

# CP312: Algorithm Design & Analysis

## Assignment #1

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**Q1. Prove by induction that for all  $n > 1$  the following inequality holds:**

$$\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n} > \frac{13}{24}$$

Base Case:  $n = 2$

$$S(2) = \frac{1}{2+1} + \frac{1}{2+2} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{7}{12} = \frac{14}{24} > \frac{13}{24}$$

$\therefore$  Base case holds true

Assume the inequality holds for  $n = k$

$$S(k) = \frac{1}{k+1} + \frac{1}{k+2} + \frac{1}{k+3} + \dots + \frac{1}{2k} > \frac{13}{24}$$

Now we prove the case:  $n = k + 1$

$$S(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1+1} + \frac{1}{k+1+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2(k+1)}$$

$S(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+2} + \frac{1}{k+3} + \dots + \frac{1}{2k} + \frac{1}{2k+1} + \frac{1}{2k+2}$  \*we can assume  $\frac{1}{2k}$  &  $\frac{1}{2k+1}$  will be in the summation\*

$$S(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} + \frac{1}{k+2} + \frac{1}{k+3} + \dots + \frac{1}{2k} + \frac{1}{2k+1} + \frac{1}{2k+2}$$
 \*add and sub  $\frac{1}{k+1}$ \*

$$S(k+1) = -\frac{1}{k+1} + \left(\frac{1}{k+1} + \frac{1}{k+2} + \frac{1}{k+3} + \dots + \frac{1}{2k}\right) + \frac{1}{2k+1} + \frac{1}{2k+2}$$
 \*this allows us to isolate  $S(k)$ \*

$$S(k+1) = -\frac{1}{k+1} + S(k) + \frac{1}{2k+1} + \frac{1}{2k+2}$$

$$S(k+1) = S(k) + \frac{1}{2k+1} + \frac{1}{2k+2} - \frac{1}{k+1}$$

$$S(k+1) = S(k) + \frac{1}{2k+1} - \frac{1}{2(k+1)}$$

$$S(k+1) = S(k) + \frac{1}{2(k+1)(2k+1)}$$

$$S(k) + \frac{1}{2(k+1)(2k+1)} > S(k) > \frac{13}{24}$$

$\therefore S(k + 1) > \frac{13}{24}$  and the inequality holds

**Q2. Suppose we have  $n \geq 3$  lines so that no two lines are parallel and no three lines intersect at a common point. Prove that at least one of the regions they form is a triangle. (hint: use induction)**

Base Case:  $n = 3$

Let  $L$  be the # of lines

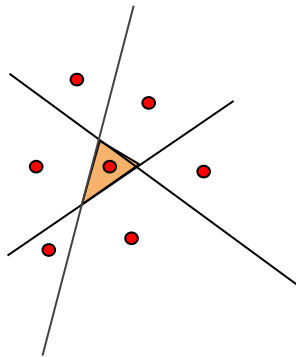
The # of regions in the plane formed by  $n$  lines in general position states that no 2 lines are parallel and no 3 lines intersect at a common point then;

$$L = n(n+1)/2 + 1$$

$$L(3) = [ 3*(3+1) / 2 ] + 1$$

$$L(3) = 6 + 1$$

$$L(3) = 7$$



**Note:**

Red Dots -> Regions

Orange Triangle -> Triangle

We can see that a triangle will form at  $n=3$ , this triangle will still exist for any  $n \geq 3$ , therefore for any  $n \geq 3$  a triangle will form in at least one of the regions.

**Q3. For each of the following pairs of functions  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$ , either  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  or  $g(n) = O(f(n))$ , but not both. Determine which is the case.**

a)  $f(n) = (n^2 - n) / 2$ ,  $g(n) = 6n$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot (n^2 - n)}{6n} \right]$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{1}{12} \cdot (n - 1) \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{12} \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow (n) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow (1) \right]$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow (n) = \infty$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow (1) = 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} (\infty - 1) = \infty$$

$\therefore$  Since the limits is  $\infty$ , then the following pair of functions is  **$g(n) = O(f(n))$**

b)  $f(n) = n + 2\sqrt{n}$ ,  $g(n) = n^2$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{n + 2\sqrt{n}}{n^2} \right]$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{1}{n} + \frac{2}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right]$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{1}{n} \right] + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{2}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right]$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{1}{n} \right] = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{2}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right] = 0$$

