

Asymptotic notations are used to describe running times of algorithms.

$\Theta$ Theta	$O$ <u>Big O</u>	$\Omega$ <u>Omega</u>	$o$ <u>little O</u>	$\omega$ <u>little Omega</u>
Analogy — — To give idea	$<$	$>$	$<$	$>$

$\Theta$

Theta Notation

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



$\Theta(g(n))$

$f(n)$

$\Theta(g(n))$

upper

between  
range

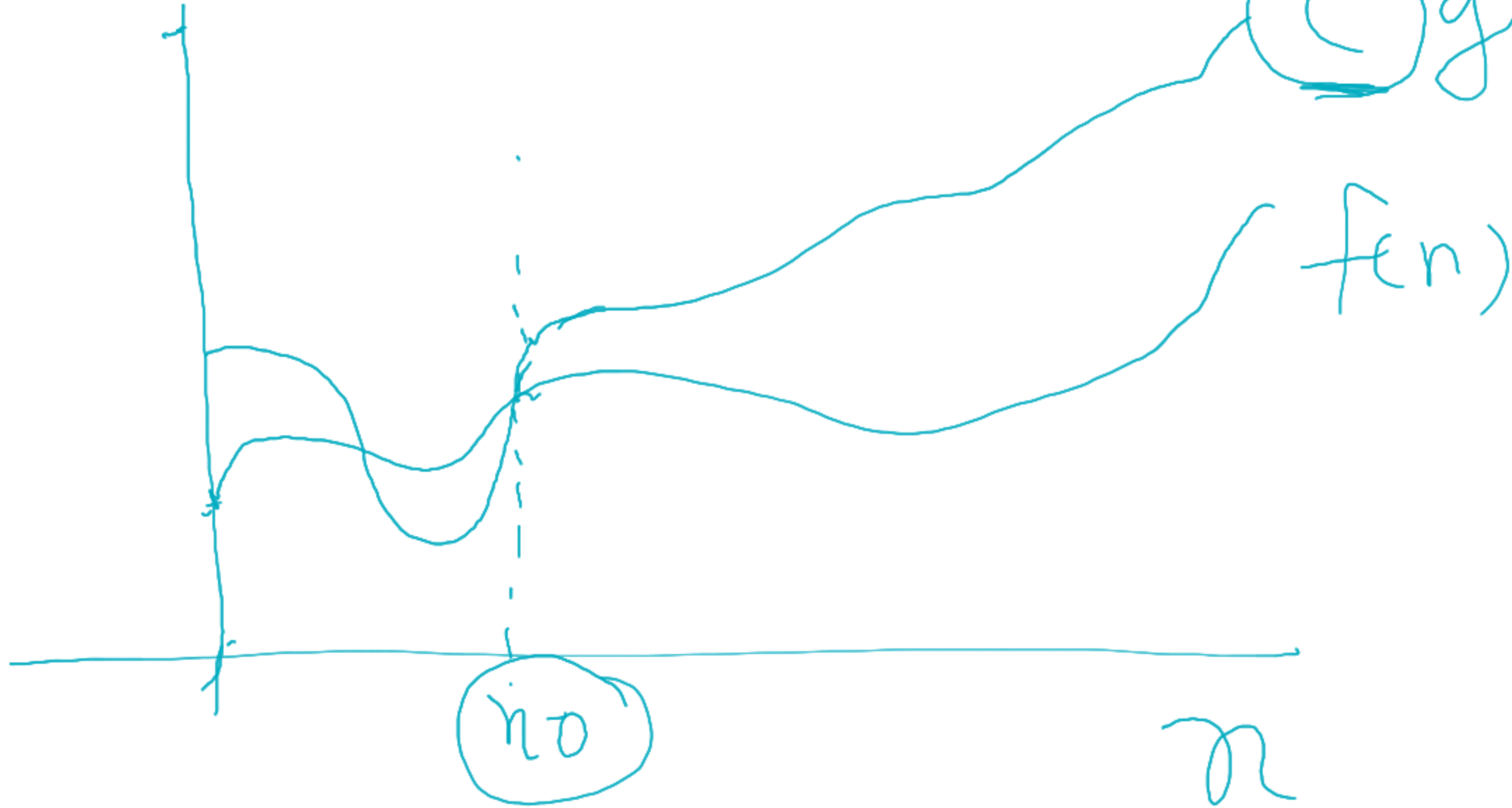
lower

variable

○ (Big) Notation  $f(n) = O(g(n))$

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○  $O(g(n))$  <sup>Upper</sup>



# $\Omega$ (omega) notation





Ex.

1) logarithms grow <sup>slowly</sup> than polynomials.

2) Polynomials grow <sup>slowly</sup> than exponentials

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changing the base of a logarithm from one constant to another constant changes the value by a constant factor, so we don't worry about logarithm bases in asymptotic not<sup>n</sup>.

Relational Properties

- Transitivity
- Reflexivity
- Symmetric
- Transpose

Trichotomy

statement:  
 $f(n)$  is asymptotically smaller  
than  $g(n)$   
if  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  ✓

$f(n)$  is asymptotically larger  
than  $g(n)$

if  $f(n) = \omega(g(n))$  ✓

$\omega(g(n)) < f(n) < O(g(n))$   
little



What is recurrence?

Recurrence is a function defined in terms of

- one or more base cases and
- itself, with smaller arguments

Recurrence for binary search

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + \Theta(1) \leftarrow \text{Base case}$$

variable indicating size

# Substitution method

- ① Guess for sol<sup>n</sup>
- ② prove using PMI



$$\underline{T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n} \quad \text{PMI} \quad \underline{T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)}$$

① Base case  $= 1, n=1$

$$n=2 \Rightarrow n \log n \Rightarrow 2 \log_2 2 \Rightarrow 2 \cdot 1 \Rightarrow 2$$

② Inductive step

hypothesis is that

$$T(k) = 2T(k/2) + k$$

$k \text{ to be } n/2$

$$T(n/2) \Rightarrow \Theta\left(\frac{n}{2} \log\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)\right)$$

③  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$

$$= 2 \left( \frac{n}{2} \cdot \log\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \right) + n$$

$$= n \left( \log n + \log \frac{1}{2} \right) + n$$

$\therefore$  From hypothesis

$$\therefore \log_a m \cdot n \Rightarrow \log_a m + \log_a n$$

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$$\log_b(1/a) = -\log_b a$$

$$n(\log_2 n - \log_2 2) + n$$

$$= n(\log_2 n - 1) + n$$

$$= n \log_2 n - n + n$$

$$= n \log_2 n$$



Comparison of insertion sort with merge sort  
- On small inputs, insertion sort may be faster

But for large enough inputs,  
merge sort will always be faster

Because,  
merge sort's running time  $O(n \log n)$  grows  
more slowly than insertion sort's running  
time  $O(n^2)$ .



Assignment:  $n^{\text{th}}$  term  
Solve Fibonacci using recursion.  
Write a recurrence for the same.

Is recursion advised to solve  
fibonacci  $n^{\text{th}}$  term?

P.S. Assuming  
No addition caching like mechanism  
or logic in place.



$$F_0 \Rightarrow 0$$

$$F_1 \Rightarrow 1$$

$$F_i \Rightarrow F_{i-1} + F_{i-2}, \quad i \geq 2$$

Assignment 2:

Prove that running time of an algorithm is  $\Theta(g(n))$

if and only if (iff)  
its worst-case running time is

$O(g(n))$

&  
its best-case running time is  
 $\Omega(g(n))$ .