

# CSC3100 Data Structures

## Tutorial 3

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# 1. Asymptotic Analysis

- Evaluate the “efficiency” of an algorithm.
- Commonly used notations:
  - Big-Oh notation: measure the **upper bound** complexity.
  - Big-Omega notation: measure the **lower bound** complexity.(Transition between Big-Oh and Big-Omega)
  - Big-Theta notation: Where Upper & lower bounds meet(Growth rate tight)

# If meet

- For some algorithm  $f(n)$ , assume we can prove the greens:

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# If can't meet

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# Some nice property for calculation

For **Big-Oh** and **Big-Omega**, we have:

1. Polynomial Rule: Only the biggest matter
2. Product Rule: the big multiplies the big
3. Sum Rule: the bigger of the two big
4. (Log Rule): Log only beats constant
5. (Exponential Rule): Exponential beats power functions

# Practice Problems(1)

```
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    // Some O(1) operation  
}
```

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$O(n^2)$



# Practice Problems(2)

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for (int i = 0; i < n; i+=(n/2)) {  
    // Some O(1) operation  
}
```

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```
while (n > 0) {  
    if (n % 2 == 1)  
        res = res * a;  
    a = a * a;  
    n = n / 2;  
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This algorithm  
is called "Quick  
Power"

$O(\log n)$

**More Info:** <https://www.rookieslab.com/posts/fast-power-algorithm-exponentiation-by-squaring-cpp-python-implementation>

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## Idea:

1. “Product rule” apply for both Big-Oh and Big-Omega
2. Apply “Product Property”: 1<sup>st</sup> term's :  $0.1n^2$  2<sup>nd</sup> term's :  $n \log n$
3.  $0.1n^2$  is both 1<sup>st</sup> term's Big-Oh and Big-Omega, so is  $n \log n$
4. Thus, the product of them is also both Big-Oh and Big-Omega  $\rightarrow$  Big-Theta!

## Two key points:

1. Apply the rule to simplify the problem;
2. When proving  $\Theta(\cdot)$ , we need to prove  $O(\cdot)$  and  $\Omega(\cdot)$  together.

## 2. Complexity analysis for recursion and divide-and-conquer

- To calculate the complexity for recursion and divide-and-conquer algorithm:
- Step 1: Get the recursive expression (looks like:  $g(n) = g(n-1) + O(n)$ ,  $g(n) = g(n/2) + O(n)$  )
- Step 2:
  - Method 1: Unfold  $g(n)$  to  $g(1)$  by hand and get the answer.
  - Method 2: Master theorem

- ▶ Recurrence:  $T(n) \leq a \cdot T(n/b) + O(n^d)$
- ▶ An algorithm that divides a problem of size  $n$  into  $a$  subproblems, each of size  $n / b$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(n^d \log n) & \text{if } a = b^d \\ O(n^d) & \text{if } a < b^d \\ O(n^{\log_b(a)}) & \text{if } a > b^d \end{cases}$$


**a**: number of subproblems (branching factor)

**b**: factor by which input size shrinks (shrinking factor)

**d**: need to do  $O(n^d)$  work to create subproblems + "merge" their solutions

#### 4-1 Recurrence examples

Give asymptotic upper and lower bounds for  $T(n)$  in each of the following recurrences. Assume that  $T(n)$  is constant for  $n \leq 2$ . Make your bounds as tight as possible, and justify your answers.



Let you be familiar with it!

a.  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n^4$ .

b.  $T(n) = T(7n/10) + n$ .

c.  $T(n) = 16T(n/4) + n^2$ .

d.  $T(n) = 7T(n/3) + n^2$ .

e.  $T(n) = 7T(n/2) + n^2$ .

f.  $T(n) = 2T(n/4) + \sqrt{n}$ .

g.  $T(n) = T(n - 2) + n^2$ .

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## Question a-f: Use Master's Theorem.

a. By master theorem,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^4)$ .

b. By master theorem,  $T(n) = \Theta(n)$ .

c. By master theorem,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2 \lg n)$ .

d. By master theorem,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$ .

e. By master theorem,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\lg 7})$ .

f. By master theorem,  $T(n) = \Theta(\sqrt{n} \lg n)$ .




# Question g: Expand the recursion

- $T(n) = T(n-2) + n^2$
- $= T(n-4) + (n-2)^2 + n^2$
- $= T(1) + 3^2 + \dots + (n-4)^2 + (n-2)^2 + n^2$  (If  $n$  is odd)
- $= T(2) + 4^2 + \dots + (n-4)^2 + (n-2)^2 + n^2$  (If  $n$  is even)

• By the sum of the squares formula, We know that  $T(n)$  is  $\Theta(n^3)$ .

• Some small tricks in our case:

- Even  $n$ : use formula with  $n=2k$  in it.
- Odd  $n$ : use sum difference (total sum-even sum)


$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \dots + n^2$$

Derivation:

$$\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

# Question g: Expand the recursion (details)

- Tricks to calculate:
- - Sum of even squares
- - Sum of odd squares

$$\blacktriangleright T(n) = 2^2 + 4^2 + \dots + n^2$$

let  $n = 2k$ :


$$T(n) = (2 \times 1)^2 + (2 \times 2)^2 + \dots + (2k)^2$$

$$= 2^2 (1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + k^2)$$

$$= 4 \cdot \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6}$$

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

$$\blacktriangleright T(n) = 1^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2$$

$$= \underbrace{(1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2)}_{\text{known}} - \underbrace{(2^2 + 4^2 + \dots + (n-1)^2)}_{\text{known above!}}$$


**Look back:** An example that upper/lower bounds does not meet (Will not be in exam)

If can't meet

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For expression like:

$$T(n) = T(7n/10) + \log(n)$$

Cannot use Master Theorem.

--But we can do scaling (放缩)

--So we can find a good upper bound,  $O(n)$ ;

--And a good lower bound,  $\Omega(\log n)$ !

(Will not be tested. Just for fun!)

In Exercise 4-1 (b), we know:

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{7n}{10}\right) + n \rightarrow O(n)$$

Question

But, if expression is

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{7n}{10}\right) + \log(n) \leftarrow \text{We can't use Master Theorem}$$

$$\textcircled{1} T(n) = T\left(\frac{7n}{10}\right) + \log(n) < T\left(\frac{7n}{10}\right) + n \rightarrow O(n)$$

upper bound of this  $\rightarrow$  By Master Theorem  
also upper bound of original

$$\textcircled{2} T(n) = T\left(\frac{7n}{10}\right) + \log(n) > T\left(\frac{7n}{10}\right) + n^0 \rightarrow \Omega(\log n)$$

lower bound of this  
also lower bound of original

Conclusion:

By our knowledge so far, we can only conclude

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{7n}{10}\right) + \log(n) = O(n), \Omega(\log n)$$

Thank you for coming!