

3. Growth of Functions

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Outline

- **Asymptotic notation**
- Standard notations
- **Common functions**

O \approx \leq

Ω \approx \geq

Θ \approx $=$

o \approx $<$

ω \approx $>$

一種描述 function
“被侷限在什麼範圍”的表示法。

利用“抽象化”觀念
“常數不管它”，“次方小的不管它”

可以看出 function
“長得多快”。

進而用“人工智慧”
預測程式執行時間。

3.1 Asymptotic notation 漸近表示法

$$\Theta(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \exists c_1, c_2, n_0 \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0\}$$

$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$$

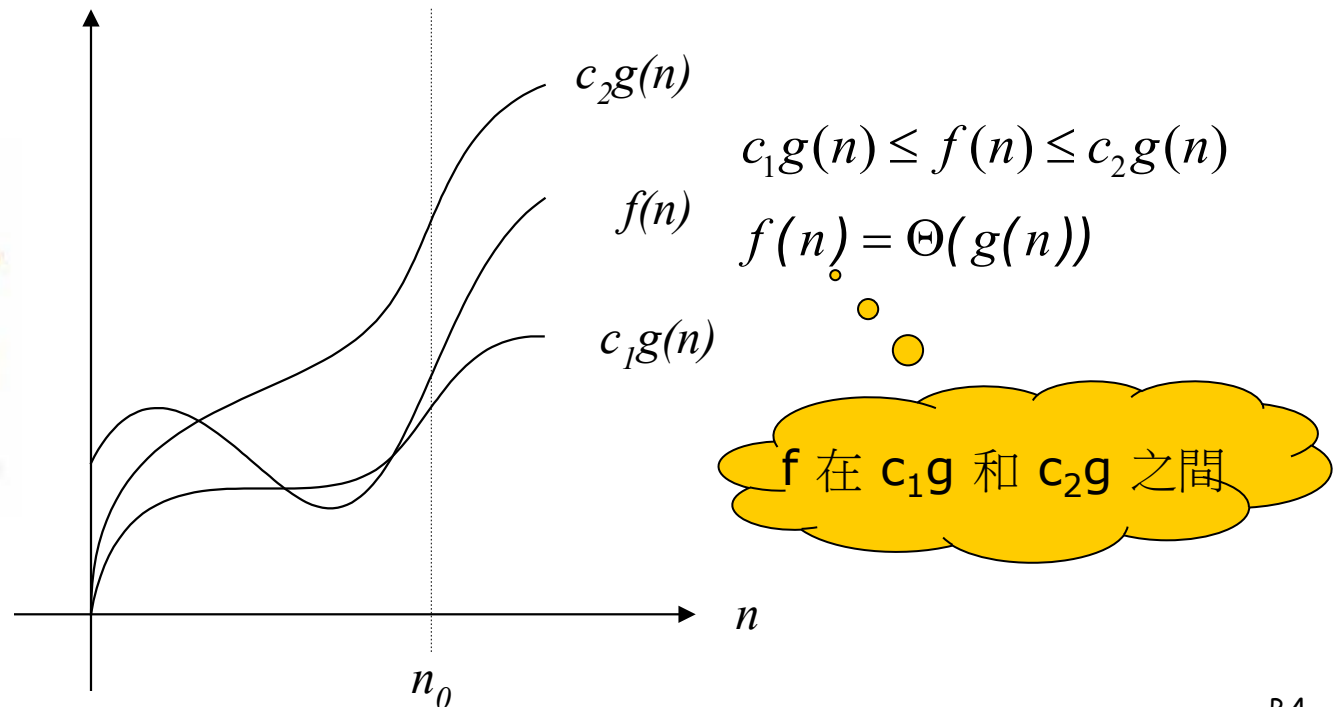
可找到3個常數, 使得 在 n 長得夠大時, $f(n)$ 會被包在 $g(n)$ 乘上兩個常數之間

哇麥咁攞條條: 太棒!

→ $g(n)$ is an asymptotic **tight bound** for $f(n)$.
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- The definition of $\Theta g(n)$ required every member of $f(n) \in \Theta g(n)$ be asymptotically nonnegative.



