

Algorithm Complexity II

Big O, Ω , Θ Notations

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Big O

$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \leq cg(n)$$

Meaning: $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ if there exist two constants **c** and **n_0** such that for every n greater than or equal to n_0 , $f(n)$ is smaller than or equal to $cg(n)$.

$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

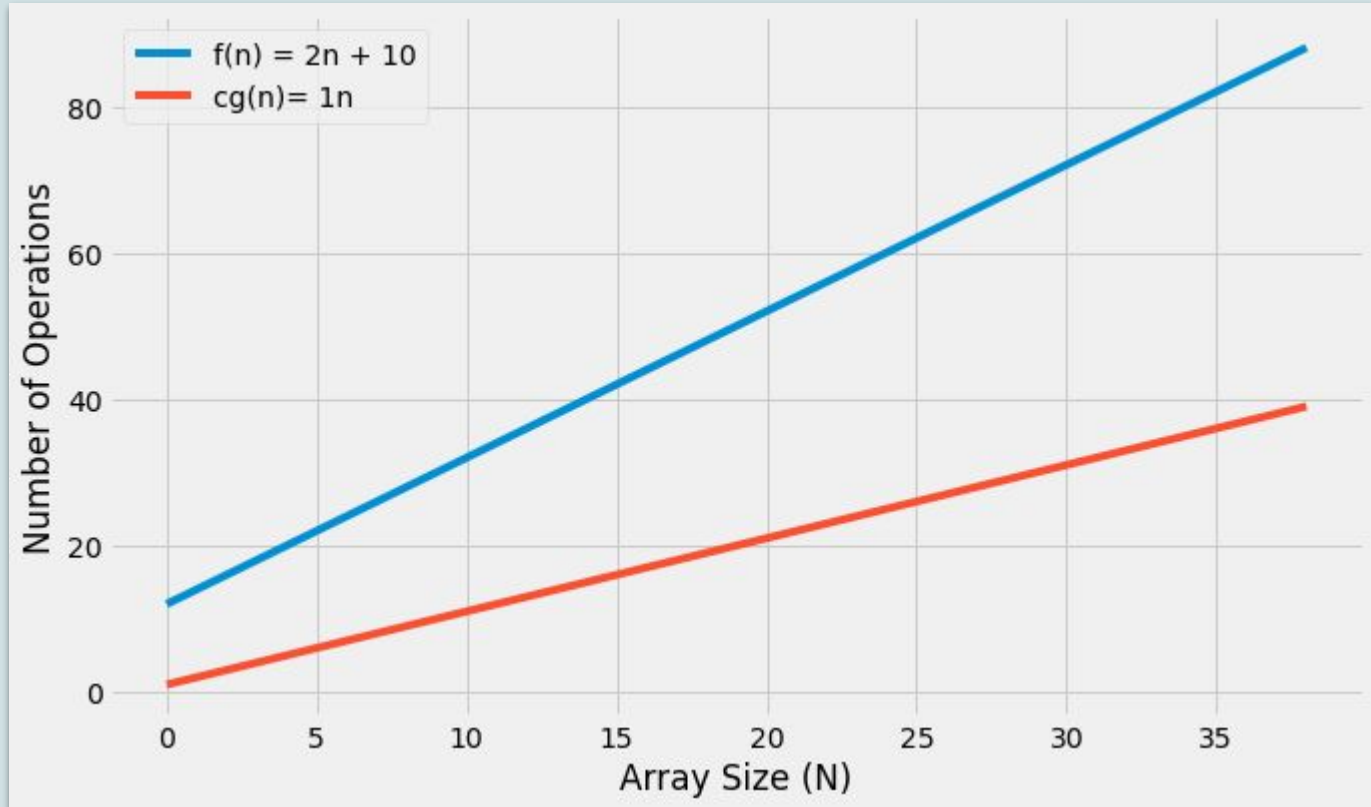
$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \leq cg(n)$$