$\therefore$  Since both limits are 0, then the following pair of functions is  **$f(n) = O(g(n))$**

c)  $f(n) = n + \log n$ ,  $g(n) = n \sqrt{n}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{n + \log n}{n \sqrt{n}} \right]$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} + \frac{\ln(n)}{n^2} \right]$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \right] + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{\ln(n)}{n^2} \right]$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \right] = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{\ln(n)}{n^2} \right] = 0$$

$\therefore$  Since both limits are 0, then the following pair of functions is  **$f(n) = O(g(n))$**

d)  $f(n) = n^2 + 3n + 4$ ,  $g(n) = n^3$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{n^2 + 3n + 4}{n^3} \right]$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{1}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2} + \frac{4}{n^3} \right]$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{1}{n} \right] + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{3}{n^2} \right] + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{4}{n^3} \right]$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{1}{n} \right] = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{3}{n^2} \right] = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{4}{n^3} \right] = 0$$

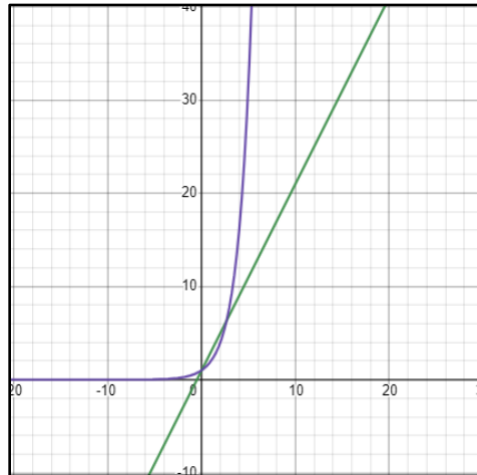
$\therefore$  Since all three limits are 0, then the following pair of functions is  **$f(n) = O(g(n))$**

#### Q4. Prove the following:

$$2n + 1 = O(2^n)$$

Is this the best upper-bound for the function on the left? In other words, is it a tight upper-bound? If not, specify the tight upper-bound?

Size of n	$2n + 1$	$2^n$
1	3	2
2	5	4
3	7	8
4	9	16
5	11	32

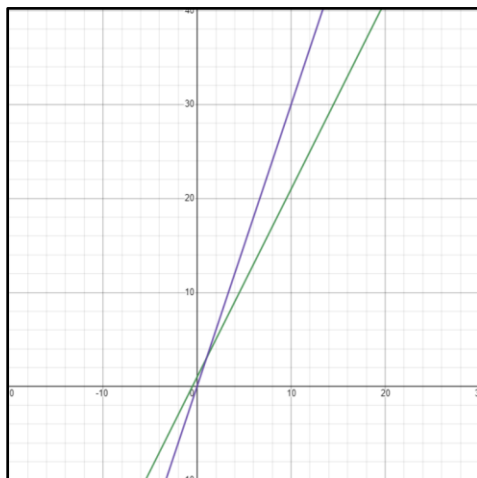


Looking at the outcomes for the increasing values of  $n$ , we can see that  $2n + 1$  grows linearly, whereas  $2^n$  grows exponentially, meaning it is not a valid tight upper-bound. In order to find a tight upper bound, we must find a function  $f(n)$  that grows linearly and satisfies the following..

$$2n + 1 > f(n), n \in R$$

$f(n) = 3n$  would be the obvious choice as it runs linearly and will be greater than or equal to  $2n + 1$  for all instances of  $n$ .

Size of n	$2n + 1$	$3n$
1	3	3
2	5	6
3	7	9
4	9	12
5	11	15



$\therefore O(3n)$  would be a valid tight upper bound for the function  $2n + 1$

**Q5. For each of the following six code segments:**

- Give Big-O analysis of the running time
- Run the code and give the running time for several values of n
- Compare your analysis with the actual runtimes obtained

