

2 Courses

DSA ✓

→ GATE CS, OA
→ interview prep.

only Gate → DSA enough

for Gate & Interview

→ DSA
→ PS. in OSA.

Problem solving ✓ in DSA

→ mainly for interview prep
→ also helps in
Gate prep

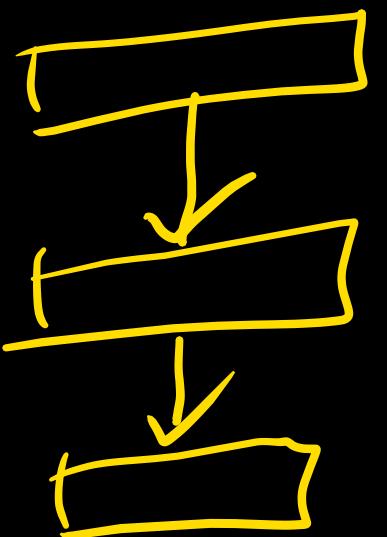
What is an algorithm:

An algorithm is a step by step procedure or formula for solving a problem & accomplishing a task.

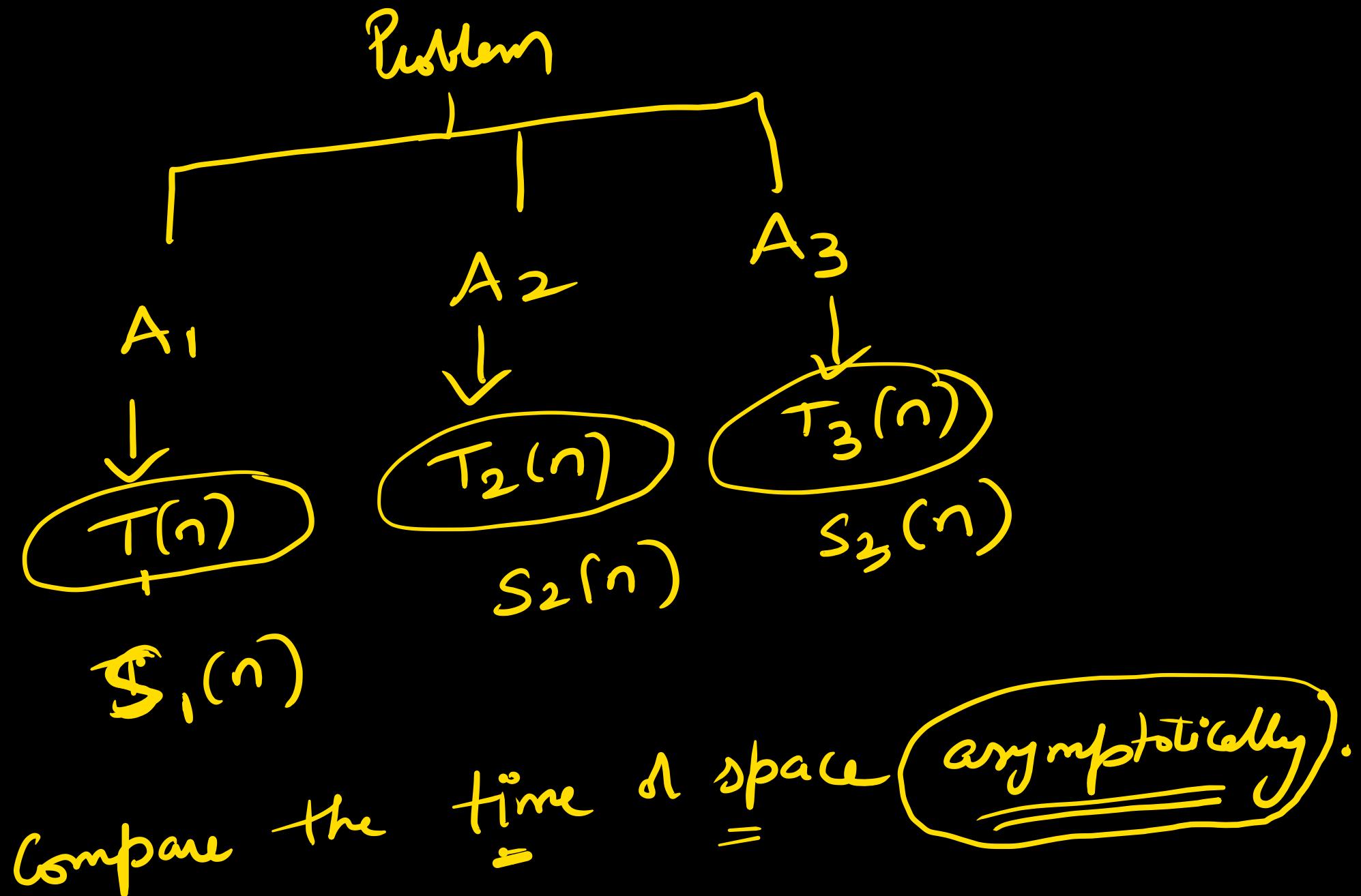
It's a sequence of well defined instructions & rules that specifies how to solve a problem in finite no. of steps.

Key characteristics of algorithm:

- Finite: It should terminate after a finite number of steps
- unambiguous: Every step should clearly specify next step.



- 3) I/p O/p: Algo takes i/p and produce o/p.
- 4) Effective: Algo should solve the problem correctly for all possible i/p's within a reasonable amount of time



Asymptotic analysis:-

$n \rightarrow \infty$ how does time and space complexity behave
of algo

Formal def: It is a method used in Computer Science and mathematics to describe the limiting behaviour of a function of a algorithm as its i/b size tends towards infinity.