$$g(n) = n$$

$$c = 1$$

$$cg(n) = 1n$$



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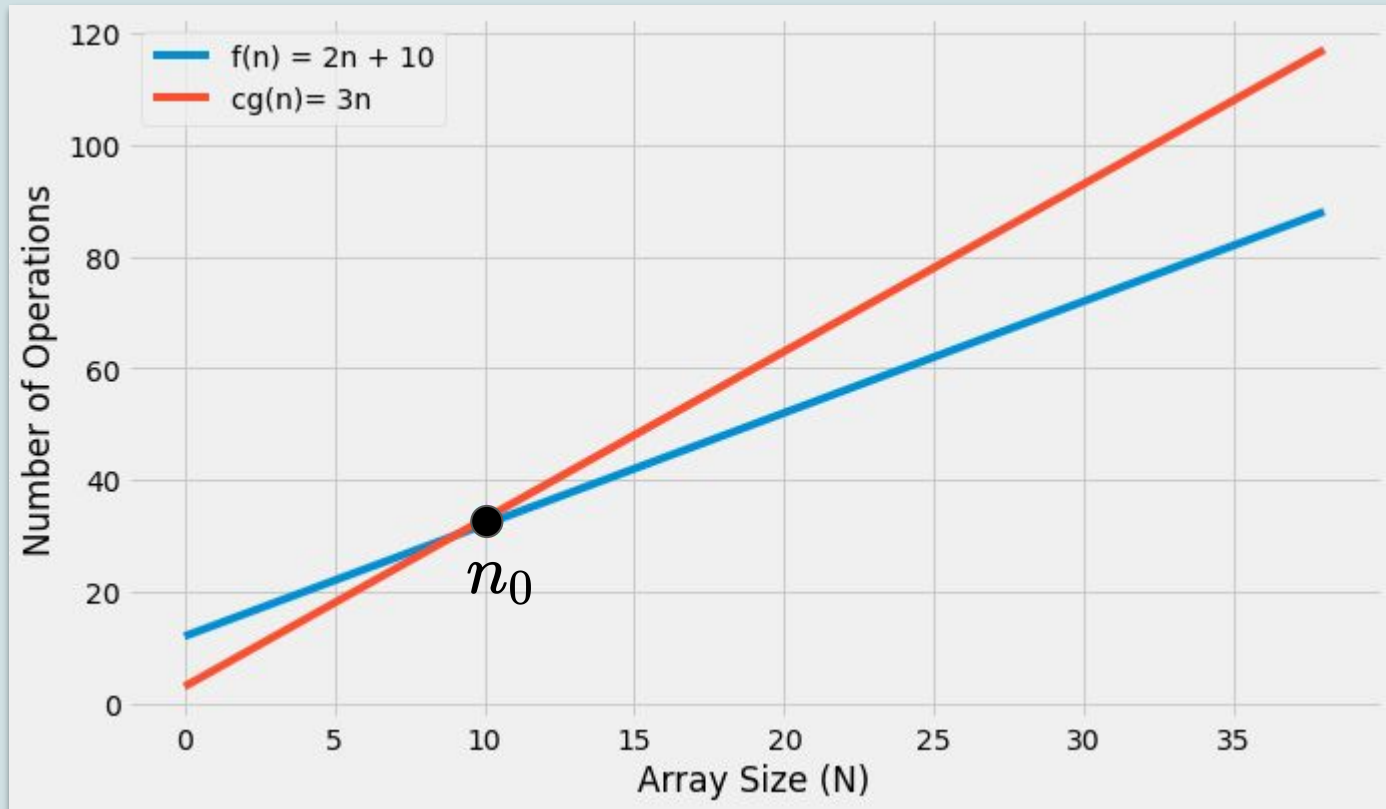
$$f(n) \leq cg(n)$$

