

# Time and Space Complexity of an Algorithm

$f(n)$   
algorithm

- **Time complexity** of an algorithm depends on the number of instructions executed. This number is primarily dependent on the size of the program's input and the algorithm used.
- The space needed by a program depends on:
  - ✓ Fixed part includes space needed for storing instructions, constants, variables, and structured variables.  $\text{int}[32]$
  - ✓ Variable part includes space needed for recursion stack, and for structured variables that are allocated space dynamically during the run-time of the program. linked list

~~machine~~  
~~programming~~  
~~Language~~

Flop  $\rightarrow$  GPU, HPC

GPU  $\rightarrow$  TFlop

# Asymptotic Analysis

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 $n \rightarrow \infty$   $f(n)$

- A method of describing the limiting behavior of a function or algorithm when the input size or value approaches infinity or a certain point. It is often used to measure the efficiency of algorithms in terms of time complexity, by ignoring the less significant factors and focusing on the dominant terms.

# Big O Notation

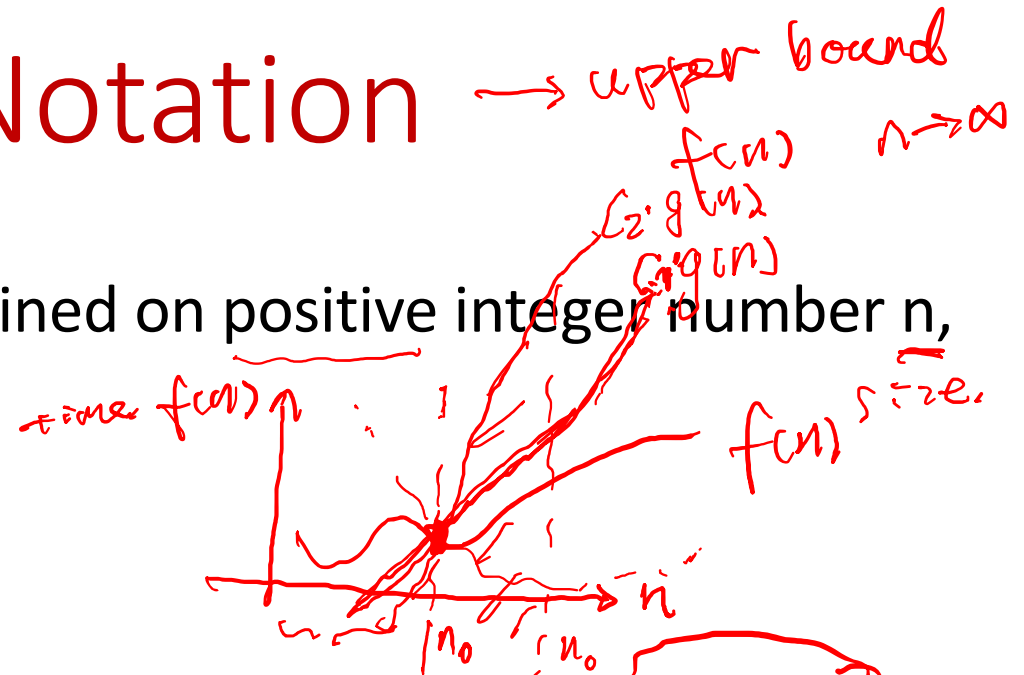
- If  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  are functions defined on positive integer number  $n$ , then

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

- That is,  $f$  of  $n$  is big O of  $g$  of  $n$  if and only if there exists positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$ , such that

$$f(n) \leq cg(n) \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_0$$

- This means that for large amounts of data,  $f(n)$  will grow no more than a constant factor than  $g(n)$ . Hence,  $g$  provides an upper bound.



$$f(n) \leq 4n \quad O(4n) \checkmark$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$O(n)$$

# Big O Notation

- $O(g(n))$  is the SET of ALL functions  $f(n)$  that satisfies the above conditions
- Big-O notation, where the "O" stands for "order of", is concerned with what happens for very large values of  $n$ .
- When expressing complexity using Big O notation, constant multipliers are ignored. So a  $O(4n)$  algorithm is equivalent to  $O(n)$ , which is how it should be written.

Big O  $\rightarrow$  worst case.