***Segment 1***

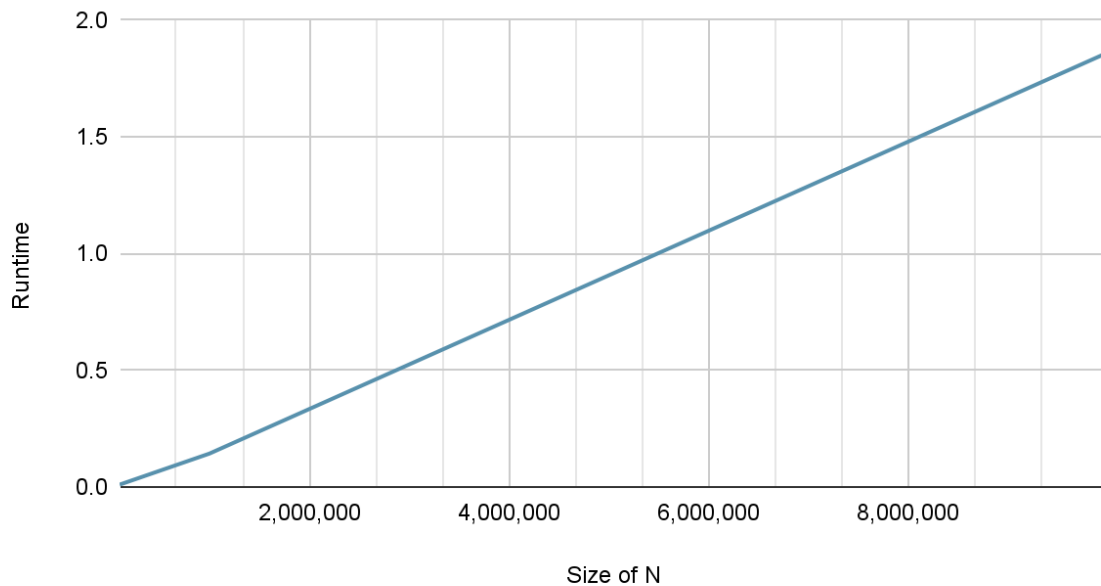
```
sum = 0
for i in range(n):
    sum += 1
```

**Big-O:**  $O(n)$

**Values:**

Trial #	Size of N	Runtime (in seconds)
1	100,000	0.009996414184570312
2	1,000,000	0.14299726486206055
3	10,000,000	1.8609983921051025