It helps us understand how the performance of an algorithm scales with increasing i/b size.

Big Oh notation:

\mathcal{O}

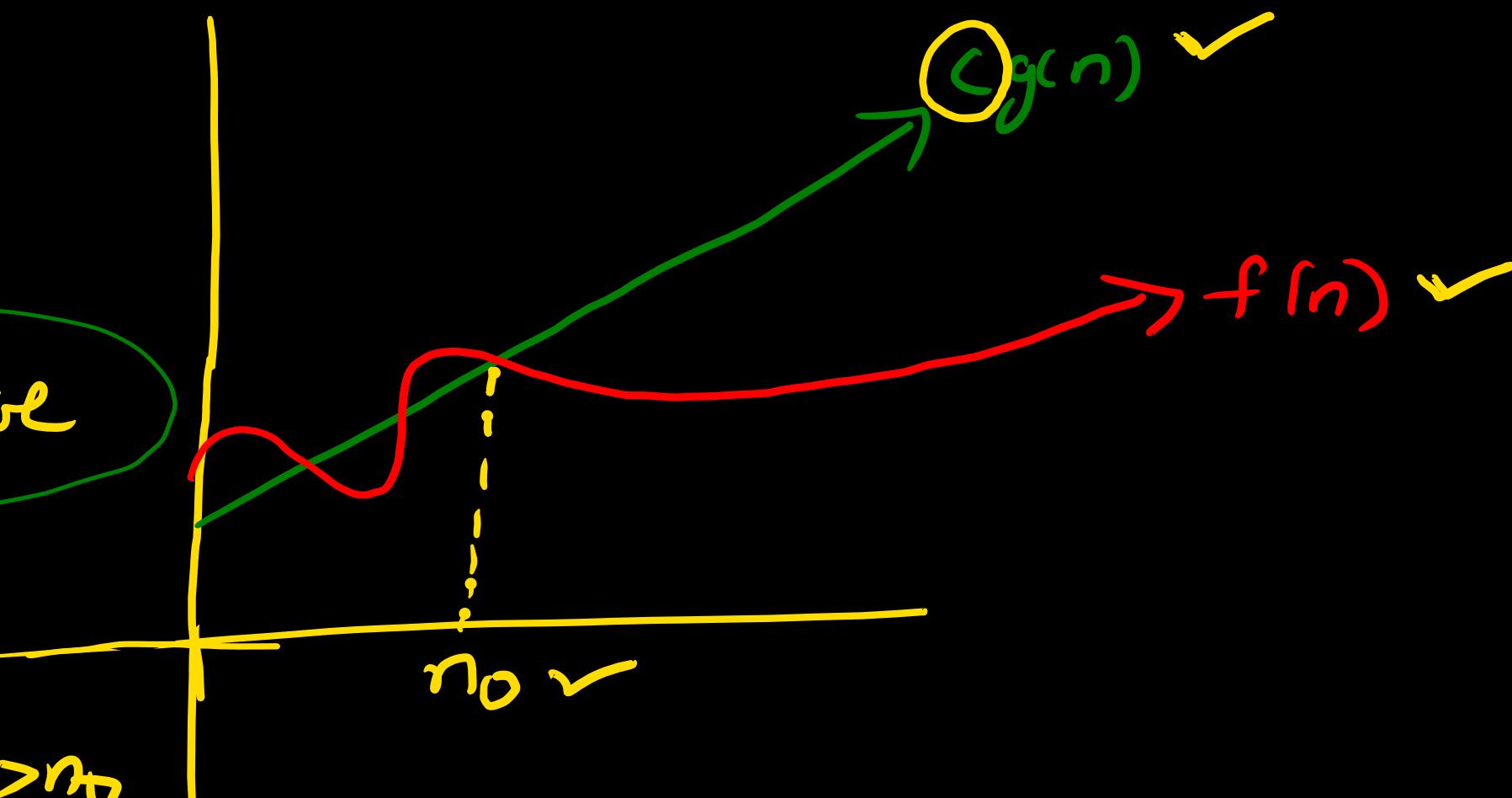
$$f(n) = \mathcal{O}(g(n))$$

if there exists positive constant C and no such that

$$f(n) \leq Cg(n) \quad \forall n > n_0$$

one ~~one~~ sufficient constant

C $n_0 > 0$
constant



$$f(n) = n^2$$

$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

$$n^2 = O(n^3)$$

$$n^2 \leq \underbrace{C}_{1} n^3$$

$$g(n) = n^3$$

$$n_0 = 1$$

