

Theorem  
If  $f(n) = a_m n^m + \dots + a_1 n + a_0$  then  $f(n) = O(n^m)$

Proof:-

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &\leq \sum_{i=0}^m |a_i| n^i \\ &\leq n^m \sum_{i=0}^m |a_i| n^{i-m} \\ &\leq n^m \sum_{i=0}^m |a_i| \quad \text{for } n \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

So,  $f(n) = O(n^m)$  (assuming that  $m$  is fixed).

### Big- $\Omega$ notation

Definition:-  
 $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$  iff there are two positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that

$$|f(n)| \geq c|g(n)| \text{ for all } n \geq n_0.$$

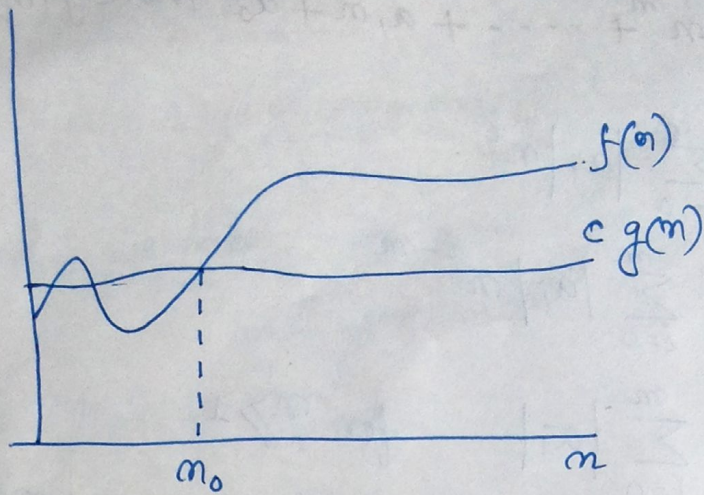
If  $f(n)$  is non-negative, we can simplify the last condition to

$$0 \leq c g(n) \leq f(n), \text{ for all } n \geq n_0.$$

We say that  $f(n)$  is big- $\Omega$  of  $g(n)$ .

As  $n$  increases,  $f(n)$  grows no slower ~~than~~ than  $g(n)$ .  
In other words,  $g(n)$  is an asymptotic lower bound on  $f(n)$ .





Example :  $\sqrt{n} = \Omega(\lg n)$ , with  $c = 1$  and  $n_0 = 16$ .

Examples of functions in  $\Omega(n^2)$ :

$$n^2$$

$$n^2 + n$$

$$n^2 - n$$

$$1000n^2 + 1000n$$

$$1000n^2 - 1000n$$

also,

$$n^3$$

$$n^{2.0001}$$

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

$$2^{2^n}$$

Explanation with Example :-

$$n^3 + 4n^2 = \Omega(n^2)$$

Proof :-

here we have,  $f(n) = n^3 + 4n^2$

and  $g(n) = n^2$

notice that, if  $n \gg 0$ .

$$n^3 \leq n^3 + 4n^2$$

and if  $n \gg 1$

$$n^2 \leq n^3$$



Thus when,

$$n \geq 1,$$

$$n^2 \leq n^3 \leq n^3 + 4n^2$$

Therefore,

$$1 \cdot n^2 \leq n^3 + 4n^2 \text{ for all } n \geq 1$$

Thus, we have shown that  $n^3 + 4n^2 = \Omega(n^2)$  with  $n_0 = 1$ , and  $c = 1$

Some Examples:-

- ②  $3n + 2 = \Omega(n)$  as  $3n + 2 \geq 3n$ , for all  $n \geq 1$
- ③  $3n + 3 = \Omega(n)$  as  $3n + 3 \geq 3n$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .
- ④  $10n^2 + 4n + 2 = \Omega(n^2)$  as  $10n^2 + 4n + 2 \geq n^2$  for  $n \geq 1$ .
- ⑤  $6 \cdot 2^n + n^2 = \Omega(2^n)$  as  $6 \cdot 2^n + n^2 \geq 2^n$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

But here we also observe that,

$$3n + 3 = \Omega(1), \quad 10n^2 + 4n + 2 = \Omega(1),$$

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### Big- $\Theta$ notation

Definition:-

$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$  iff there are three positive constants  $c_1, c_2$  and  $n_0$  such that,

$$c_1 |g(n)| \leq |f(n)| \leq c_2 |g(n)| \text{ for all } n \geq n_0.$$

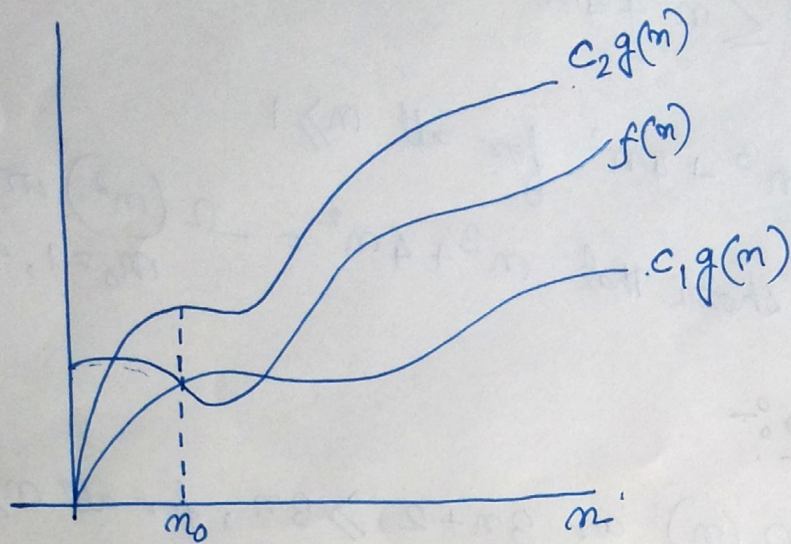
If  $f(n)$  is nonnegative, we can simplify the last condition to

$$0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0.$$

we say that  $f(n)$  is theta of  $g(n)$ .



