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Asymptotic time and space complexity

- Compare 2 given sorting algorithms \Rightarrow Compare raw timings? : **bad idea** because maybe different input/hardware/bad implementation/luck.
- The time/space complexity of an algorithm quantifies the amount of time/space taken by an algorithm to run as a function of the length of the input.
- Note that the complexity is a function of the length of the input and not the actual execution time of the machine on which the algorithm is running on.

Best, Worst, and Average Case Complexity

Suppose you are given a list L of some length $\text{len}(L)$. Search an element E in this list.

- **Worst Case Complexity:**

- The function defined by the *maximum* number of steps taken on any instance of size n .
- Linear in length of list.

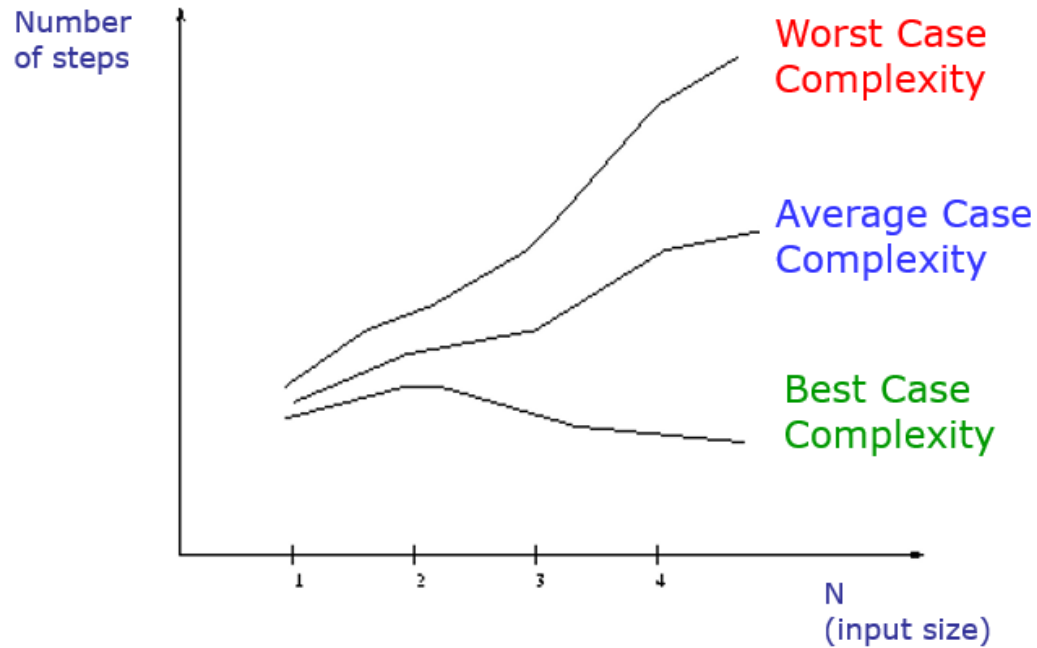
- **Best Case Complexity:**

- The function defined by the *minimum* number of steps taken on any instance of size n .
- Constant Time

- **Average Case Complexity:**

- The function defined by the *average* number of steps taken on any instance of size n .
- Linear in length of list.

Best, Worst, and Average Case Complexity



- **Goal:** to simplify analysis by getting rid of unneeded information (like “rounding” $1,000,001 \approx 1,000,000$)
- We want to say in a formal way $3n^2 \approx n^2$