$$f(n) = 2n^2 + 3 \quad g(n) = n^2$$

$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

$$f(n) \leq C g(n), n > n_0$$

$$2n^2 + 3 \leq \underbrace{10000}_{C} n^2, n > \underline{1000}$$

$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

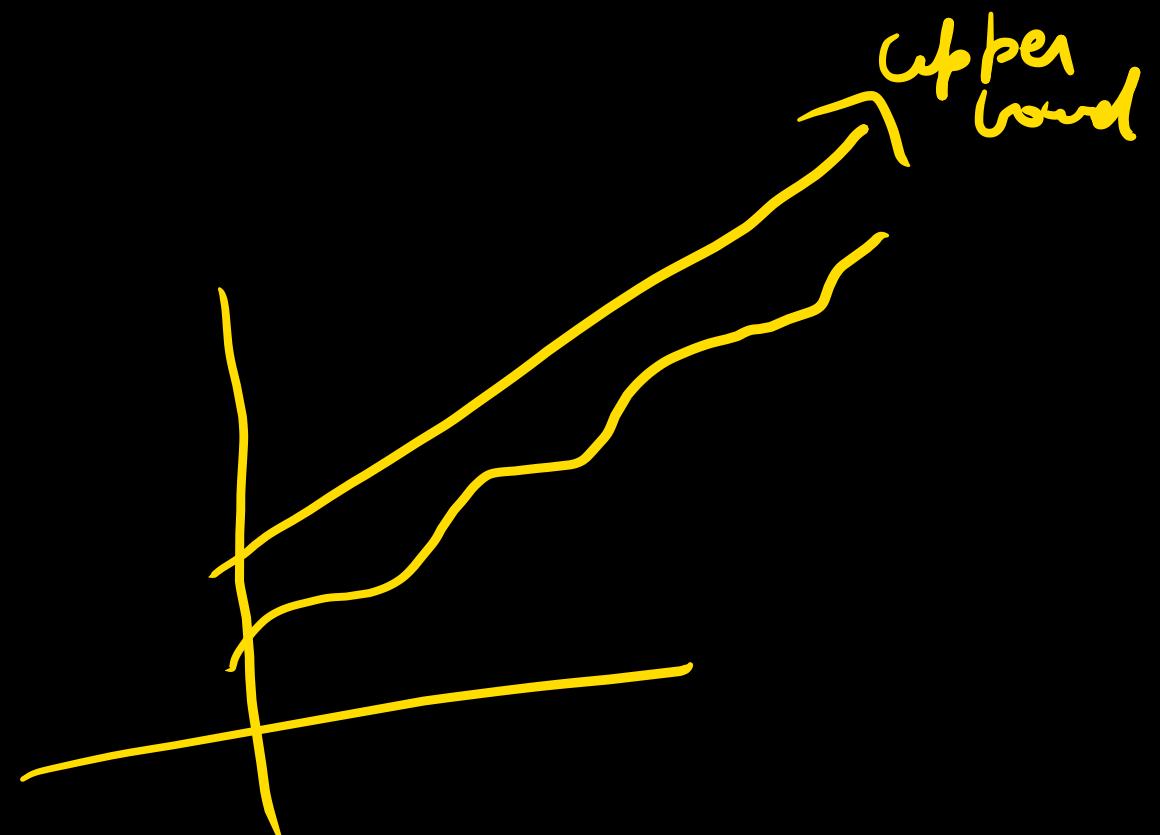
$$f(n) = n^2$$

$$g(n) = n^2 \log n .$$

$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

upper bound

upper bound



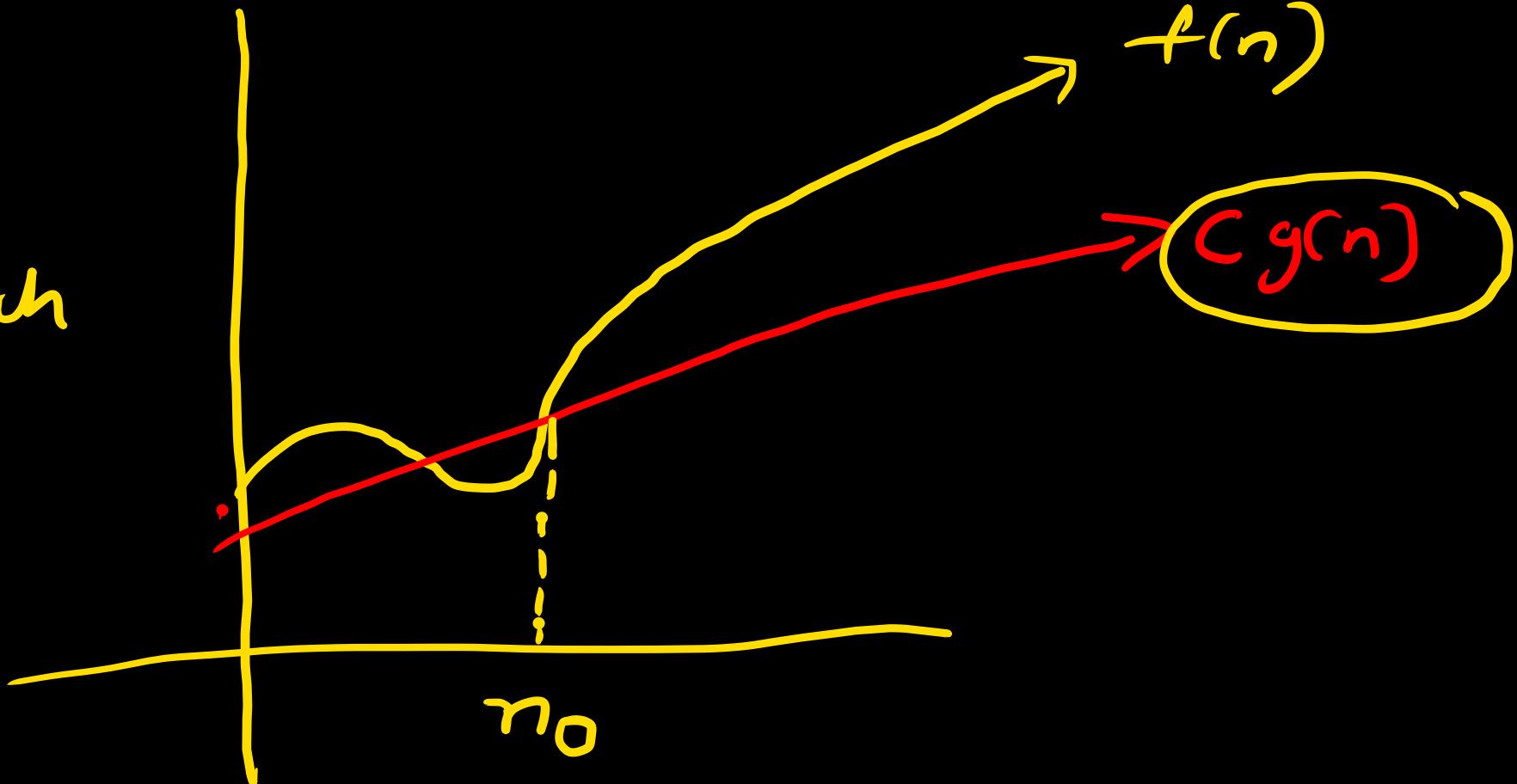
when we have an asymptotic upper bound we can use O-notation.

