

Let f and g be functions $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ for the remainder of this summary.

$\newcommand{\bigO}{\mathcal O}$ $\newcommand{\bigTh}{\Theta}$ $\newcommand{\bigOm}{\Omega}$
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 $\newcommand{\nat}{\mathbb N}$ $\newcommand{\rpos}{\mathbb R_{\geq 0}}$

Big O

Definition

$f \in \bigO(g)$ iff:

$\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} : \exists c \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} : \forall n \geq n_0 : f(n) \leq cg(n)$

Big Omega

Definition

$f \in \bigOm(g)$ iff:

$\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} : \exists c \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} : \forall n \geq n_0 : c > 0 \text{ and } f(n) \geq cg(n)$

We need $c > 0$ otherwise the relation might be $f(n) \geq 0$ which is too easy to satisfy. Also note that $1/c$ exists and $1/c > 0$, so that we can also write $g(n) \leq 1/c \cdot f(n)$ and we have:

Lemma

$f \in \bigO(g)$ iff. $g \in \bigOm(f)$

Big Theta

Definition $f \in \bigTh(g)$ iff:

$f \in \bigO(g)$ and $f \in \bigOm(g)$

In other words,

$\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} : \exists b, c \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} : \forall n \geq n_0 : c > 0 \text{ and } bg(n) \leq f(n) \leq cg(n)$

Some properties

Proposition If $f \in \bigO(g)$ and $g \in \bigO(h)$, then $f \in \bigO(h)$

Proof: We are given that there are natural numbers n_0 and m_0 and two nonnegative constants c and d s.t. $\forall n \geq n_0 : f(n) \leq cg(n)$ and $\forall n \geq m_0 : g(n) \leq dh(n)$. This implies that if we set $M = \max\{n_0, m_0\}$, we have for all $n \geq M$ that $f(n) \leq cdh(n)$, so that $f \in \bigO(h)$.

How to calculate runtime complexity

The following steps:

- denote cost and repetition count in every singleton statement.
- add all costs multiplied by repetition count.

Example:

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bool isIn (int xs [], int x) {  
    int i = 0;           //c_1, 1  
    while (i < xs.length()) { //c_2, n  
        if(x == xs[i]) { //c_3, n  
            return true; //c_4, 1  
        }  
        i++;             //c_5, n  
    }  
    return false;        //c_6, n  
}
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total cost is $T(n) = (c_1 + c_4 + c_6) + (c_2 + c_3 + c_5)n$ in $\mathcal{O}(n)$, clearly.

Worst case: gives an upper bound that holds for *every input*.