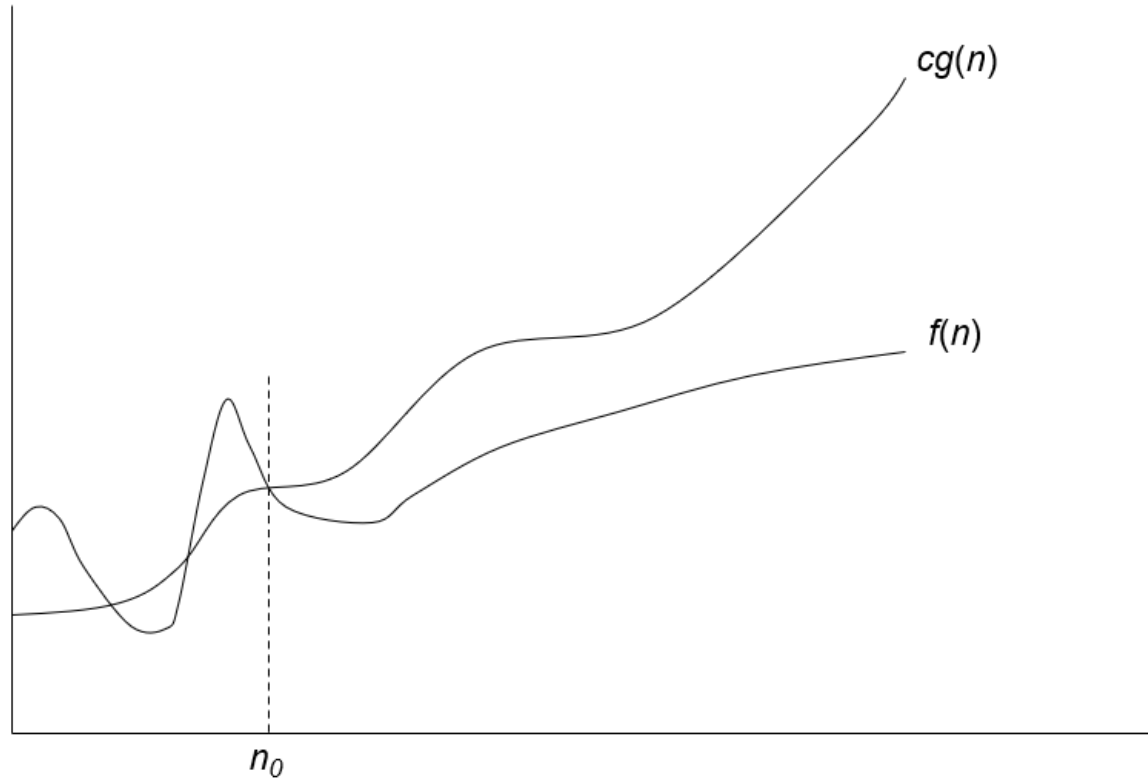
Big-O Notation

$f(n) = O(g(n))$: there exist positive constants c and n_0 such that

$$0 \leq f(n) \leq cg(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0$$

- What does it mean!? :/
- If $f(n) = O(n^2)$, then:
- $f(n)$ can be larger than n^2 sometimes, **but...**
- We can choose some constant **c** and some value **n_0** such that for **every** value of **n** larger than **n_0** : $f(n) < cn^2$
- That is, for values larger than n_0 , $f(n)$ is never more than a constant multiplier greater than n^2
- Or, in other words, $f(n)$ does not grow more than a constant factor faster than n^2 .

Visualization of $O(g(n))$



Examples

i) $2n^2 = O(n^3)$:

$$2n^2 \leq cn^3 \Rightarrow 2 \leq cn \Rightarrow c = 1 \text{ and } n_0 = 2$$

ii) $1000n^2 + 1000n = O(n^2)$:

$$1000n^2 + 1000n \leq cn^2 \leq cn^2 + 1000n \Rightarrow c = 1001 \text{ and } n_0 = 1$$

- **Note:** Even though it is **correct** to say “ $7n - 3$ is $O(n^3)$ ”, a **better** statement is “ $7n - 3$ is $O(n)$ ”, that is, one should make the approximation as tight as possible
- **Simple Rule:** Drop lower order terms and constant factors
 - $7n - 3$ is $O(n)$
 - $8n^2 \log n + 5n^2 + n$ is $O(n^2 \log n)$

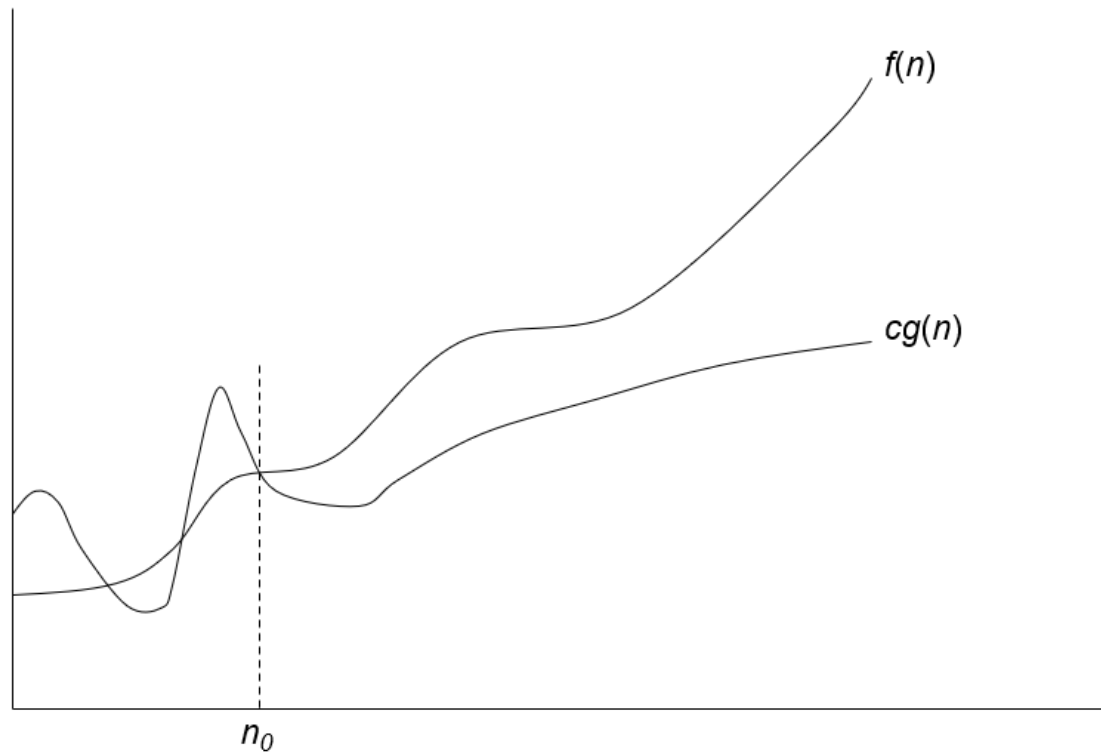
Big Omega Notation

$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$: there exist positive constants c and n_0 such that

$$0 \leq f(n) \leq cg(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0$$

- $\Omega()$ – A **lower** bound
- $N^2 = \Omega(N)$
- Let $c = 1$, $N_0 = 2$
- For all $N \geq 2$, $N^2 > 1 \times N$