Example:

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

$$c_1 n^2 \leq \frac{1}{2}n^2 - 3n \leq c_2 n^2$$

$$\textcircled{c_1} \leq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{n} \leq \textcircled{c_2}$$

\implies

$$\frac{1}{2}n^2 - 3n = \Theta(n^2) \quad n \geq 7$$

$$c_1 \leq 1/14$$

$$n \geq 7$$

$$c_2 \geq 1/2$$

$$n \geq 1$$

Example:

$$\frac{n^2}{14} \leq \frac{n^2}{2} - 3n \leq \frac{n^2}{2} \text{ if } n > 7.$$

$$6n^3 \neq \Theta(n^2)$$



$$f(n) = an^2 + bn + c, \quad a, b, c \text{ constants, } a > 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow f(n) = \Theta(n^2).$$

In general,

$$p(n) = \sum_{i=0}^d a_i n^i \text{ where } a_i \text{ are constant with } a_d > 0.$$

$$\text{Then } P(n) = \Theta(n^d).$$

常數不管它
次方小的不管它

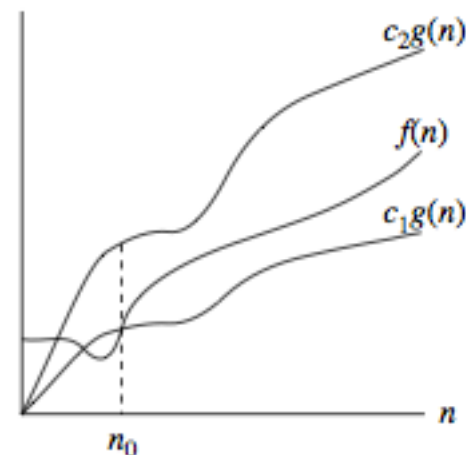
Exercise

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

$$c_1 = 1/4$$

$$c_2 = 1/2$$

$$n_0 = 8$$



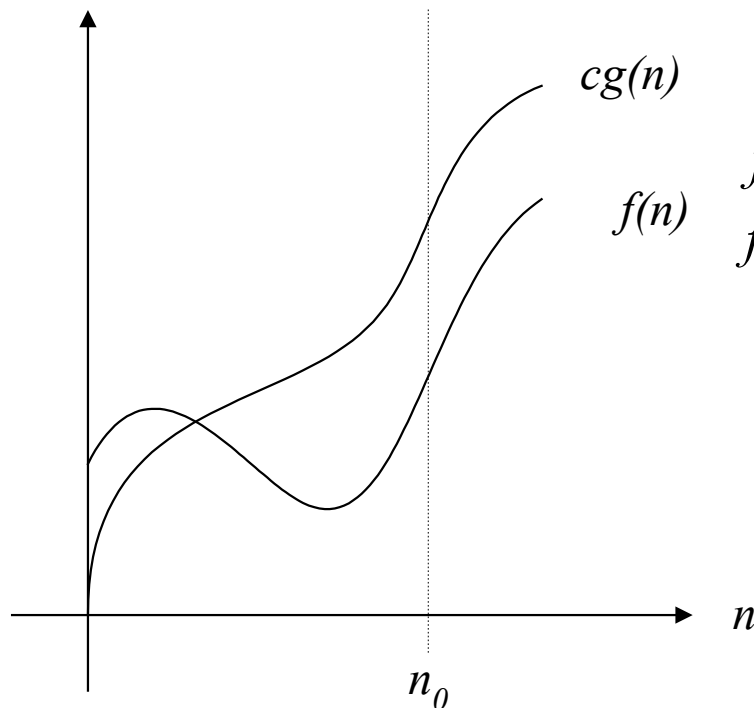
從定義來解決問題

$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$$

$$\Theta(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \exists c_1, c_2, n_0 \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n), \text{ for all } n \geq n_0\}$$

asymptotic upper bound

$$O(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \exists c, n_0 \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq f(n) \leq cg(n) \forall n \geq n_0\}$$