**Segment 1 -  $O(n)$**



## Segment 2

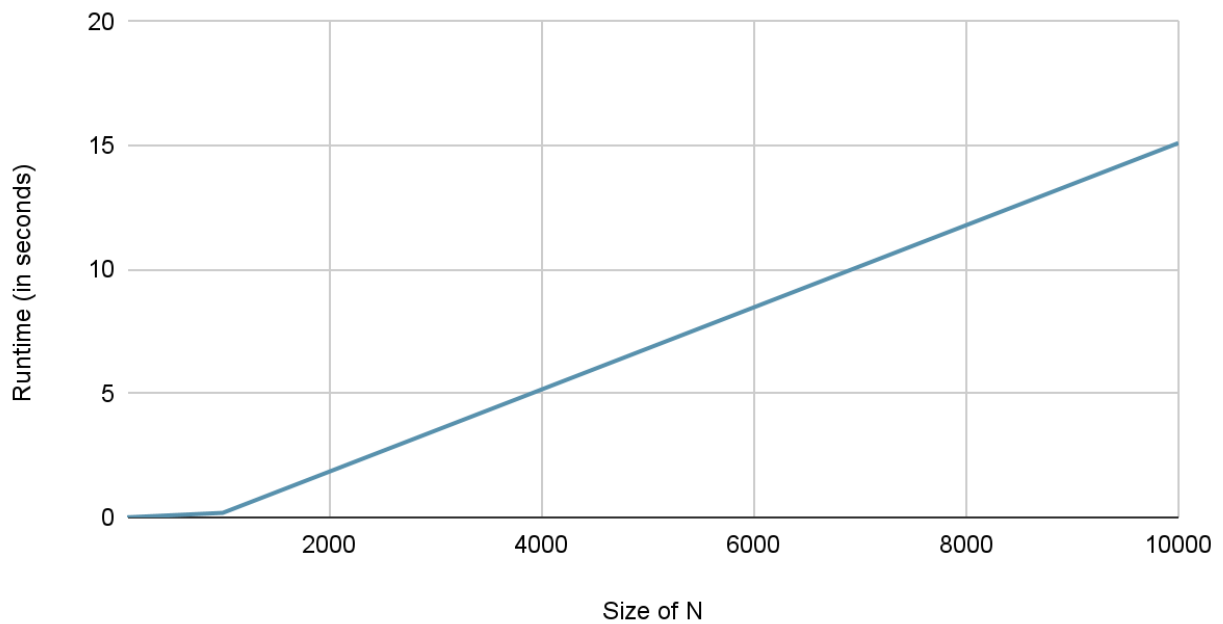
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sum = 0
for i in range(n):
    for j in range(n):
        sum += 1
```

**Big-O:**  $O(n^2)$

**Values:**

Trial #	Size of N	Runtime (in seconds)
1	100	0.0019991397857666016
2	1,000	0.1819934844970703
3	10,000	15.102467060089111

## Segment 2 - $O(n^2)$







### Segment 3

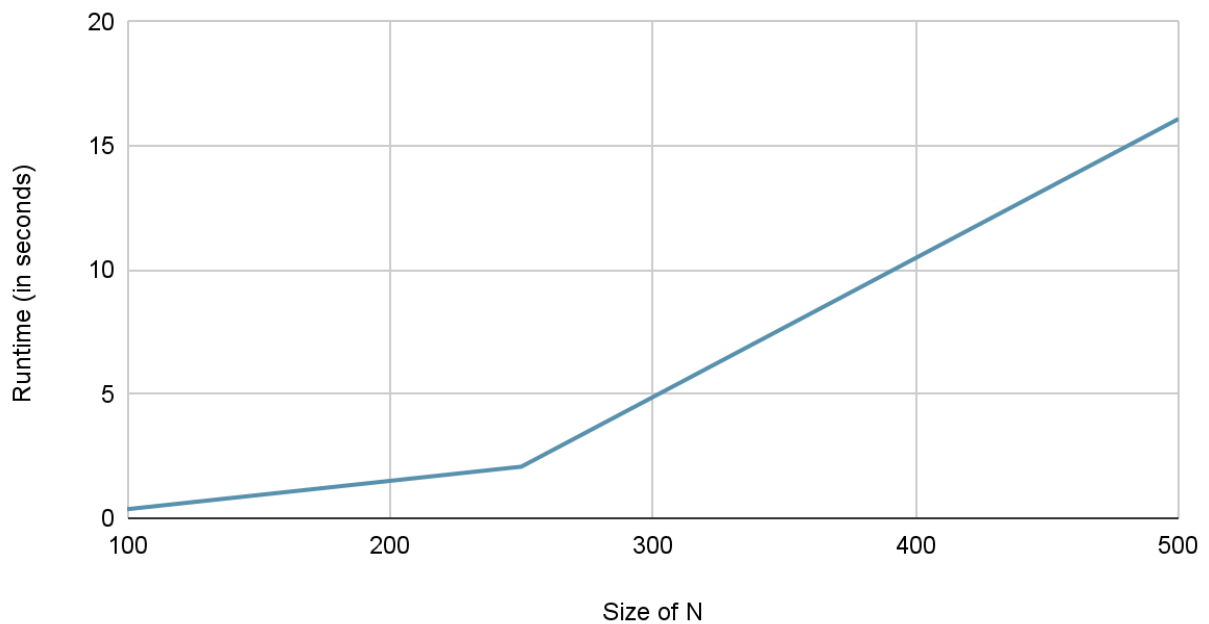
```
sum = 0
for i in range(n):
    for j in range(n*n):
        sum += 1
```

**Big-O:**  $O(n^3)$

**Values:**

Trial #	Size of N	Runtime (in seconds)
1	100	0.36200380325317383
2	250	2.0759949684143066
3	500	16.08599352836609

### Segment 3 - $O(n^3)$



## Segment 4

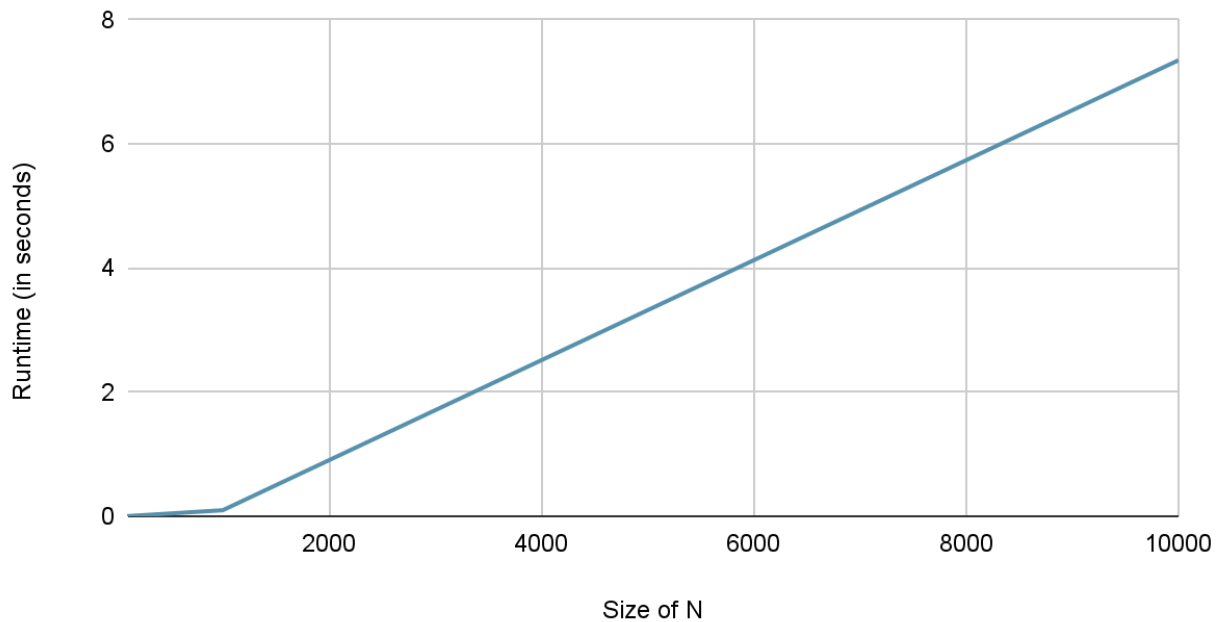
```
sum = 0
for i in range(n): #O(n)
    for j in range(i): #(n^2)
        sum += 1
```

