

Big O notation

Def 1.1 Let $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, write $f = O(g)$ if
 $(\exists c > 0)(\exists N)(\forall x \geq N)(|f(x)| \leq c \cdot |g(x)|)$

when x is large enough

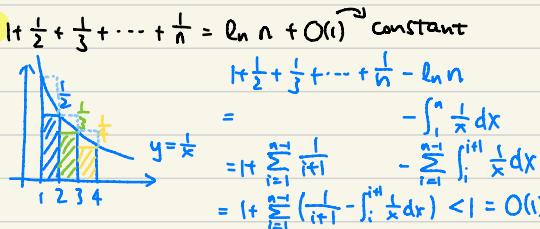
e.g. $T(n) = 6n^4 - 2n^3 + 5 = O(n^4)$

$$\begin{aligned} |T(n)| &= |6n^4 - 2n^3 + 5| \leq 6n^4 + 2n^3 + 5 \\ &\leq 6n^4 + 2n^4 + 5n^4, n \geq 1 \\ &= 13n^4. \end{aligned}$$

$c = 13, N = 1$ So, $T(n) = O(n^4)$

Think geometrically, prove algebraically.

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Prop 1.2 1) If $f_1 = O(g_1)$ and $f_2 = O(g_2)$, then $f_1 f_2 = O(g_1 g_2)$

2) $f \cdot O(g) = O(f \cdot g)$

Examples.

1) $5 + 0.00(n^3 + 0.25n) = O(n^3)$

2) $500n + 100n^{1.5} + 50n \log_{10} n = O(n^{1.5})$

3) $n^2 \log_2 n + n (\log_2 n)^2 = O(n^2 \log n)$

$$4) n \log_2 n + n \log_2 n = O(n \log n)$$

$$5) n^{100} + 2^n = O(2^n)$$

Prop 1.2 (cont.) 3) If $f_1 = O(g_1)$ and $f_2 = O(g_2)$, then $f_1 + f_2 = O(\max(g_1, g_2))$

4) If $f = O(g)$ and k is a constant, $k \cdot f = O(g)$.

$$4) (\exists c)(\exists N)(\forall x \geq N)(|f(x)| \leq c|g(x)|)$$

$$(\exists c' = kc)(\exists N)(\forall x \geq N)(|kf(x)| \leq ck|g(x)|)$$

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Def 1.3 Let $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Write $f(x, y) = O_g(g(x))$ if

$$(\forall y)(\exists c > 0)(\exists N)(\forall x \geq N)(|f(x, y)| \leq c|g(x)|)$$

$$\tilde{\exists} c = c(y) > 0$$

O(1) universal constant

O_{k(1)}: const dep. on k

$$\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} = O(1)$$

$$\text{Let } \delta > 0, \frac{1}{1+\delta} + \frac{1}{2+\delta} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+\delta} = O_\delta(1)$$

$$< 1 + \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{i+\delta} \leq 1 + \sum_{i=2}^n \int_{i-1}^i \frac{1}{x+\delta} dx = 1 + \int_1^n \frac{1}{x+\delta} dx = 1 + \left[\frac{x^\delta}{\delta} \right]_1^n \leq 1 + \frac{1}{\delta} = O_\delta(1)$$

$$1+2+3+\dots+n = \frac{1}{2}n(n+1) \stackrel{E}{=} O(n^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}n^2 + O(n)$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{3}n^3 + O(n^2)$$

$$(1+2+\dots+n)^k = \frac{1}{k+1}n^{k+1} + O_k(n^k)$$

$O(1)$	constant
$O(\log n)$	logarithmic
$O(\log^c n)$	polylog
$O(n)$	linear
$O(n \log^c n)$	quasilinear
$O(n^2)$	quadratic
$O(n^c)$ or $n^{O(1)}$	polynomial
$2^{O(\log n)}$	quasipolynomial
$O(c^n)$ or $2^{O(n)}$	exponential

Def 1.4 (Ω) Let $f, g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Write $f(x) = \Omega(g(x))$ if
 $(\exists c > 0)(\exists N)(\forall x \geq N)(|f(x)| \geq c \cdot |g(x)|)$

$\Omega \leq$

* Chernoff bound. $x = x_1 + \dots + x_n, x_i \in \{-1, 1\}$
 $\Pr[x \geq k\sqrt{n}] \leq e^{-n(k)^2}$

