

ALGORITHM ANALYSIS

CSE/IT 122 ~ Algorithms and Data Structures

THEOREM OF POLYNOMIAL ORDERS

- Suppose a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n are real numbers and $a_n \neq 0$
- Then $a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x^1 + a_0$ is $O(x^s)$ for all integers $s \geq n$

EXAMPLE: POLYNOMIAL ORDERS

→ What is the Big-Oh of $1+2+\dots+n$

- $1+2+\dots+n = (n(n+1))/2 = 1/2n^2 + 1/2n$ so by theorem it is $O(n^2)$ and $O(n^3)$, etc

→ The theorem works for rational powers as well

- The biggest term dominates and you can find multiple of the largest power that is greater than the sum of the terms of the polynomial

MORE EXAMPLES: POLYNOMIAL ORDERS

→ Show $f(n) = n^2 + 2n + 1$ is $O(n^2)$

- $n^2 + 2n + 1 < n^2 + 2n^2 + n^2 < 4n^2$ for all $n > 1$
- Can do better $n^2 > 2n + 1$, $n > 2 + 1/n$, true for $n > 2$
- So $f(n) < 2n^2$, for $c=2$, and $n_0=2$

→ Show $7n^2$ is $O(n^3)$

- $7 < n$ for $n > 7$ and multiplying both sides by n^2 we get
- $7n^2 < n^3$
- So $c=1$ and $n_0=7$
- We can also show that $7n^2$ is $O(n^2)$
- Upper bounds are not unique

UPPER BOUNDS OF FUNCTIONS BESIDES POWER FUNCTIONS

→ Find an upper bound for $T(n) = n!$

- $N! = 1*2*3*\dots*n \leq n*n*n*\dots*n = n^n = O(n^n)$

→ Logs

- $y = \log_b x$ iff $b^y = x$
- Taking logs of both sides doesn't change the sign of an inequality
- $n! \leq n^n$ Why?
- So $\log n! \leq \log n^n = n \log n$
- So $\log n! = O(n \log n)$

EXAMPLE: REMEMBER INDUCTION

→ Show $2^n < n!$

- By induction

- Base Case: $2^4 < 4!$

- Assume: $2^k < k!$

- Show $2^{k+1} < (k+1)!$

- Proof:

- $2^{k+1} = 2^k * 2 < k! * 2$, by assumption

- Now $(k+1)! = (k+1)k!$, and $2 < (k+1)$ for all $k \geq 4$

EXAMPLE: REMEMBER INDUCTION

→ Show $2^n > n^3$

- By induction:

- Base case: $2^{10} > 10^3$ (this is also a good approximation)

- Assume: $2^k > k^3$

- Show: $2^{k+1} > (k+1)^3$

- Proof:

- $2^{k+1} = 2^k * 2 > 2k^3$

- Now, $(k+1)^3 = k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1$

- So, have to show that $2k^3 > (k+1)^3 = k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1$

- Which is really just showing that $k^3 > 3k^2 + 3k + 1$, which is true by theorem on the order of polynomials

COMBINING RUNNING TIMES

→ Suppose $T_1(n)$ and $T_2(n)$ are running times of two program fragments.

- $T_1(n) = O(f(n))$ and $T_2(n) = O(g(n))$
- Then the running time of $T_1(n) + T_2(n) = O(\max(f(n), g(n)))$

→ Proof

For some constants c_1, c_2, n_1, n_2 .

If $n \geq n_1$ then $T_1(n) \leq c_1 f(n)$ and $n \geq n_2$ then $T_2(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$.

Let $n_0 = \max(n_1, n_2)$.

If $n \geq n_0$ then $T_1(n) + T_2(n) \leq c_1 f(n) + c_2 g(n) \leq c_1 \max(f(n), g(n)) + c_2 \max(f(n), g(n)) = (c_1 + c_2) \max(f(n), g(n))$

ORDERING THE FUNCTIONS

→ We order the functions:

- $\log n \leq n \leq n \cdot \log n \leq n^2 \leq n^3 \leq 2^n \leq n! \leq n^n$
- $O(\log n) \leq O(n) \leq O(n \cdot \log n) \leq O(n^2) \leq O(n^3) \leq O(2^n) \leq O(n!) \leq O(n^n)$

A MORE CONCRETE VIEW OF RUN TIMES

→ There are 86400 seconds in a day, which to keep the math simple we will assume is approximately 10^5

Growth Rates

n f(n)	log n	n	n log n	n^2	2^n	n!
10	0.003ns	0.01ns	0.033ns	0.1ns	1ns	3.65ms
20	0.004ns	0.02ns	0.086ns	0.4ns	1ms	77years
30	0.005ns	0.03ns	0.147ns	0.9ns	1sec	8.4×10^{15} yrs
40	0.005ns	0.04ns	0.213ns	1.6ns	18.3min	--
50	0.006ns	0.05ns	0.282ns	2.5ns	13days	--
100	0.07	0.1ns	0.644ns	0.10ns	4×10^{13} yrs	--
1,000	0.010ns	1.00ns	9.966ns	1ms	--	--
10,000	0.013ns	10ns	130ns	100ms	--	--
100,000	0.017ns	0.10ms	1.67ms	10sec	--	--
1'000,000	0.020ns	1ms	19.93ms	16.7min	--	--
10'000,000	0.023ns	0.01sec	0.23ms	1.16days	--	--
100'000,000	0.027ns	0.10sec	2.66sec	115.7days	--	--
1,000'000,000	0.030ns	1sec	29.90sec	31.7 years	--	--

BACK TO OUR RAM MODEL

- Generic one processor model, does one instruction after another, instructions can have different cost
- Basic model $T(n) \approx kC(n)$, where $C(n)$ is a count of the number of instructions
- Input size n affects runtime
- Assume you have a runtime of $T(n) = n^2$.
 - How much longer will the algorithm run if you double the input size n ?
 - $$\frac{T(2n)}{T(n)} = \frac{(2n)^2}{n^2} = \frac{4n^2}{n^2} = 4$$

BACK TO OUR RAM MODEL

→ What about $T(n) = n^3$, and you double n

$$\bullet \frac{T(2n)}{T(n)} = \frac{(2n)^3}{n^3} = \frac{8n^3}{n^3} = 8$$

→ What about $T(n) = 2^n$, and you double n

$$\bullet \frac{T(2n)}{T(n)} = \frac{(2)^{2n}}{2^n} = 2^{2n-n} = 2^n$$

→ What about $t(n) = n!$, and you double n

$$\bullet \frac{T(2n)}{T(n)} = \frac{(2n)!}{n!} = 2n \cdot (2n-1) \cdots (n+1)$$

ORDERS OF GROWTH COST

→ How long would it take to solve a problem with $T(n)$, where $n = 10^6$

- 10^6 operations ($1/10^{12}$ operations per second) = 10^{-6} seconds
- $T(n^2)$, $n^2 = 10^{12}$, 10^{12} operations ($1/10^{12}$ operations per second) = 1 second
- $T(n^3)$, $n^3 = 10^{18}$, 10^{18} operations ($1/10^{12}$ operations per second) = 10^6 seconds which is approximately 11.6 days
- $T(2^n)$, with $n = 10^3$, $2^n = 10^{300}$, 10^{300} operations ($1/10^{12}$ operations per second) = 10^{318} seconds, so approximately 10^{313} years assuming 10^5 seconds in a year
 - Overall age of the universe 1.4×10^{10}