Visualization of $\Omega(g(n))$



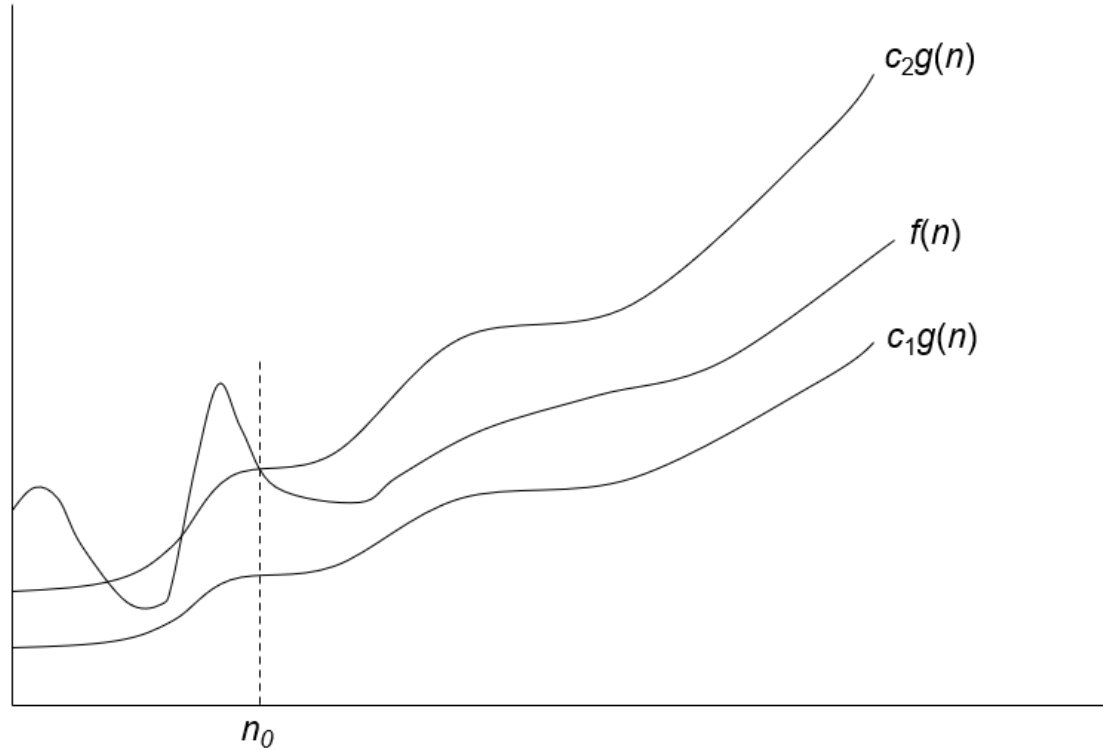
Theta - notation

$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$: there exist positive constants c_1 , c_2 , and n_0 such that
$$0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0$$

- Big-O is not a tight upper bound. In other words $n = O(n^2)$
- Θ provides a tight bound
- In other words,

$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n)) \Rightarrow f(n) = O(g(n)) \text{ AND } f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

Visualization of $\Theta(g(n))$



Few Examples

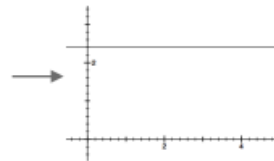
- $n = O(n^2) \neq \Theta(n^2)$
- $200n^2 = O(n^2) = \Theta(n^2)$
- $n^{2.5} \neq O(n^2) \neq \Theta(n^2)$

Popular Complexity Classes (order: low to high)

$O(1)$

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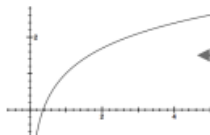
constant



$O(\log n)$

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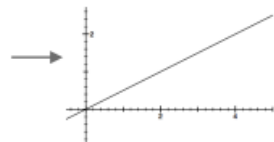
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$O(n)$

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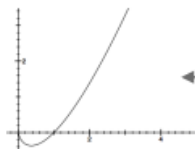
linear



$O(n \log n)$

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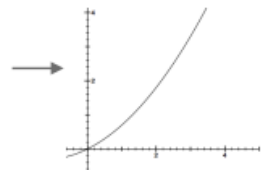
loglinear



$O(n^c)$

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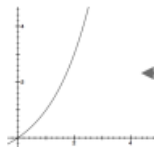
polynomial



$O(c^n)$

:

exponential



*c is a
constant*

GATE CSE 2006

Consider the following C-program fragment in which i , j and n are integer variables.

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let $\text{val}(j)$ denote the value stored in the variable j after termination of the for loop. Which one of the following is true?