Def 1.5 (Θ) Let $f, g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, Write $f = \Theta(g)$ if
 $(\exists c_1, c_2 > 0)(\exists N)(\forall x \geq N)(c_1 \cdot |g(x)| \leq |f(x)| \leq c_2 \cdot |g(x)|)$

$f = O(g)$ and $f = \Omega(g)$

worst case

quick sort	$O(n^2)$
bubble sort	$O(n^2)$ $\Theta(n^2)$

Optimized bubble sort $O(n^2)$

Def 1.6 (Little o notation) Let $f, g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Write $f(x) = o(g(x))$

$(\forall \varepsilon > 0) (\exists N) (\forall x \geq N) (|f(x)| \leq \varepsilon |g(x)|)$

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

$$\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{\log n}, \frac{1}{n^2}, \frac{1}{\log \log n} = O(1) \quad (-1)^n \cdot \frac{1}{n} = O(1)$$

$$\frac{1}{2^{100}} = O(1) \quad \times \quad \varepsilon = \frac{1}{2^{100}} \quad \frac{1}{2^{100}} = O(1)$$

Def 1.7 (ω) Let $f, g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, Write $f(x) = \omega(g(x))$ if

$(\forall c > 0) (\exists N) (\forall x \geq N) (|f(x)| > c |g(x)|)$

Def 1.8 (Θ) Write $f(x) = \Theta(g(x))$ if $f \sim g$

$(\exists c_1, c_2, N) (\forall x \geq N) (c_1 |g(x)| \leq |f(x)| \leq c_2 |g(x)|)$

Analogy

$$f = O(g) \leq f = o(g) <$$

$$f = \Omega(g) \geq f = \omega(g) >$$

$$f = \Theta(g) \approx f = \theta(g) =$$

1) $f(n) = 100n \log n, g(n) = n^2$

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

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

2) $f(n) = 6n^2 + 100n, g(n) = n^2$

$$f(n) = O(g(n)), g(n) = \Omega(f(n)), f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$$

3) $f(n) = n^{100}, g(n) = 2^n$

$$f(n) = o(g), f = O(g) \quad g = \omega(f), g = \Omega(f)$$

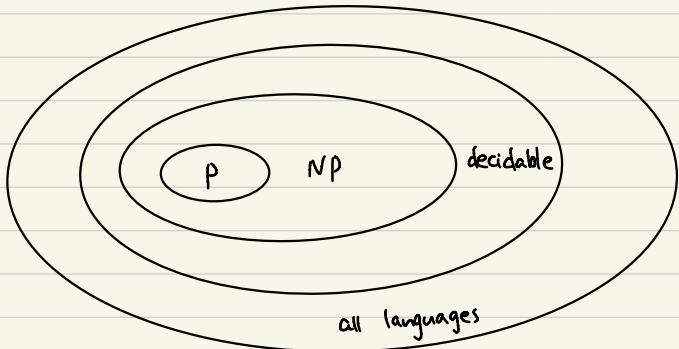
4) $f(n) = n^{O(1)}$ or $\text{poly}(n)$

$$(\exists c > 0)(\exists N)(\forall n \geq N)(|f(n)| \leq n^c)$$

Def 1.9 (\tilde{O}) Let $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Write $f(x) = \tilde{O}(g(x))$ if

$$(\exists c > 0)(\exists N)(\forall x \geq N)(|f(x)| \leq (\log n)^c |g(x)|)$$

\tilde{O} hides polylogarithmic term $O((\log n)^c n)$ $\tilde{O}(n)$ quasilinear



1.2 Alphabets and languages

Def 1.10 An alphabet is a set of symbols. Σ

Roman alphabet $\{a, b, \dots, z\}$

Binary alphabet $\{0, 1\}$.

Def 1.11 A string over an alphabet is a finite sequence of symbols from the alphabet.

empty string ϵ

Def 1.12 The set of all string over the alphabet Σ is denoted by Σ^*

Denote by Σ^n the set of strings of length n .

$$\Sigma^* = \Sigma \cup \Sigma^2 \cup \dots$$

$$\{0, 1\}^* = \{\epsilon, 0, 1, 00, 01, 10, 11, 000, \dots\}$$

The length of a string is its length as a sequence

Def 1.13 (concatenation) Two strings over the same alphabet can be combined to form a third by concatenation.