$$f(n) \leq cg(n)$$
$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

g 乘上一個常數
會 永遠在 f 上面

Exercise

➤ 以下何者不屬於 $O(n^2)$

$$2n^3$$

$$n^2$$

$$n^2 + n$$

$$1000n^2 + 1000n$$

$$n$$

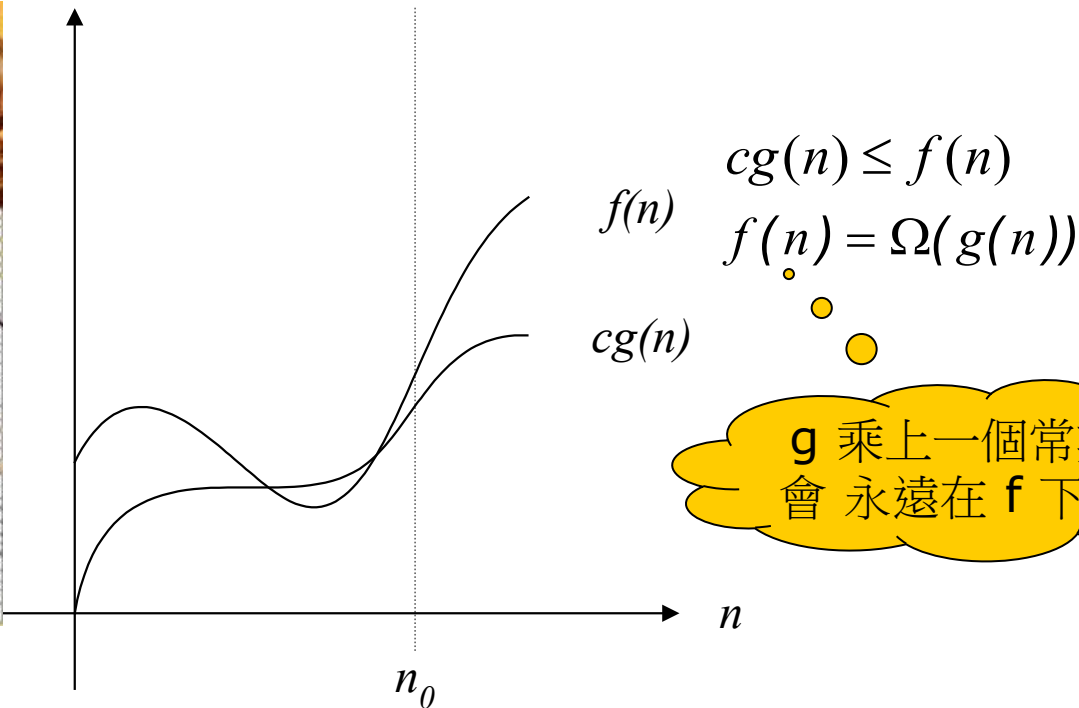
$$n/1000$$

$$n^{1.99999}$$

$$n^2 / \lg \lg \lg n$$

asymptotic lower bound

$$\Omega(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \exists c, n_0 \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq cg(n) \leq f(n) \forall n \geq n_0\}$$



Exercise

➤ 以下何者不屬於 $\Omega(n^2)$

$$\sqrt{n}$$

$$n^2$$

$$n^2 + n$$

$$n^2 - n$$

$$1000n^2 + 1000n$$

$$0.00001n^2 - 100000n$$

$$n^3$$

$$n^{2.00001}$$

$$n^2 \lg \lg \lg n$$

$$2^{2^n}$$

Theorem 3.1. . . .

今天最重要的一頁！

➤ For any two functions $f(n)$ and $g(n)$, 任意兩函數 f, g ,

$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n)) \quad f = \Theta(g) \text{ 若且唯若}$$

$$\iff f(n) = O(g(n)) \wedge f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

$$f = O(g) \text{ 且 } f = \Omega(g)$$

➤ Example

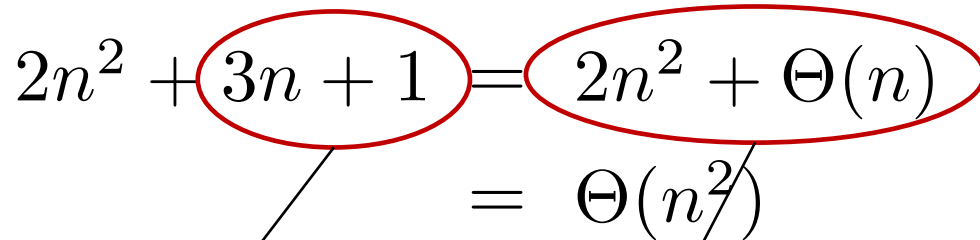
$$f(n) = an^2 + bn + c \quad g(n) = n^2$$