Big omega : Ω :

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

if there exists positive
constants C and n_0 such
that $f(n) \geq Cg(n)$

for all $n \geq n_0$



$$f(n) \geq c g(n)$$

$$f(n) = n^3$$

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$$\underline{n^3} \geq \underline{c} \underline{n^2}$$

$$n_0 = 1$$

$$n^3 = \Omega(n^2)$$

$$f(n) = 3n^3 + 2 \quad g(n) = n^3$$

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

$$3n^3 + 2 \geq c n^3$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad n_0 = 1$$

$$f(n) = 3n^2 + 2$$

$$g(n) = n^2$$

$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

$$3n^2 + 2 \leq cn^2$$

↓
10000
 $n_0 = 10000$

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

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &\geq \\ 3n^2 + 2 &\geq \frac{cn^2}{1} \end{aligned}$$

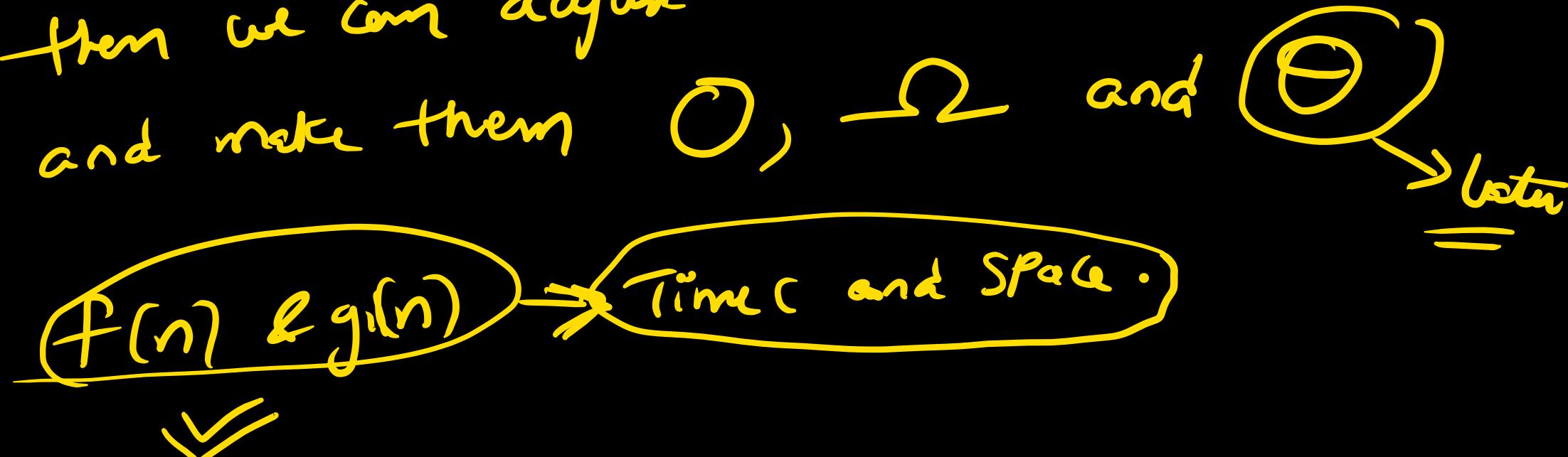
$$\textcircled{3} n^2 \Big| n^2$$

$$\textcircled{3} n^2 + 2n + 1 \Big| n^2$$

$$n \Big| n \log n \quad \text{only } \Theta$$

functions differ only by
constants in the leading term,

then we can adjust the value C, n_0
and make them O, Ω and Θ



Theta(Θ):

if $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ then $g(n)$ is asymptotically tight bound

