons have a cost of 1
- Let's count all parts of the loop

```
for (int j = 0; j < n; j++)
```

- $j=0$  has a cost of 1,  $j < n$  executes  $n+1$  times, and  $j++$  executes  $n$  times for a total cost of  $2n+2$

- Each statement in the repeated part of a loop have a cost equal to number of iterations



# EXAMPLES

```
sum = 0;  
sum = sum + next;
```

Cost  
-> 1  
-> 1     **Total Cost: 2**

```
for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++)  
    sum = sum++;
```

Cost  
-> 1 + n+1 + n =  $2n+2$   
-> n     **Total Cost:  $3n + 2$**

```
k = 0  
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)  
    for (int j = 0; j < n; j++)  
        k++;
```

Cost  
-> 1  
->  $2n+2$   
->  $n(2n+2) = 2n^2 + 2n$   
->  $n^2$      **Total Cost:  $3n^2 + 4n + 3$**



# BIG O ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

```
someAlgorithm(int n)
{
    Assignment
    for (i=n-2; i>=1; i--)
        Arithmetic Operation
    Output
    for (i=0; i<n; i++)
        Comparison
    for (i=0; i<6; i++)
        Assignment
}
```

## Cost

1

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

**n-2**

1

$$1 + (n+1) + n = 2n+2$$

**n**

$$1+7+6 = 14$$

6

$$6n+20$$

**O(n)**



# BIG O ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

```
someAlgorithm( int n )
{
    Input
    for(i=n;i>=1;i=i-4)
        Arithmetic Operation
    Output
}
```

**1**

**$1 + (n/4 + 1) + n/4 = 2 + n/2$**

**$n/4$**

**1**

**$(3n + 16)/4$**

**$O(n)$**



# BIG O ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

```
someAlgorithm(int n)
{
    Input
    for (i=1; i<=n; i=i+5)
        Comparison
    Output
}
```

**1**

**Loop runs Approximately  $n/5$  times**

**1**

**$O(n)$**



# BIG O ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

```
someAlgorithm(int n)
{
    Assignment
    for(i=n-1; i>=1; i/=2)
        Arithmetic Operation
    Output
}
```

When  $n=51$

Iterations of I every step becomes:

50, 25, 12, 6, 3, 1, 0

Reduces by half every time

=> Can be represented as a logarithmic function of base 2.

**$T(n)$  is approximately  $\lceil \log_2 n \rceil$**

**$T(n)$  is  $O(\log n)$**





# BIG O ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

```
someAlgorithm(int n)
{
    Assignment
    for(i=1;i<=n-1;i*=2)
        Arithmetic Operation
    Output
}
```

When  $n=51$

Iterations of I every step becomes:

1,2,4,8,16,32,64

Doubles every time

=> Can be represented as a logarithmic function of base 2.

**$T(n)$  is approximately  $\lceil \log_2 n \rceil$**

**$T(n)$  is  $O(\log n)$**



# BIG O ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

```
someAlgorithm(int n)
{
    Input
    for (i=0; i<n; i++)
    {
        Assignment
        for (j=0; j<n; j++)
            Comparison
    }
    Arithmetic Operation
    Output
}
```

**1**

$$1 + (n+1) + n = \mathbf{2n+2}$$

**n**

$$n(2n+2) = \mathbf{2n^2+2n}$$

**$n^2$**

**1**

**1**

$$\mathbf{T(n) = 3n^2+5n+5}$$

**T(n) is  $O(n^2)$**



# BIG O ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

```
someAlgorithm(int n)
{
    Input
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    {
        for (i=n-1;i>=1;i/=2)
            Arithmetic Operation
        for(j=0;j<n;j++)
            Comparison
    }
    Arithmetic Operation
    Output
}
```

**Loop 1 : n**

**Loop 2 : n \* logn highest term of n in T(n)**

**Loop 3: n \* n**

**n<sup>2</sup> is the highest term of n in T(n)**

**T(n) is O(n<sup>2</sup>)**



# BIG O ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

```
someAlgorithm(int n)
{
    Input
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        for(j=0;j<n;j++)
            for(k=0;k<n;k++)
                Comparison

    Arithmetic Operation
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        for(j=10;j>=1;j--)
            Assignment

}
```

**Loop 1:  $n$**

**Loop 2:  $n*n$**

**Loop 3:  $n*n*n$**

**Loop 4:  $n$**

**Loop 5:  $10n$**

**The highest term of  $n$  in  $T(n)$  is  $n^3$**

**$T(n)$  is  $O(n^3)$**



# BIG O ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

```
someAlgorithm(int n)
{
    Assignment
    for(i=0; i<n; i++)
        for(j=0; j<=i; j++)
            Operation
    Output
}
```

Outer loop	Value of i	Inner loop Iterations
1	0	1
2	1	2
3	2	3
n-1	n-2	n-1
n	n-1	n

Total Iterations =  $1+2+3+\dots+n$

$\Rightarrow n(n+1)/2$

**T(n) is approximately  $n^2/2 + n/2$**

**$\Rightarrow T(n)$  is  $O(n^2)$**



# BIG O ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

```
someAlgorithm(int n)
{
    Assignment
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        for(j=i+1;j<=n;j++)
            Operation
    Output
}
```

Outer loop	Value of i	Inner loop Iterations
1	0	n-1
2	1	n-2
3	2	n-3
n-2	n-3	2
n-1	n-2	1

Total Iterations =  $(n-1)+(n-2)+(n-3)+....+2+1$

$\Rightarrow n(n-1)/2$

**T(n) is approximately  $n^2/2 - n/2$**

**$\Rightarrow T(n)$  is  $O(n^2)$**