$$f(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$

$$\iff f(n) = O(n^2) \wedge f(n) = \Omega(n^2)$$

舉一反三，融會貫通

Exercise

$$2n^2 + 3n + 1 = 2n^2 + \Theta(n)$$
$$= \Theta(n^2)$$


$$\forall f(n) \in \Theta(n), \exists g(n) \in \Theta(n^2) \implies 2n^2 + f(n) = g(n)$$

o-notation & ω-notation

$$o(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \forall c, \exists n_0 \forall n > n_0, 0 \leq f(n) < cg(n)\}$$

$$f(n) = o(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 0$$

g長得很快

$$\omega(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \forall c, \exists n_0 \forall n > n_0, 0 \leq cg(n) < f(n)\}$$

$$f(n) = \omega(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \infty$$

f長得很快

Properties

➤ Transitivity (遞移律)

$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n)) \wedge g(n) = \Theta(h(n)) \Rightarrow f(n) = \Theta(h(n))$$

$$f(n) = O(g(n)) \wedge g(n) = O(h(n)) \Rightarrow f(n) = O(h(n))$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(g(n)) \wedge g(n) = \Omega(h(n)) \Rightarrow f(n) = \Omega(h(n))$$

$$f(n) = o(g(n)) \wedge g(n) = o(h(n)) \Rightarrow f(n) = o(h(n))$$

$$f(n) = \omega(g(n)) \wedge g(n) = \omega(h(n)) \Rightarrow f(n) = \omega(h(n))$$

➤ Reflexivity (反射律)

$$f(n) = \Theta(f(n))$$

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

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

➤ Symmetry (對稱律)

$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow g(n) = \Theta(f(n))$$

➤ Transpose symmetry (轉置對稱律)

$$f(n) = O(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow g(n) = \Omega(f(n))$$

$$f(n) = o(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow g(n) = \omega(f(n))$$

$$f(n) = O(g(n)) \approx a \leq b$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(g(n)) \approx a \geq b$$

$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n)) \approx a = b$$

$$f(n) = o(g(n)) \approx a < b$$

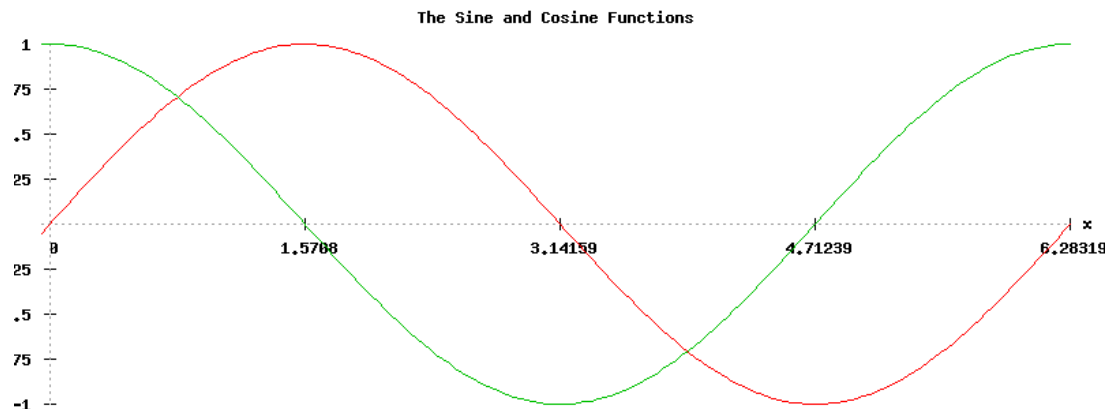
$$f(n) = \omega(g(n)) \approx a > b$$

} 用 $>$, $=$, $<$ 的關係來想

Trichotomy 三分法

- 任意兩實數之間比大小，以下只有一種狀況成立：
 - ✓ $a < b$, $a = b$, or $a > b$.
- 任意兩個函數不一定能比大小
 - ✓ e.g.,