**Big-O:**  $O(n^2)$

**Values:**

Trial #	Size of N	Runtime (in seconds)
1	100	0.0009996891021728516
2	1,000	0.09599757194519043
3	10,000	7.347998142242432

## Segment 4 - $O(n^2)$



## Segment 5

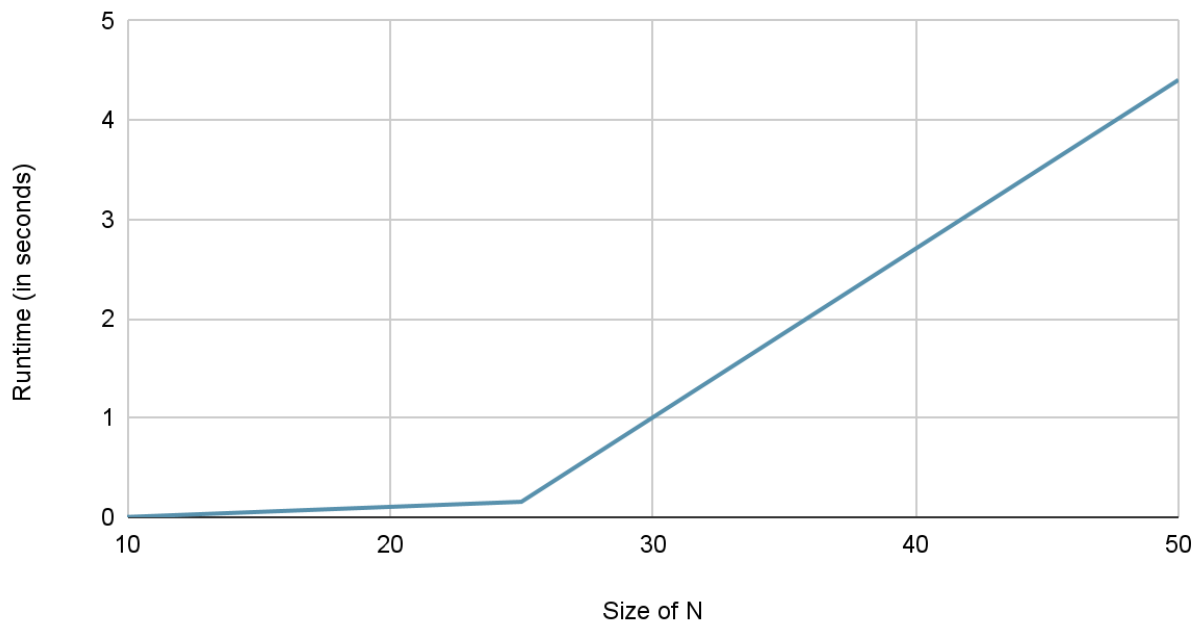
```
sum = 0
for i in range(n):
    for j in range(i*i):
        for k in range(j):
            sum += 1
```

**Big-O:**  $O(n^5)$

**Values:**

Trial #	Size of N	Runtime (in seconds)
1	10	0.002000093460083008
2	25	0.1549985408782959
3	50	4.404094696044922

## Segment 5 - $O(n^5)$



## Segment 6

```
sum = 0
for i in range(n):
    for j in range(i*i):
        if (j%i == 0):
            for k in range(j):
                sum += 1
```

**Big-O:**  $O(n^5)$

**Values:**

Trial #	Size of N	Runtime (in seconds)
1	50	0.1810002326965332
2	100	1.6929974555969238
3	150	8.793999910354614

## Segment 6 - $O(n^5)$