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☐ C $\text{val}(j) = \theta(n)$

☐ D $\text{val}(j) = \theta(n \log n)$

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Correct Answer

☐ D $\text{val}(j) = \theta(n \log n)$

Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned} & n + n/2 + n/4 \\ & + n/8 + n/16 \dots \\ & \leq 2 * n \end{aligned}$$

Geometric
Progression! :)

GATE CSE 2015 Set 3

Consider the equality $\sum_{i=0}^n i^3 = X$ and the following choices for X

- I. $\Theta(n^4)$
- II. $\Theta(n^5)$
- III. $O(n^5)$
- IV. $\Omega(n^3)$

The equality above remains correct if X is replaced by

☒ A Only I

☐ B Only II

☐ C I or III or IV but not II

☐ D II or III or IV but not I

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$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2$$

Above we have a **$\Theta(N^4)$ Complexity**, which also further implies option III and IV

Correct Answer

Recurrences

- A recurrence is an equation that describes a function in terms of its value on smaller inputs.
- For example: $T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2)$

Solving Recurrences

There are **3 methods** to solve these recurrences and obtain a running time of an algorithm in terms of Big-Oh (O) notation:

- **Substitution:** Guess a solution, verify by induction.
- **Recursion Tree:** Draw a tree representing the recurrence and sum computation at nodes.
- **Master Theorem:** A general formula to solve a large class of recurrences. More Reliable.

Master Theorem

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ 2T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- It's still really hard to tell what the Big- Θ is just by looking at it.
- But fancy mathematicians have a formula for us to use!

MASTER THEOREM

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} d & \text{if } n \text{ is at most some constant} \\ aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Where $f(n)$ is $\Theta(n^c)$

If $\log_b a < c$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^c)$

If $\log_b a = c$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^c \log n)$

If $\log_b a > c$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$



$a=2$ $b=3$ and $c=1$

$y = \log_b x$ is equal to $b^y = x$

$\log_3 2 \cong 0.63$

$\log_3 2 < 1$

We're in case 1

$T(n) \in \Theta(n)$

GATE CSE 2017 Set 2

Consider the recurrence function

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 2T(\sqrt{n}) + 1, & n > 2 \\ 2, & 0 < n \end{cases}$$

Then $T(N)$ in terms of θ notation is:

(A) $\theta(\log \log n)$

(B) $\theta(\log n)$

(C) $\theta(\sqrt{n})$

(D) $\theta(n)$

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(B) $\theta(\log n)$ **Correct Answer**

(C) $\theta(\sqrt{n})$

(D) $\theta(n)$

Explanation:

$$T(n) = 2T(\sqrt{n}) + 1$$

$$\text{Let } n = 2^m$$

$$\Rightarrow T(2^m) = 2T(2^{m/2}) + 1$$

$$\text{Let } S(m) = T(2^m)$$

$$\Rightarrow S(m/2) = T(2^{m/2})$$

Thus above equation will be :

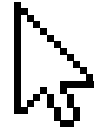
$$S(m) = 2S(m/2) + 1$$

Applying master's theorem $S(m) = \Theta(m)$

Thus : $T(n) = \Theta(\log(n))$ (since $n = 2^m$)



Searching, Sorting and Divide and Conquer Algorithms





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Searching Algorithms:

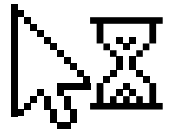
1. Linear (Sequential) Search
2. Binary Search

Divide & Conquer Algorithms:

1. BinarySearch, Merge-sort, Quicksort
2. Multiplication of large integers
3. Matrix multiplication:
 Strassen's algorithm
 1. Closest-pair algorithms

Sorting Algorithms:

1. Bubble Sort
2. Insertion Sort
3. Selection Sorting
4. Heap Sort
5. Merge Sort
6. Quick Sort
 - a. Randomized



Searching Algorithms

01. Linear (Sequential) Search:

It finds an item in an array by looking for it from the beginning till the end. Without any assumption about the array.

Worst case Analysis of Sequential Search:

Occurs when the search term is the last element in the array or not present.

The number of comparisons in worst case = size of the array = **n**.

Time complexity = **$O(n)$**



02. Binary search

Assumes the list is already in order.

In each step

- Finds the Middle element
- Considers only left side or right side elements according to condition.

Worst-case analysis

When search term is

- not in the list, or
- one item away from the middle,
- first or last item in the list.

Maximum number of comparisons
 $(\log(n)) + 1$

Time complexity = **$O(\log(n))$**

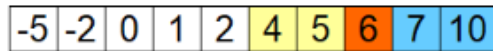
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low middle high

$7 > 2$ (i.e. target $>$ nums[middle])

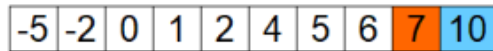
Update *low*



low middle high

$7 > 6$ (i.e. target $>$ nums[middle])

Update *low*



low high
middle

$7 = 7$ (i.e. target = nums[middle])

Return *middle*



Sorting Algorithms

Types of sorting:

Based on Complexity, Stability, comparison, etc.

- **In-place Sorting:**

The In-place sorting algorithm does not use extra storage to sort the elements in the given list.

- **Stable Sorting:**

Stable sorting algorithm maintain the relative order of records with equal values during sorting the elements.

- **Comparison based sorting:**

It determines that ,which of two elements being compared should occur first in the final sorted list.



Bubble Sort

Repeatedly steps through the list, compares adjacent elements and swaps them if they are in the wrong order until the list get sorted.