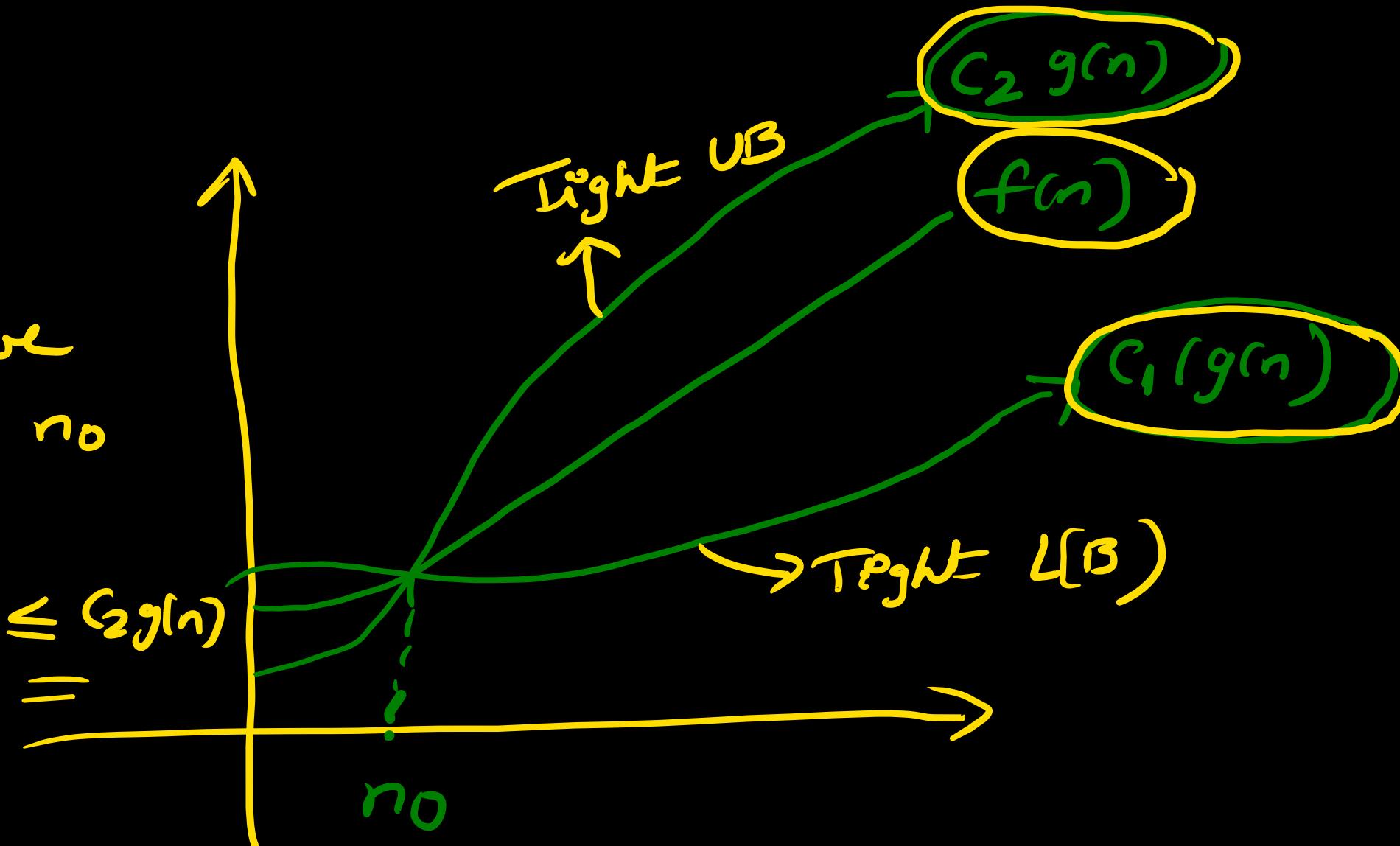
if $f(n)$

$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ if

there exists positive
constants c_1, c_2 and n_0

such that

$$c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$$



$$2n^2 \leq 3n^2 \leq 4\underline{n}^2$$

$$3n^2 = \Theta(\underline{n}^2)$$

If $f(n) = O(g(n))$ & $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$

↓
upper
↓
lower.

$$f(n) = 3n^2$$
$$g(n) = n^2$$

$$\begin{cases} 2n^2 \leq 3n^2 \leq 4n^2 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ n_0 = 1 \end{cases}$$

when a function is both UB and LB, it means that it is tight bound

$$\Rightarrow f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$$

Small-oh : o :

The asymptotic upper bound $O(g(n))$ notation may or may not be asymptotically tight.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f(n) = O(g(n)) \\ f(n) = \Theta(g(n)) \\ f(n) < \Theta(g(n)). \\ f(n) = n^2 \quad \text{if } g(n) = n^3 \\ f(n) = O(g(n)) \rightarrow \text{not tight} \end{array} \right\}$$

$f(n) = 3n^2 \quad g(n) = n^2$

$f(n) = g(O(g(n)))$

\downarrow

tight

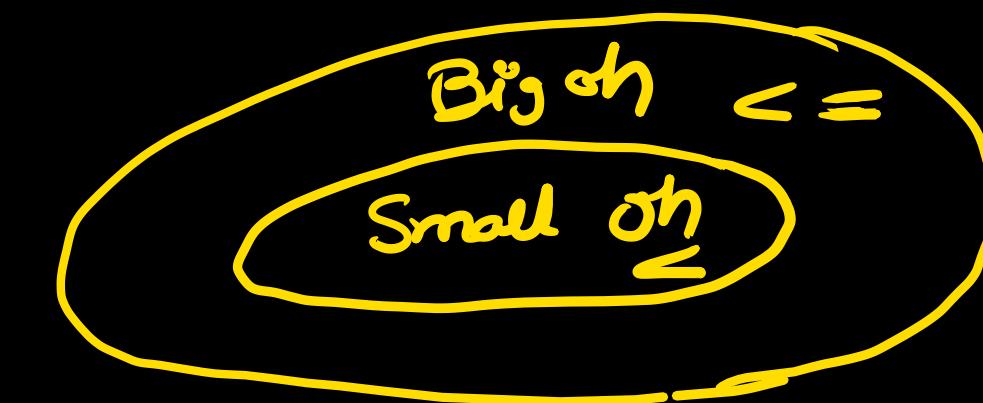
we use small oh (Θ) notation to denote an upper bound
that is not asymptotically tight

Ex: $f(n) = n$ $g(n) = n \log n$

$$f(n) = \underline{\Theta} g(n)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(n) < g(n)$$

$$\Theta \leq O \leq$$



formal definition of $O(n)$:

$f(n) = O(g(n))$ if for any positive constant C, there exists no such that $f(n) < Cg(n)$ for all constant

$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

$$f(n) \leq Cg(n)$$

↓
one value
is sufficient

Some no

$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

$$f(n) < Cg(n)$$

↓
for all
values of
 (C, n_0)

