

Calculating Algorithm Efficiency

Nested Loops

Quadratic Loop

for(i=0; i<10; i++)
 for(j=1; j<10; j++)
 statement block;

$\rightarrow j \times 2$

$\bar{j} = j \times 2$

$O(n \log n)$

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

Dependent Quadratic Loop

for(i=0; i<10; i++)
 for(j=0; j<=i; j++)
 statement block;

$O(1)$

$f(n) = 1 + 2 + \dots + n = O(n(n+1)/2)$

$= O(n^2)$

i	j
0	0
1	0, 1
2	0, 1, 2
...	...
n	0, ..., n-1

iterations

1
2
3
...

General Rules

- ✓ Simple statement: constant

$i++$; $i < n$; etc.

$O(1)$ $i = i \times 2$ $i = i / 2$

- ✓ Simple loops: # of iterations times the cost of the loop body $\rightarrow O(1)$

$i = 0$; While ($i < n$) { ... $i++$; ... } for

- ✓ Nested loops: (the product of # of iterations of outer and inner loops) times (the cost of the inner loop body)

for ($i=0$; $i < n$; $i++$)
for ($j=0$; $j < m$; $j++$)
 $k++$;

$O(n) \cdot O(m) \cdot O(1)$ O when $n=m \Rightarrow O(n^2)$
② $m = f(n)$

- ✓ Consecutive statements: count the more expensive one

$O(1)$ $i = 0$;
 $O(n)$ while ($i < n$) { ... $i++$; ... } $O(n) \cdot O(1)$
 for ($i=0$; $i < n$; $i++$)
 for ($j=0$; $j < n$; $j++$)
 $k++$;
 $O(n \cdot m)$ $n \cdot \log n$

independent combination

$O(1) + O(n) + O(n \cdot m)$
 $O(n \cdot \log n)$ $= O(n \cdot m)$

- ✓ If/else statement: count the more expensive branch (for worst-case analysis)

switch

$O(n \cdot \log n)$
if $O(n)$ else $O(n^2)$

Supplementary

Some Useful Mathematical Equalities

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = 1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n * (n+1)}{2} \approx \frac{n^2}{2} = O(n^2).$$

$a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$
 $a_n - a_{n-1} = d$
 $\frac{n(a_1 + a_n)}{2}$ → average.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = 1 + 4 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n * (n+1) * (2n+1)}{6} \approx \frac{n^3}{3}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i = 0 + 1 + 2 + \dots + 2^{n-1} = 2^n - 1$$

Some Useful Mathematical Equalities

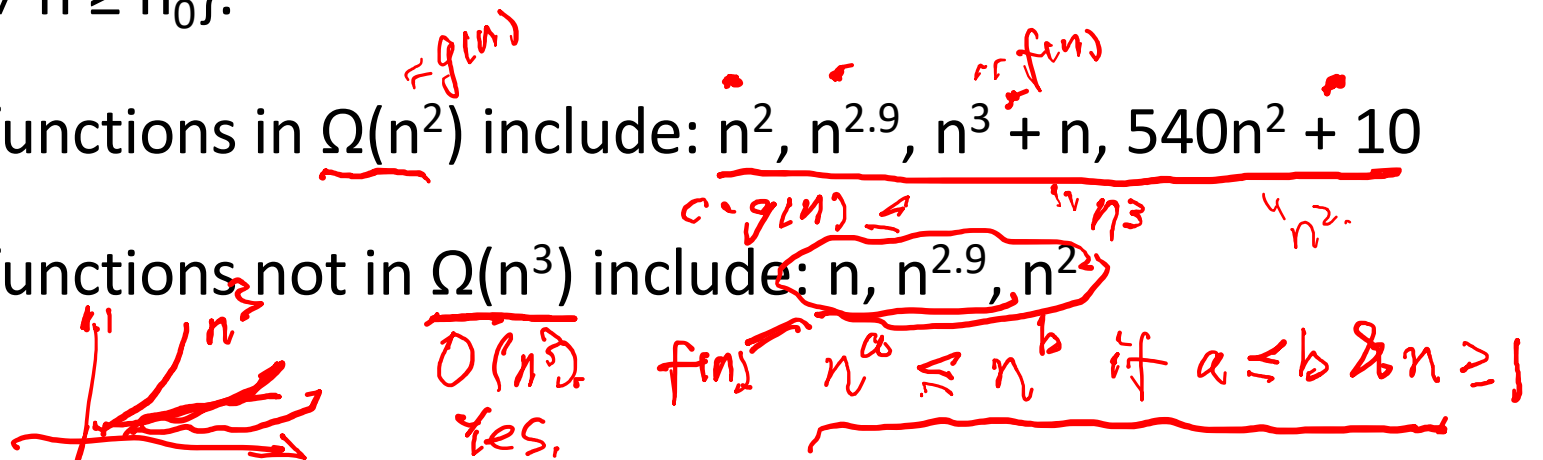
$$1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n = \frac{1 - x^{n+1}}{1 - x} \quad \text{for } x \neq 1$$

$$1 + x + x^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{1 - x} \quad \text{for } |x| < 1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

Omega Notation → best case

- Omega notation provides a tight lower bound for $f(n)$. This means that the function can never do better than the specified value but it may do worse.
- Ω notation is simply written as, $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$, where n is the problem size and $\Omega(g(n)) = \{h(n): \exists \text{ positive constants } \underline{c} > 0, \underline{n}_0 \text{ such that } 0 \leq \underline{c}g(n) \leq h(n), \forall n \geq n_0\}$.
- Examples of functions in $\Omega(n^2)$ include: $n^2, n^{2.9}, n^3 + n, 540n^2 + 10$
- Examples of functions not in $\Omega(n^3)$ include: $n, n^{2.9}, n^{2.5}$



Omega Ω

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

$\exists c > 0, n_0 > 0$

$0 \leq c g(n) \leq f(n) \quad \forall n \geq n_0$

\downarrow
lower

\downarrow
best case

$B = g \in \mathcal{O}$

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

$\exists c > 0, n_0 > 0$

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

\downarrow
upper

\downarrow
worst case