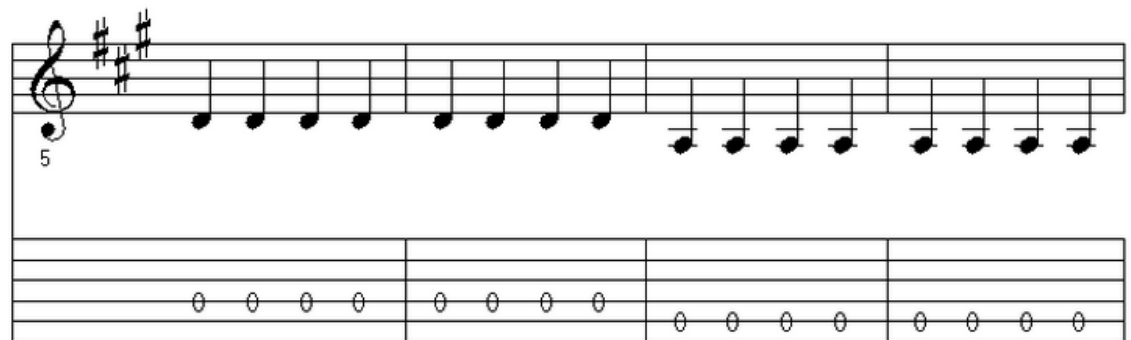
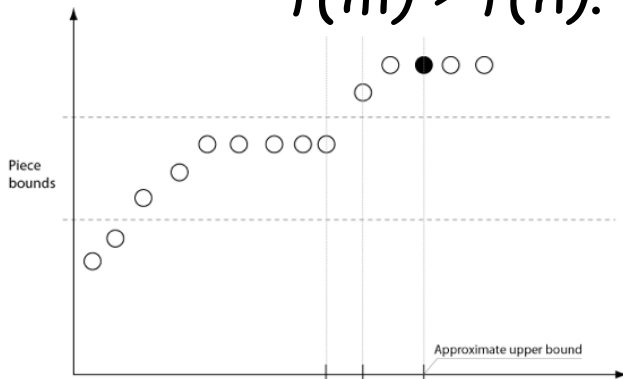
$$n \quad n^{1+\sin n}$$
$$n^0 \quad ? \quad n^2$$



3.2 Standard notations and common functions

➤ **Monotonicity:** (單調性)

- ✓ A function f is **monotonically increasing** if $m \leq n$ implies $f(m) \leq f(n)$. 單調遞增
- ✓ A function f is **monotonically decreasing** if $m \leq n$ implies $f(m) \geq f(n)$.
- ✓ A function f is **strictly increasing** if $m < n$ implies $f(m) < f(n)$. 嚴格遞增
- ✓ A function f is **strictly decreasing** if $m < n$ implies $f(m) > f(n)$.



Floor and ceiling 地板 & 天花板

$$x - 1 < \lfloor x \rfloor \leq x \leq \lceil x \rceil < x + 1$$

$\lfloor x \rfloor$ 地板: 不大於 x 的最大整數
 $\lceil x \rceil$ 天花板: 不小於 x 的最小整數

$$\lceil n / 2 \rceil + \lfloor n / 2 \rfloor = n$$

小學程度的題目：

每件貨品售價6元，某人有40元，最多可買多少件貨品？

$$\lceil \lceil n / a \rceil / b \rceil = \lceil n / ab \rceil$$

$$\lfloor \lfloor n / a \rfloor / b \rfloor = \lfloor n / ab \rfloor$$

$$\lceil a / b \rceil \leq (a + (b - 1)) / b$$

$$\lfloor a / b \rfloor \geq (a - (b - 1)) / b$$

Modular arithmetic 除餘運算

- ✓ For any integer a and any positive integer n , the value $a \bmod n$ is the **remainder** (or **residue**) of the quotient a/n : a 除以 n 之後的餘數

$$a \bmod n = a - \lfloor a/n \rfloor n$$

- ✓ If $(a \bmod n) = (b \bmod n)$. We write $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and say that a is **equivalent** to b , modulo n .
 a, b 除餘 n 相等
- ✓ We write $a \not\equiv b \pmod{n}$ if a is not equivalent to b modulo n .