It can be optimized by stopping the algorithm if the inner loop didn't cause any swap

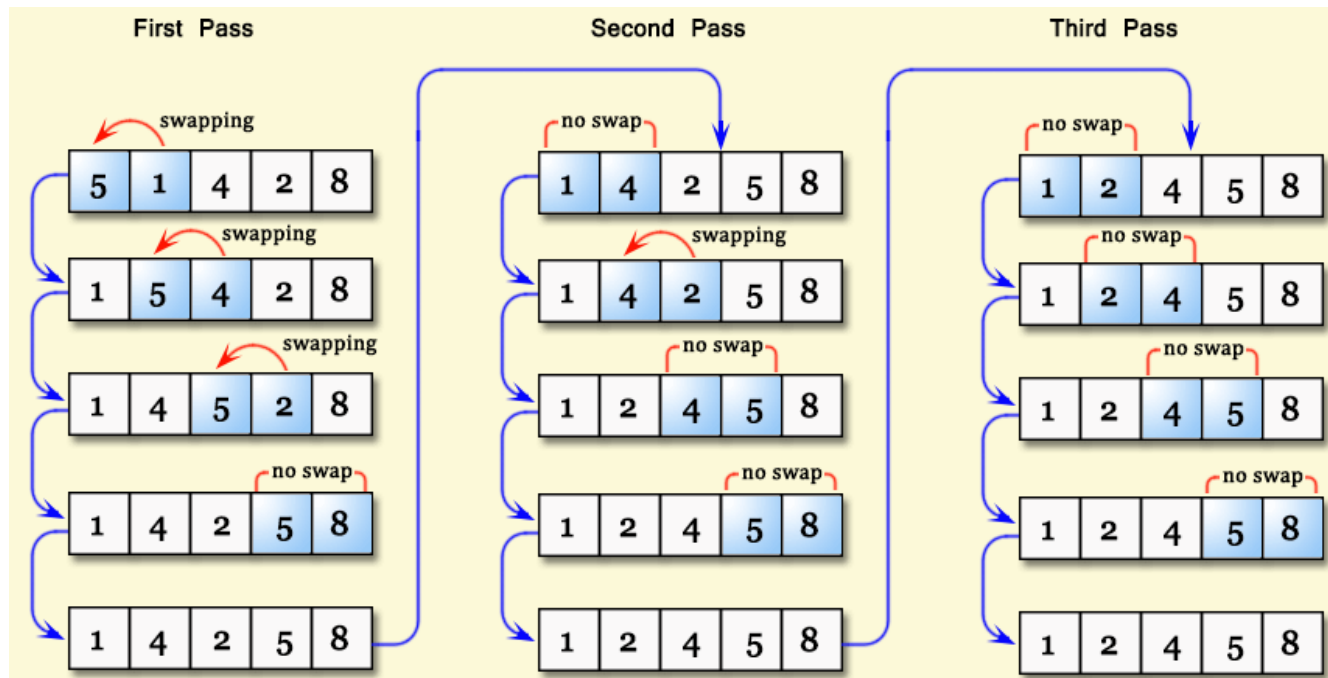
Time Complexity:

Best case: $O(n)$

Average case: $O(n^2)$

Worst case : $O(n^2)$

Last **i** elements
will be sorted in
every **i** Pass.





Insertion Sort

Iterates through an array and repeatedly inserts each element into its sorted position within a growing sorted subarray.

Time Complexity:

Best case: $O(n)$ (sorted)

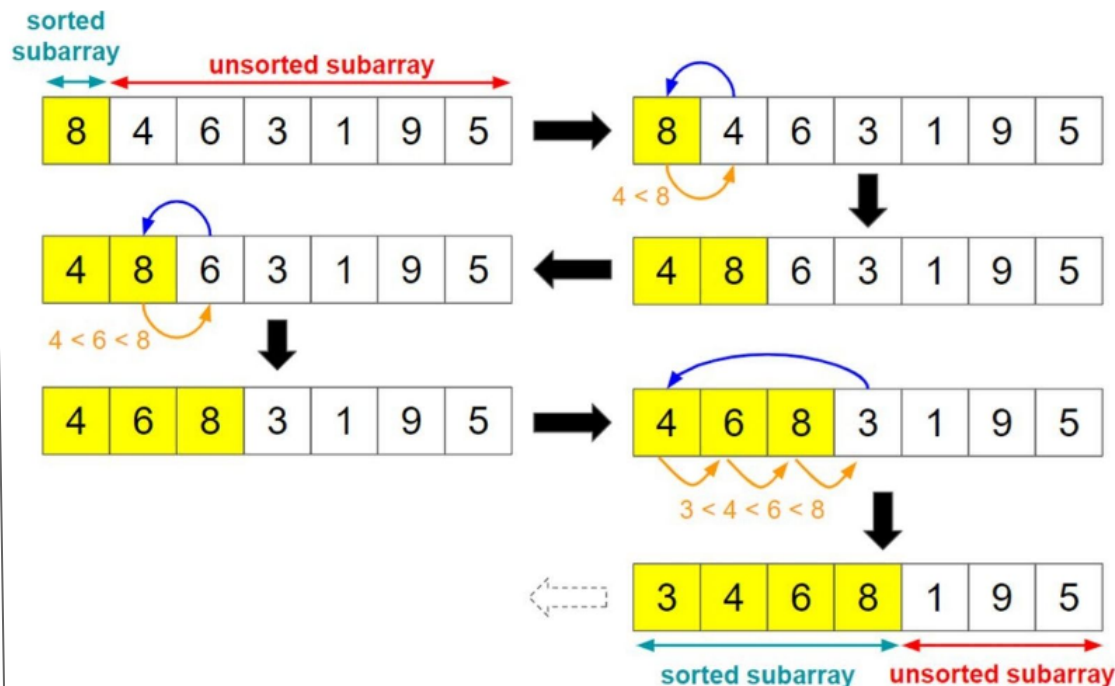
Average case: $O(n^2)$

Worst case : $O(n^2)$

(Reverse sorted)

Useful only for small files or very nearly sorted files.