If the difference is Constant

$$3n^3 \quad n^3$$

Θ , Ω , Θ

$$3n^2 = O(n^3)$$

$$3n^3 < cn^3$$

↓
①

"O"

when the diff is not
constant

$$3n^3 \quad n^3 \log n$$

$f(n)$

$$g[f(n)] = O(g(n))$$

$$3n^3 < c n^3 \log n$$

$$0.0001, \quad n_0 = \underline{100000000000}$$

$n \geq n_0$

small omega : (ω):

We use ω to denote a lower bound that is not asymptotically tight.

$$f(n) = \underline{\omega}(g(n))$$

If for any positive constant $c > 0$, there exists a $n_0 > 0$

such that $f(n) > c\underline{g(n)}$

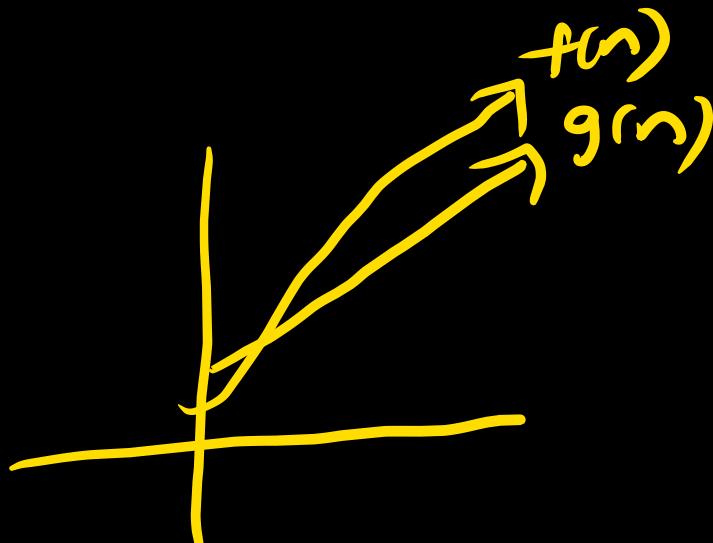
$$f(n) = \underline{\omega}(g(n)) \quad \text{if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(n)}{f(n)} = 0$$

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greater.

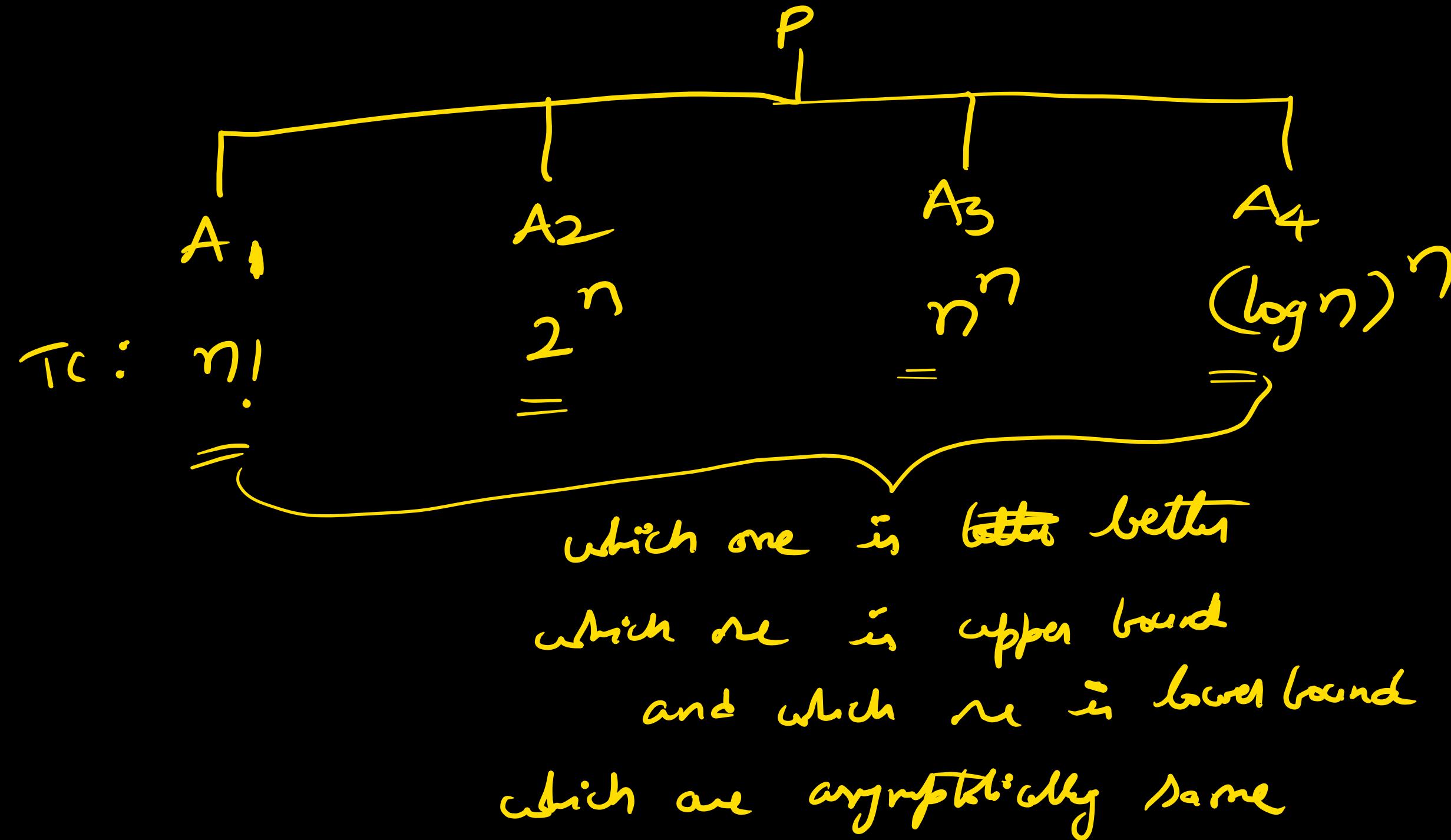
$$\underset{n \rightarrow \infty}{\text{UE}} \frac{g(n)}{f(n)} = 0$$