Polynomials ^(多項式) v.s. Exponentials ^(指數)

- **Polynomials:** $P(n) = \sum_{i=0}^d a_i n^i$
 - ✓ A function is *polynomial bounded* if $f(n) = n^{O(1)}$
- **Exponentials:** $n^b = o(a^n)$ ($a > 1$)
 - ✓ Any positive exponential function grows faster than any polynomial. 任何指數函數長得比多項式快

$$e^x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^i}{i!}$$

詳見CLRS p.55

$$1 + x \leq e^x \leq 1 + x + x^2 \quad \text{if } |x| < 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n = e^x$$

Logarithms

(對數)

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots \quad \text{if } |x| < 1$$

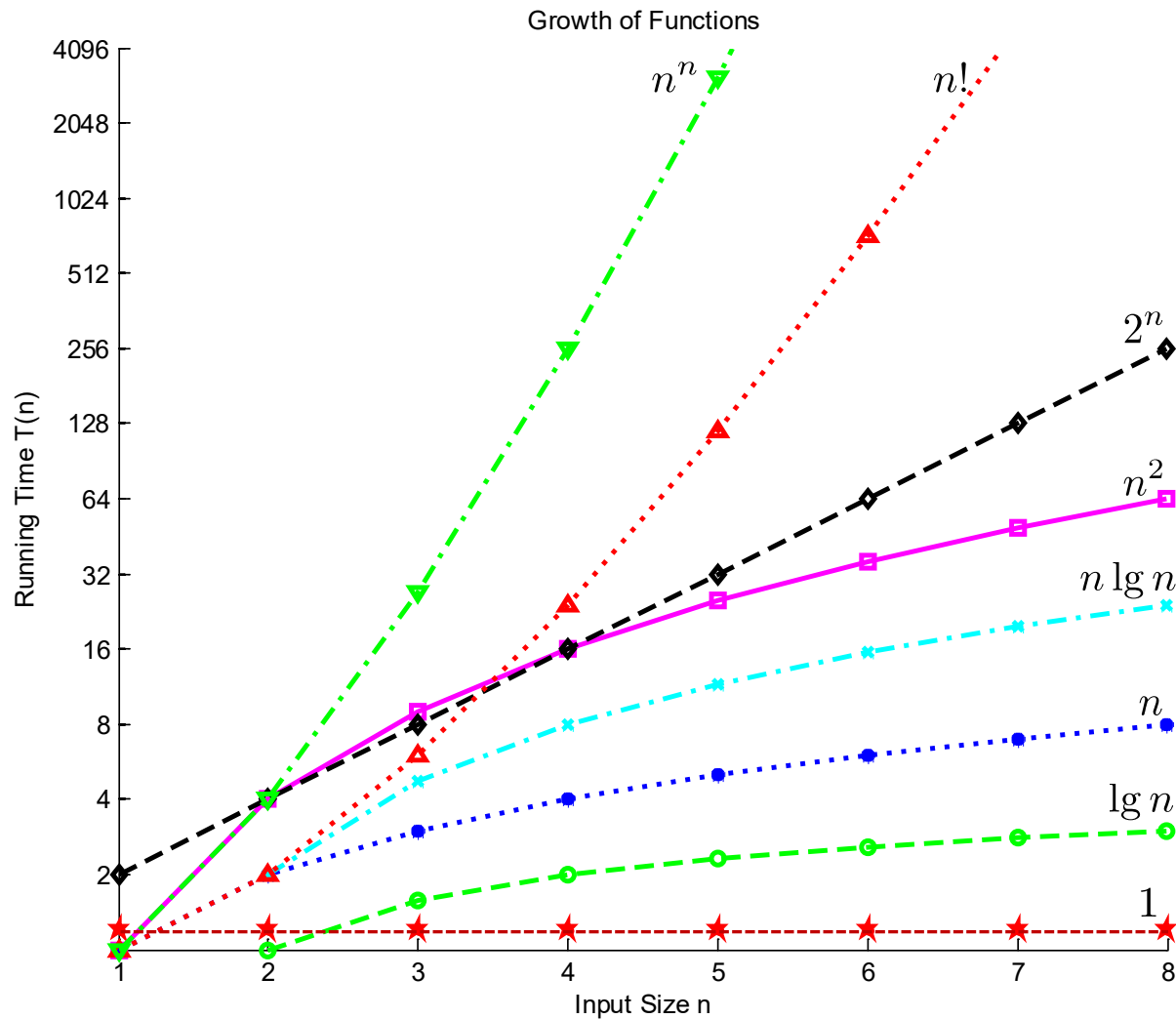
$$\frac{x}{1+x} \leq \ln(1+x) \leq x \quad \text{for } x > -1$$