## EXAMPLE: Inventory

- Suppose an algorithm for processing a retail store's inventory takes:
  - 10,000 milliseconds to read the initial inventory from disk, and then
  - 10 milliseconds to process each transaction (items acquired or sold).

Processing  $n$  transactions takes  $(10,000 + 10n)$  ms.

Assume  $g(n) = n$   
 $f(n) = 10,000 + 10n$

- If we assume  $g(n) = n$ , we can choose  $c = 20$ ,  $n_0 = 1000$
- So  $f(n) = O(g(n))$

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

$\rightarrow$  all  $n \geq n_0$

$$f(n) = 10000 + 10 \cdot n$$

assume  $g(n) = n$

find one  $C$  and one  $n_0$

$$10000 + 10 \cdot n \leq C \cdot n \quad (1)$$

~~we~~ chose  $C = 20$

plug into (1)

$$10000 + 10 \cdot n \leq 20 \cdot n$$

$$10000 \leq 10n$$

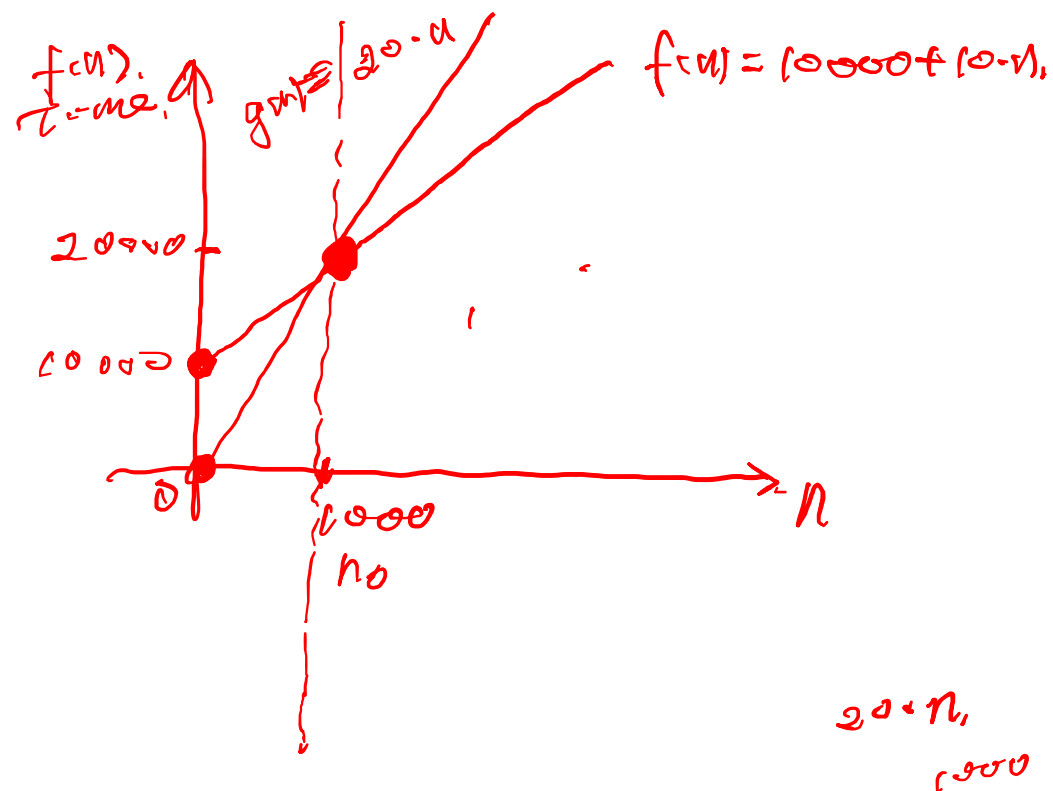
$$n \geq \frac{10000}{10}$$

$n_0$

$$C = 20$$

$$n_0 = 1000$$

$$g(n) = n$$



# EXAMPLES

• Is 1,000,000 n in  $O(n)$ ? *Yes,  $c = 2,000,000$ ,  $n_0 = 0$*

• Is n in  $O(\underline{n^3})$ ? *Yes,  $c = 1$ ,  $n_0 = 1$*   

$$\frac{n \leq 1 \cdot n^3}{1 \leq n^2}$$

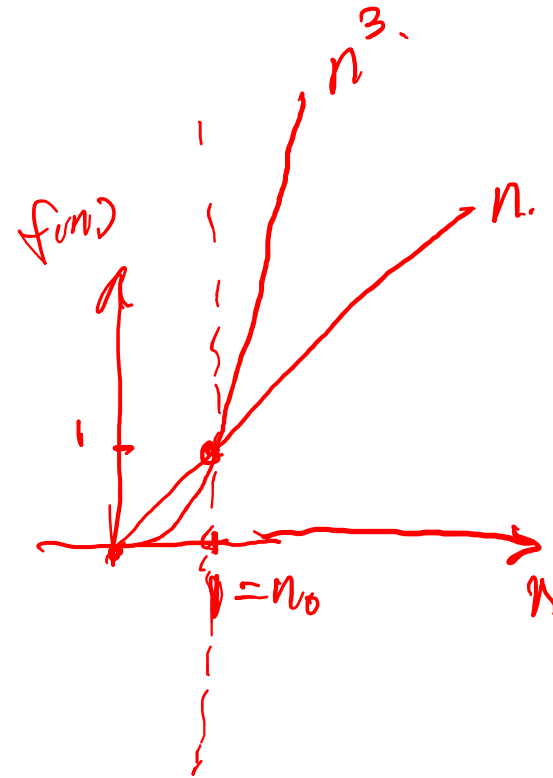
$$n \geq 1 \quad \text{no}$$

• Is  $n^3 + n^2 + n$  in  $O(n^3)$ ?

• Is  $n^2$  in  $O(n)$ ?

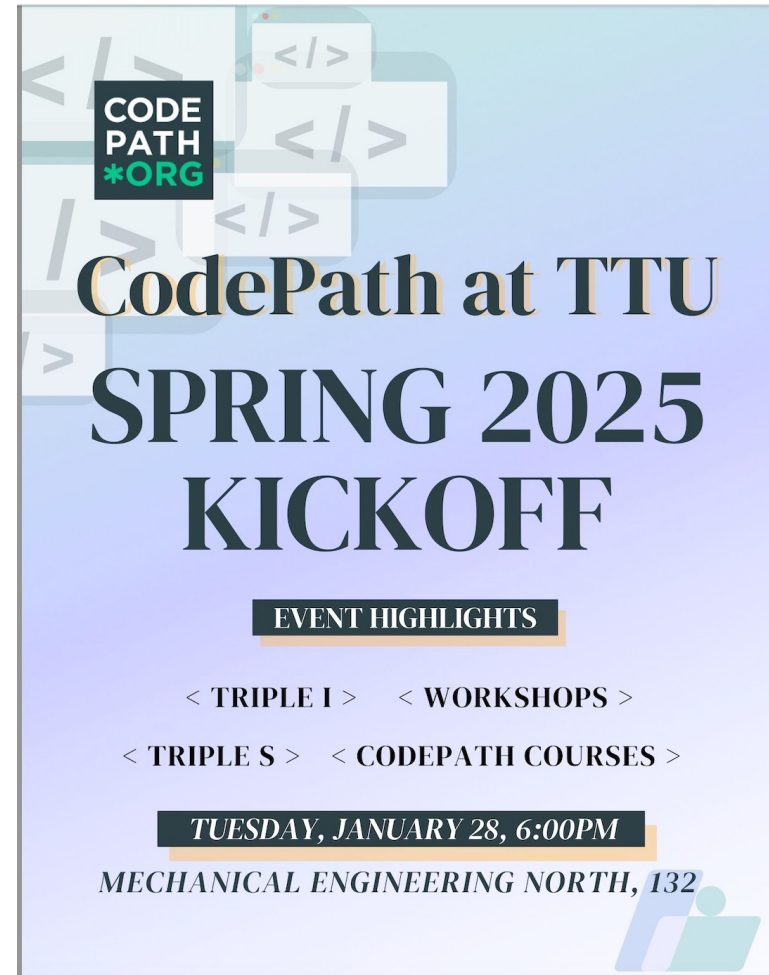
• Is  $e^{3n}$  in  $O(e^n)$ ?

• Is  $10^n$  in  $O(2^n)$ ?



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