Ex $g(n) = n^2 + 2$

$$f(n) = n^3$$



$$\underset{n \rightarrow \infty}{\text{UE}} \frac{g(n)}{f(n)} = \frac{n^2 + 2}{n^3} = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{2}{n^3} = 0.$$



$10000 n^2$ 2^n^2

asymptotically same

$$(10000 n^2) = \Theta(2^{n^2})$$

lot of examples to make it clear:

Complexity classes:

1. Decreasing functions

$$O(1/n) \quad O(1/n^2) \quad O(1/n^3)$$

2. Constant function

$$O(1) = O(1000) = O(1000000)$$

3. Logarithmic functions

$$O(\log n)$$

$$DF < CF < LF.$$

- 4. linear function $O(n)$
- 5. quadratic function $O(n^2)$
- 6. cubic function $O(n^3)$
- ⋮
- 7. Polynomial function $O(n^k)$
- 8. Exponential function $O(c^n)$ ✓

Q)

$$\log n$$

$$f(n)$$

$$\sqrt{n}$$

$$g(n)$$

apply log on both sides

$$\log \log n < \cancel{\log n}$$

$$\log n < \sqrt{n} \quad (\text{it is not constant diff})$$

$$\sqrt{n} = \overset{\omega}{\Theta}(\log n) \quad \log n = \overset{\omega}{\Theta}(\sqrt{n})$$

$$\sqrt{n} = \underline{\Theta}(\log n) \quad \log n = \underline{\Theta}(\sqrt{n})$$



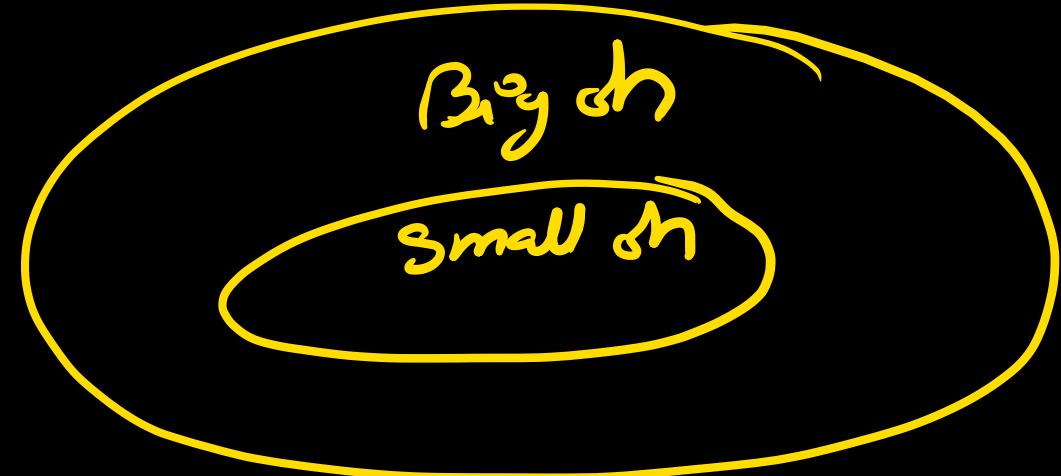
Q) $n^{3/2}$ $n \log n$

Rule: Dont apply log directly, if there are some factors to be cancelled out, then do the cancellation first

$$\cancel{n\sqrt{n}} > \cancel{n \log n}$$

$$n^{3/2} > n \log n \text{ (not by a constant)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n^{3/2} &\stackrel{\omega}{=} \overbrace{n \log n}^{\text{(cancel)}} \\ n^{3/2} &\stackrel{\Omega}{=} \overbrace{n \log n}^{\text{(cancel)}} \end{aligned} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} (n \log n) = \underline{\Omega}(n^{3/2}) \\ (n \log n) = \underline{O}(n^{3/2}) \end{array} \right.$$



if small Ω then Θ also
But if $\Theta(\text{big-oh})$, may Ω may not be small

if small omega then big omega
but if Big omega then may Ω may not be small omega

$$Q) \quad 2^n$$

$$n^n$$

$$2^n$$

$$2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdots 2 \xrightarrow{\text{time}} 2^n$$

$$n^n$$

$n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n \cdots n$ tones.

$$2^n < n^n \quad (\text{diff is not by constant})$$

$$n_0 \geq 3 \quad 2^n = O(n^n)$$

$$2^n = O(n^n)$$

$$n!$$

$$1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdots n$$

$$n^n$$

$n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n \cdots$ *n times*

$$4!$$

$$4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 24.$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4^4 \\ = 256 \end{aligned}$$

$$n! < n^n$$

$$\cancel{n!} = O(n^n)$$

$$n! = O(n^n)$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{array}{c} 2^n \\ 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdots 2 \\ 2^5 \\ 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \end{array}$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} n! \\ n(n-1)(n-2) \cdots 2 \cdot 1 \\ 5! \\ 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \end{array} \right.$$