The concatenation of strings x and y is denoted by xy .

★ Def 1.14 (language) A language is a set of strings over an alphabet.
 $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1\} \quad \emptyset, \Sigma^*$$

$$\text{Even} = \{0, 10, 100, 110, \dots\}$$

$$\text{Prime} = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, \dots\} = \{10, 11, 101, 111, 1011\}$$

$$\text{Prime}' = \{11, 111, 1111, \dots\} \quad \times \text{ 编码不合理}$$

$$\text{Palindrome} = \{0, 00, 11, 101, 000, 111, \dots\}$$

Def 1.15 (complement) Let $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$, the complement of L denoted by \bar{L}
 $\Sigma^* \setminus L$. So, $\bar{\bar{L}} = L$.

union \cup , intersection \cap , difference \setminus .

If $L_1, L_2 \subseteq \Sigma^*$, the concatenation of L_1 and L_2 is

$$L_1 L_2 = \{w \in \Sigma^* : w = xy \text{ for some } x \in L_1, y \in L_2\}.$$

Def 1.16 (star) Let $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$, The Kleene star of L , denoted by L^* , is
the set of strings obtained by concatenating zero or more strings
from L . That is $L^* = \{w \in \Sigma^* : w = w_1 \dots w_k \text{ for } k \geq 0 \text{ and } w_1, \dots, w_k \in L\}$

Write L^+ for LL^* . // L^+ : 不包含空字符串

$$L = \{1\}, \quad L^* = \{\epsilon, 1, 11, 111, \dots\}$$

ToC

1. Intro Big O notation, language
2. Finite automaton 有限自动机 } What is computation?
3. Turing Machine
4. Computability What can be computed?
5. Complexity What can be computed efficiently?

1.3 Encoding of problems

Problem encoding is the process of representing inputs, outputs using strings over a fixed alphabet, typically {0,1}.

Example

- 1) (Integer multiplication) Given two nonnegative integers x, y .
compute x, y $f: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^* \cup \{\text{undefined}\}$
input 5,10
output 50

- 2) (Primality testing) Given $n \in \mathbb{N}$, decide if n is a prime.

Input: 101 (5) Input: 100 (4)

Output: Yes Output: NO

Binary string, most significant bit first

$$L = \{n \in \{0,1\}^*: n = n_1 n_2 \dots n_t \in \{0,1\}^*, n_i \in \{0,1\}$$

$$n_1 \cdot 2^{t-1} + n_2 \cdot 2^{t-2} + \dots + n_t \cdot 2^0 \text{ is a prime}\}$$

- 3) (Hamiltonian Cycle) Given a graph G , decide if G has a Hamiltonian cycle.



adj. matrix

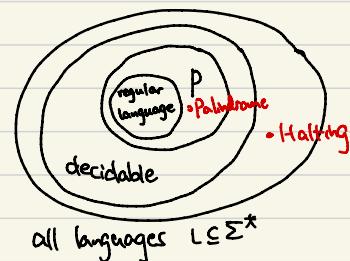
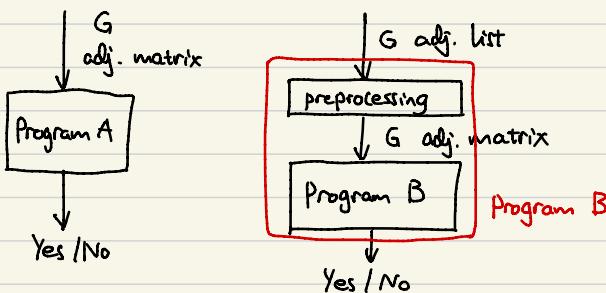
$$\begin{matrix} & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & & & \\ 1 & 1 & & \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & \end{matrix}$$

adj. list

$$\begin{matrix} 1 \leftarrow 2 \\ 1 \leftarrow 3 \\ 2 \leftarrow 3 \end{matrix}$$

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With **preprocessing**, we can switch between encodings.



Decision problem

Computation problem

Hereafter, when we say a decision, e.g. SAT, Halting Problem, we mean the language of that problem by means of a reasonable encoding.

$$L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$$

$$f: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^* \cup \{\perp\}$$

regular expression \rightarrow Finite automaton.