It is comparison based, in-place and stable algorithm.





Selection Sort

Repeatedly selects the minimum element from an unsorted list and places it at the beginning of the list until the whole list is sorted.

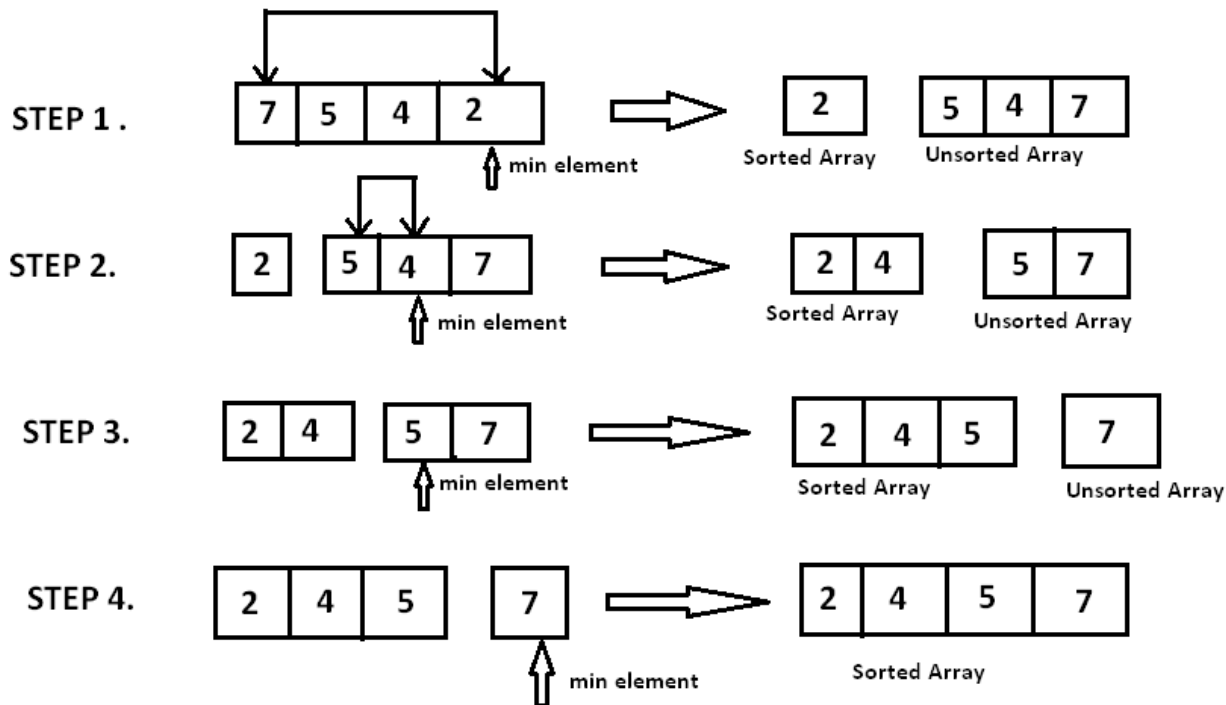
Time Complexity:

Best case: $O(n^2)$

Average case: $O(n^2)$

Worst case : $O(n^2)$

It in-place,
comparison sorting
algorithms





Heap Sort

Comparison-based sorting algorithm that uses a binary heap data structure to sort elements in ascending or descending order

Max heap: parent > children.

Time Complexity: $O(n \log n)$

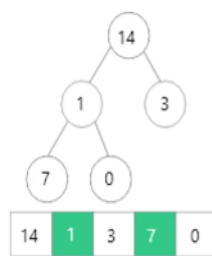
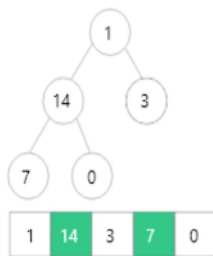
Build-Heap: $O(n)$ time.

Heapify: $O(\log n)$ time.

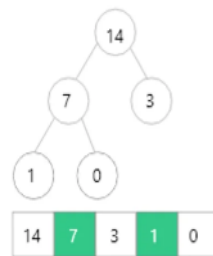
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Extract-Max: $O(\log n)$ time.