$2^n < n!$ (diff is not constant)

$$2^n = o(n!)$$

∴

$$2^n = O(n!)$$

$$\frac{n! < 2^n}{\text{For large value.}}$$

$n \geq n_0$
 n_0 can be any
value
 $n_0 = 10^{10}$

Q)

$$\log_2 n$$

$$\log_3 n$$

$$\log_b a = \frac{\log_c a}{\log_c b}$$

$$\log_2 n$$

$$\log_3 n = \frac{\log_2 n}{\log_2 3}$$

$$= \frac{\log_2 n}{\cancel{1.5}}$$

$$\log_2 n = \Theta(\log_3 n)$$

diff is constant:

$$\log_2 n = O(\log_3 n)$$

$$\log_2 n = \Omega(\log_3 n)$$

$$\log_2 n = O\left(\frac{\log n}{1.5}\right)$$

$$\log_2 n < c \frac{\log_2 n}{1.5} \times$$

$$0x$$

$$2x$$

~~1~~

$$1.5$$

$$\log_2 n \leq \frac{\log_2 n}{1.5}$$

one value

$$\log_2 n = \Omega\left(\frac{\log_2 n}{\cancel{c} \cancel{n}^{0.42}}\right) \neq 1.5$$

$$\log_2 n \geq c \frac{\log_2 n}{\cancel{c} \cancel{n}^{0.42}}$$

$\circlearrowleft 1.5$

$\circ \quad \Omega \quad \circ.$

$x_0 \quad x^\omega$

$$\log_{10} n = \Theta(\log_2 n)$$

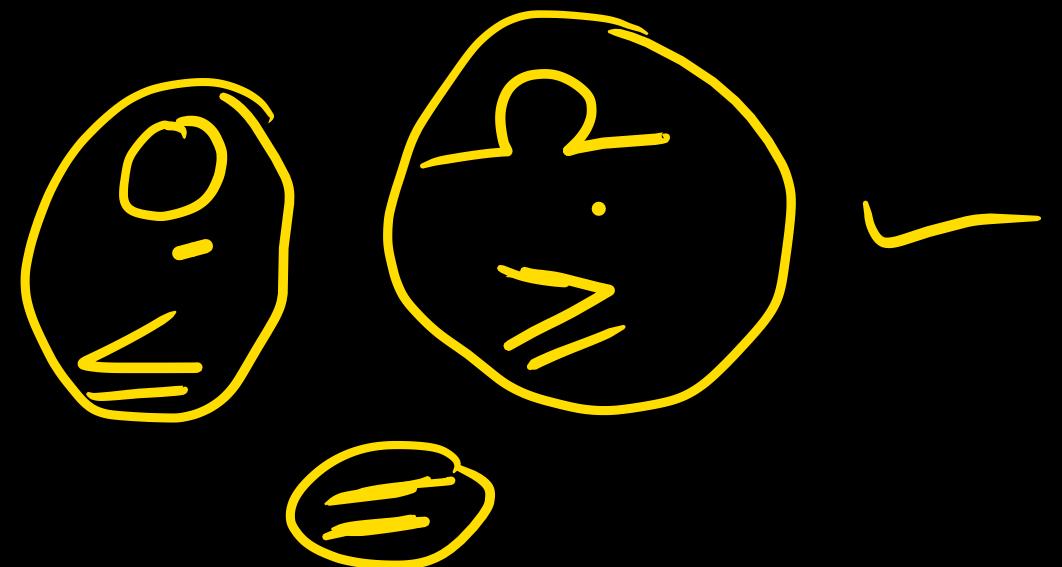
$\log_2 3$.

$$\log_{100} n = \Theta(\log_2 n)$$

If Θ Ω , then it is Θ also.

If it Θ , then it is O and Ω also.

How



if α deft is constant, we get =

then we get ' \leq ' $O \propto$

Q)

$$\begin{matrix} 2^n \\ \Downarrow \\ 3^n \end{matrix}$$

Is it constant difference?

$2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \dots n$ times $3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \dots n$ times

I need to know if the diff is constant

Don't apply log directly.

$$\begin{matrix} \log 2^n & \log 3^n \\ n \log 2 & n \log 3 \end{matrix} \rightarrow \text{constant diff}$$

$$2^n$$

$$3^n$$

$$2^n$$

$$(2 \times 1.5)^n$$

$$1/2^n$$

$$2^n(1.5)^n$$

diff is not cont.

$$2^n = o(3^n)$$

$$2^n \neq \Omega(3^n)$$

$$2^n = O(3^n)$$

$$2^n \neq \Theta(3^n)$$

$$2^n \neq \omega(3^n)$$

$$(\log n)^{1000000000}, n$$

apply \log :

$$\cancel{1000000000} \quad \log \log n < \log n.$$

n is greater not by a constant.

$$\begin{aligned} (\log n)^k &= o(n) \\ &= O(n) \end{aligned}$$

$$(\log n)^{\log n} > n$$

$$\cancel{\log n} \log \cancel{\log n} \circled{>} \cancel{\log n}^1$$

$$n < (\log n)^{\log n}$$

$$n = o((\log n)^{\log n})$$

$$= O((\log n)^{\log n})$$

n^2 n^3
Don't apply log directly

A hand-drawn graph on a black background illustrating the growth of different functions. The horizontal axis is labeled 'n' and the vertical axis is labeled 'Time'. A diagonal line from the bottom-left to the top-right represents the function $O(n)$. Several other functions are plotted as yellow curves:

- n^2 : A curve starting at the origin and increasing quadratically.
- n^3 : A curve starting at the origin and increasing cubically.
- $\Theta(n^3)$: A curve starting at the origin and increasing cubically, enclosed in a circle.
- 2^n : An exponential curve starting at the origin and increasing very rapidly.
- $\log n$: A curve starting at the origin and increasing logarithmically.
- $n \log n$: A curve starting at the origin and increasing faster than linear but slower than quadratic.

n^2 n^3

1 2

wave line connects circle 1 to n^2 and circle 2 to n^3 .

depth is not constant.

$$n^2 = O(n^3)$$

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