詳見CLRS p.56

- A function $f(n)$ is *polylogarithmically bounded* if $f(n) = \log^{O(1)} n$ (綜合對數)
- $\log^b n = o(n^a)$ for any constant $a > 0$.
- Any positive polynomial function grows faster than any polylogarithmic function.

任何多項式函數長得比綜合對數快

Growth of Functions



Factorials (階乘)

➤ Stirling's approximation 史特林近似法

Tight upper & lower bound

$$n! = \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \left(1 + \Theta\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)$$

$$n! = o(n^n) \quad \text{Weak upper bound}$$

$$n! = \omega(2^n) \quad \text{Weak lower bound}$$

$$\log(n!) = \Theta(n \log n) \quad \text{可用 Stirling's approx 證明}$$

$$n! = \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n e^{\alpha_n} \quad \text{where } \frac{1}{12n+1} < \alpha_n < \frac{1}{12n}$$

Function iteration 函數疊代

將 function 中的 n 值用 $f(n)$ 代入 i 次.

$$f^{(i)}(n) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } i = 0, \\ f(f^{(i-1)}(n)) & \text{if } i > 0. \end{cases}$$

For example, if $f(n) = 2n$, then $f^{(i)}(n) = 2^i n$

The iterative logarithm function

$$\lg^{(i)}(n) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \lg(\lg^{(i-1)} n) & \text{if } i > 0 \text{ and } \lg^{(i-1)} n > 0 \\ \text{undefined} & \text{if } i > 0 \text{ and } \lg^{(i-1)} n \leq 0 \\ & \text{or } \lg^{(i-1)} n \text{ is undefined.} \end{cases}$$

$$\lg^*(n) = \min \{i \geq 0 \mid \lg^{(i)} n \leq 1\}$$

$$\lg^* 2 = 1$$

$$\lg^* 4 = 2$$

$$\lg^* 16 = 3$$

$$\lg^* 65536 = 4$$

$$\lg^* 2^{65536} = 5$$

增加得非常非常慢

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- Since the number of atoms in the observable universe is estimated to be about 10^{80} , which is much less than 2^{65536} , we rarely encounter a value of n such that $\lg^* n > 5$.

由於可觀測的宇宙中的原子數估計大約為 10^{80} ，遠小於 2^{65536} ，因此我們很少遇到 $\lg^* n > 5$ 的值。

Fibonacci numbers 費波南茲級數

$$F_0 = 0$$

$$F_1 = 1$$

$$F_i = F_{i-1} + F_{i-2}$$

$$F_i = \frac{\phi^i - \hat{\phi}^i}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\phi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} = 1.61803\dots$$

$$\hat{\phi} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} = -0.61803\dots$$

Summary

- Asymptotic notation
 - ✓ Θ -notation, O -notation, Ω -notation, o -notation, ω -notation
- Properties of asymptotic comparison
- Common functions
 - ✓ Monotone functions
 - ✓ Floor & ceiling
 - ✓ $a \bmod b$
 - ✓ Polynomials
 - ✓ Exponentials
 - ✓ Logarithms
 - ✓ Factorials
 - ✓ Function iteration
 - ✓ Iterative logarithm function
 - ✓ Fibonacci numbers