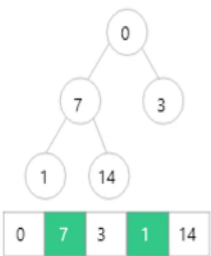
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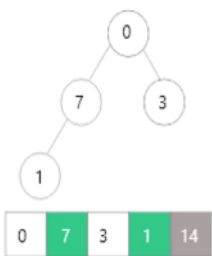
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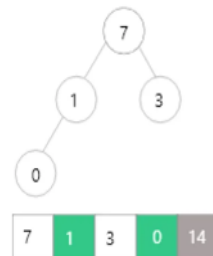
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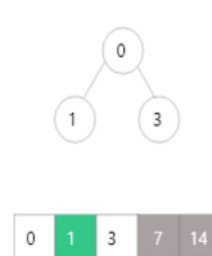
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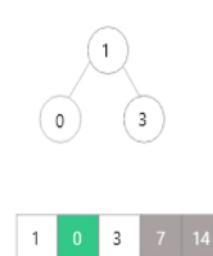
Remove 14 from heap



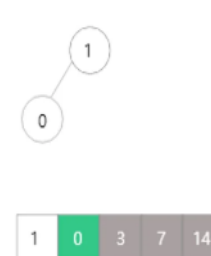
Swap 7 and 0,
and remove 7



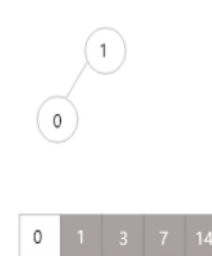
Remove 7 from heap



1 > 0, swap them



Remove 3 from heap



Sorted list



Merge Sort

It's a divide-and-conquer algorithm that recursively divides a list into two halves, sorts them independently, and then merges them back together into a sorted list.

Time Complexity:

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n)$$

Best Case: $O(n \log n)$

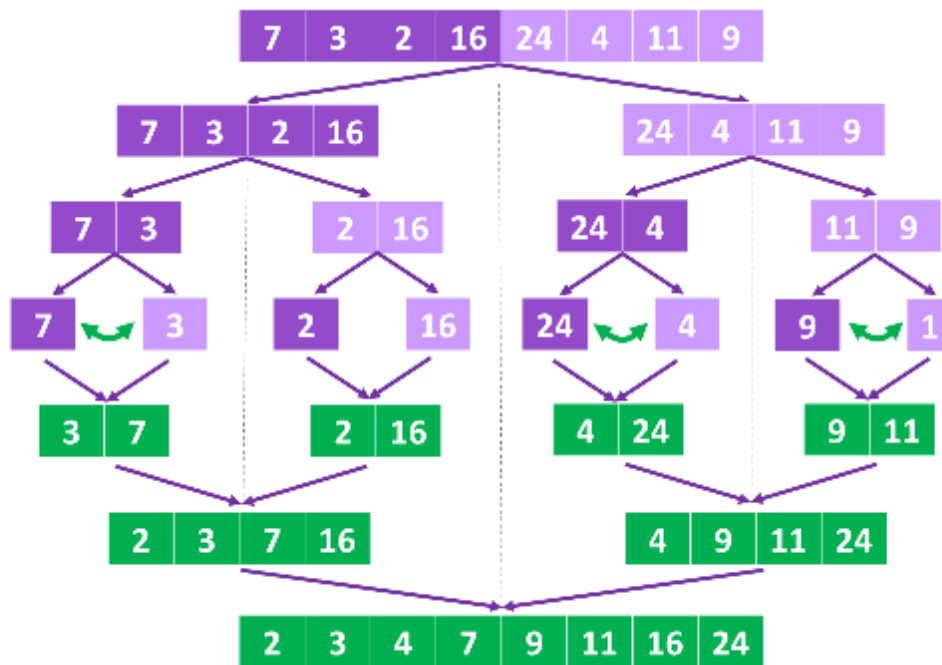
Average case: $O(n \log n)$

Worst Case: $O(n \log n)$

It is comparison based,
and stable algorithm.

Application:

Count Inversion in array



Step 1:
Split sub-lists in two until you reach pair of values.

Step 3:
Sort/swap pair of values if needed.

Step 4:
Merge and sort sub-lists and repeat process till you merge to the full list.



Quick Sort (Partition exchange sort.)

Comparison-based algo. that uses a divide-and-conquer approach by selecting a pivot element and partitioning the array into smaller sub-arrays.

Time Complexity:

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + T(1) + cn$$

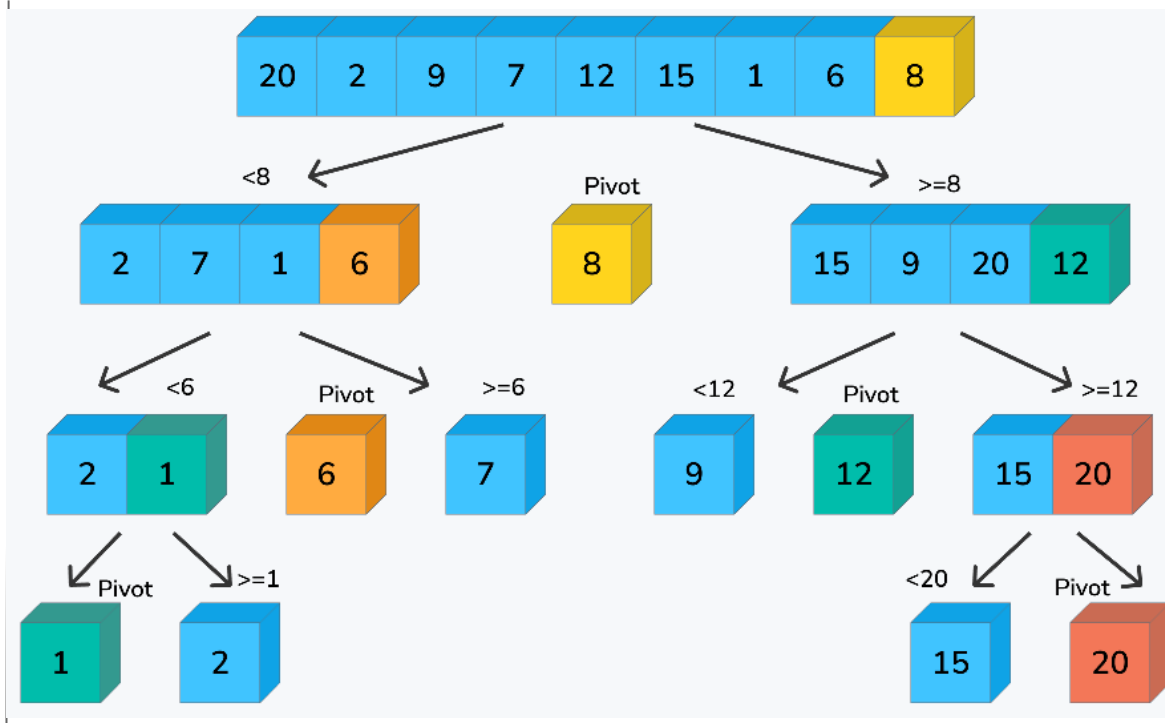
Best-Average case: $O(n \log n)$

Worst case : $O(n^2)$

(sorted/Reverse-sorted/all equal)

It is in-place sorting algo

Randomized quick sort is a variant of this that selects a random pivot element to avoid worst-case scenarios and improve average-case performance.





Problems

Q1. In a binary max heap containing n numbers, the smallest element can be found in time?

- A. $O(n)$
- B. $O(\log n)$
- C. $O(1)$
- D. $O(\log(\log n))$

Correct ans: **A**

In max heap, the smallest element should not have any children so it will be present in the leaf node. And to find the smallest element you have to go to the leaf and find minimum among them.

In a heap leaf node starts from **$\text{floor}(n/2)+1$** and end at **n** . So no of leaf nodes present in the heap is **$O(n/2)$** . So total no of comparison needed in order to find the smallest element is n and the time taken for that will be **$O(n)$** .



Q2. There are two sorted list each of length n . An element to be searched in the both the lists. The lists are mutually exclusive. The maximum number of comparisons required using binary search and find its time complexity?

- A. $O(n)$
- B. $O(\log n)$
- C. $O(n*n)$
- D. $O(\log(\log n))$

Correct ans: **B**

Suppose searching element= X

First apply the BINARY search in array 1, if element found then well and good, TC will be $O(\log n)$. But, If element not found in array 1, then apply the Binary search in array2, again in will take $\log n$ time ,but Now, overall time must be $2\log n$ but asymptotically the TC WILL BE = $o(\log n)$



Q.3. An element in an array X is called a leader if it is greater than all elements to the right of it in X . The best algorithm to find all leaders in an array.

- A. Solves it in linear time using a left to right pass of the array
- B. Solves it in linear time using a right to left pass of the array
- C. Solves it using divide and conquer in time $\Theta(n \log n)$
- D. Solves it in time $\Theta(n^2)$

Correct ans: **B**

Let $\text{max} = \text{arr}[n-1]$, then

Traverse from right to left and add $\text{arr}[i]$ to Leader if $(\text{arr}[i] > \text{max})$ and update $\text{max} = \text{arr}[i]$



Q.4 Give the correct matching for the following pairs:

Group - 1

- A. $O(\log n)$
- B. $O(n)$
- C. $O(n \log n)$
- D. $O(n^2)$

Group - 2

- (P) Selection
- (Q) Insertion sort
- (R) Binary search
- (S) Merge sort

Correct Ans: **A - R , B - Q, C - S, D - P**

Best case time complexity

Selection sort : $O(n^2)$

Merge sort : $O(n \log n)$

Binary search : $O(\log n)$

Insertion sort : $O(n)$



Hashing

A hash function is any function that can be used to map data of arbitrary size to fixed-size values. Use of a hash function to index a hash table is called hashing.

A good hash function should have following properties:

1. Efficiently computable.
2. Should uniformly distribute the keys
3. Should minimize collisions.
4. Should have a low load factor.

Load factor = (number of keys) / (number of slots in the table)



Collision Resolution by Separate Chaining

If multiple keys index to the same slot using a hash function, maintain a data structure at each slot of the table to contain multiple elements, such as a linked list, dynamic array or a balanced BST.



Collision Resolution by Open Addressing

- **Linear Probing:** If a key hashes to an occupied slot in the table, put it in the next available slot by traversing through the table indices **in steps of 1** ($n + 1, n + 2, n + 3$, etc).
- **Quadratic Probing:** If a key hashes to an occupied slot in the table, put it in the next available slot by traversing through the table indices **in steps of square numbers** ($n + 1, n + 4, n + 9$, etc).
- **Double Hashing:** If a key hashes to an occupied slot in the table, put it in the next available slot by traversing through the table indices **in steps of a secondary hash function** ($n + h_2(x), n + 2h_2(x), n + 3h_2(x)$, etc).



GATE Questions

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Ans: n / m



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$h_1(90) = 90 \bmod 23 = 21$. We assume that 21 is occupied, hence probe 1 is needed.

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So the next probe location would be at $(21 + 15) \bmod 23 = 36 \bmod 23 = \mathbf{13}$.



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