$g(n)$  is an asymptotically tight bound for  $f(n)$ .



As  $n$  increases,  $f(n)$  grows at the same rate as  $g(n)$ .

Example :-

$$n^2 + 5n + 7 = \Theta(n^2)$$

Proof :-

• When  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$n^2 + 5n + 7 \leq n^2 + 5n^2 + 7n^2 \leq 13n^2$$

• When  $n \geq 0$

$$n^2 \leq n^2 + 5n + 7$$

• There's when  $n \geq 1$

$$1 \cdot n^2 \leq n^2 + 5n + 7 \leq 13n^2$$

Thus,  $n^2 + 5n + 7 = \Theta(n^2)$  with  $n_0 = 1$ ,  $c_1 = 1$  and  $c_2 = 13$ .



Some examples :-

2  $3n+2 = \theta(n)$  as  $3n+2 \geq 3n$  for all  $n \geq 2$  and  $3n+2 \leq 4n$  for all  $n \geq 2$ , so  $c_1 = 3$ ,  $c_2 = 4$  and  $n_0 = 2$ .

3  $3n+3 = \theta(n)$ , ~~not applicable~~

4  $10n^2+4n+2 = \theta(n^2)$

But,

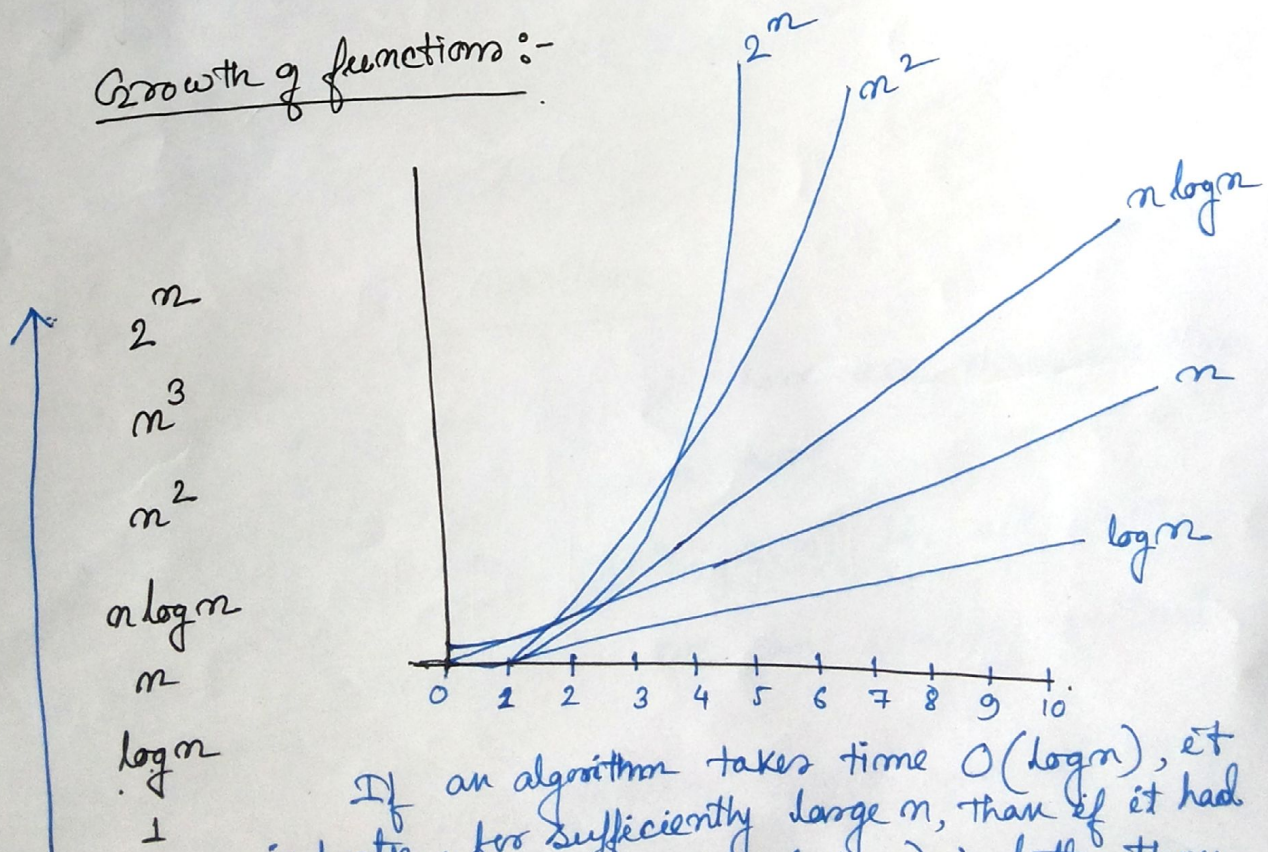
~~3~~  $3n+2 \neq \theta(1)$ ,

$3n+3 \neq \theta(n^2)$

$10n^2+4n+2 \neq \theta(n)$

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Growth of functions :-



If an algorithm takes time  $O(\log n)$ , it is faster, for sufficiently large  $n$ , than if it had taken  $O(n)$ . Similarly  $O(n \log n)$  is better than  $O(n^2)$  but not so good as  $O(n)$ .