$g(n)$ is an upper bound of $f(n)$

$$g(n) = n$$

$$c = 3$$

$$cg(n) = 3n$$



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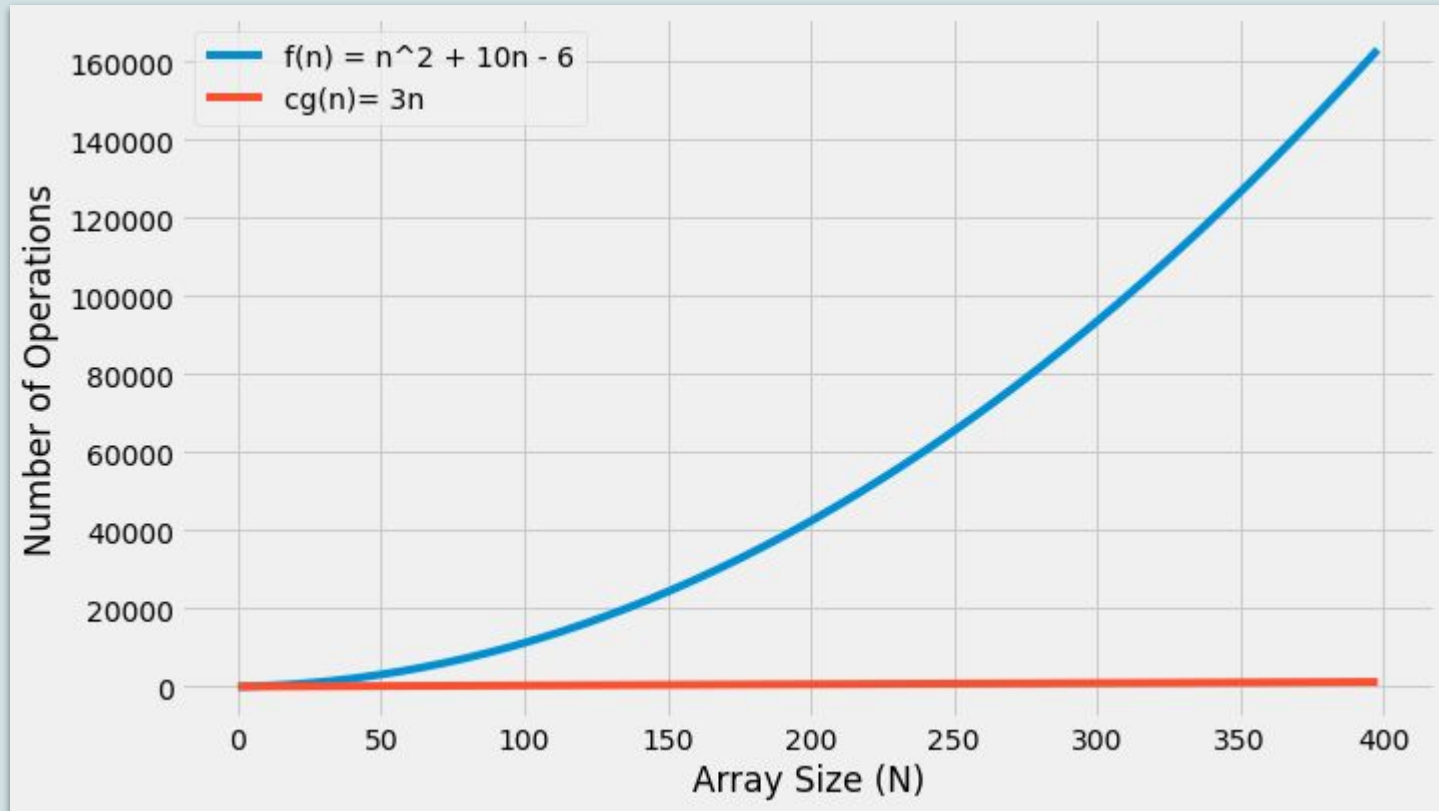
$$f(n) = n^2 + 10n - 6$$

$$f(n) = O(n)?$$

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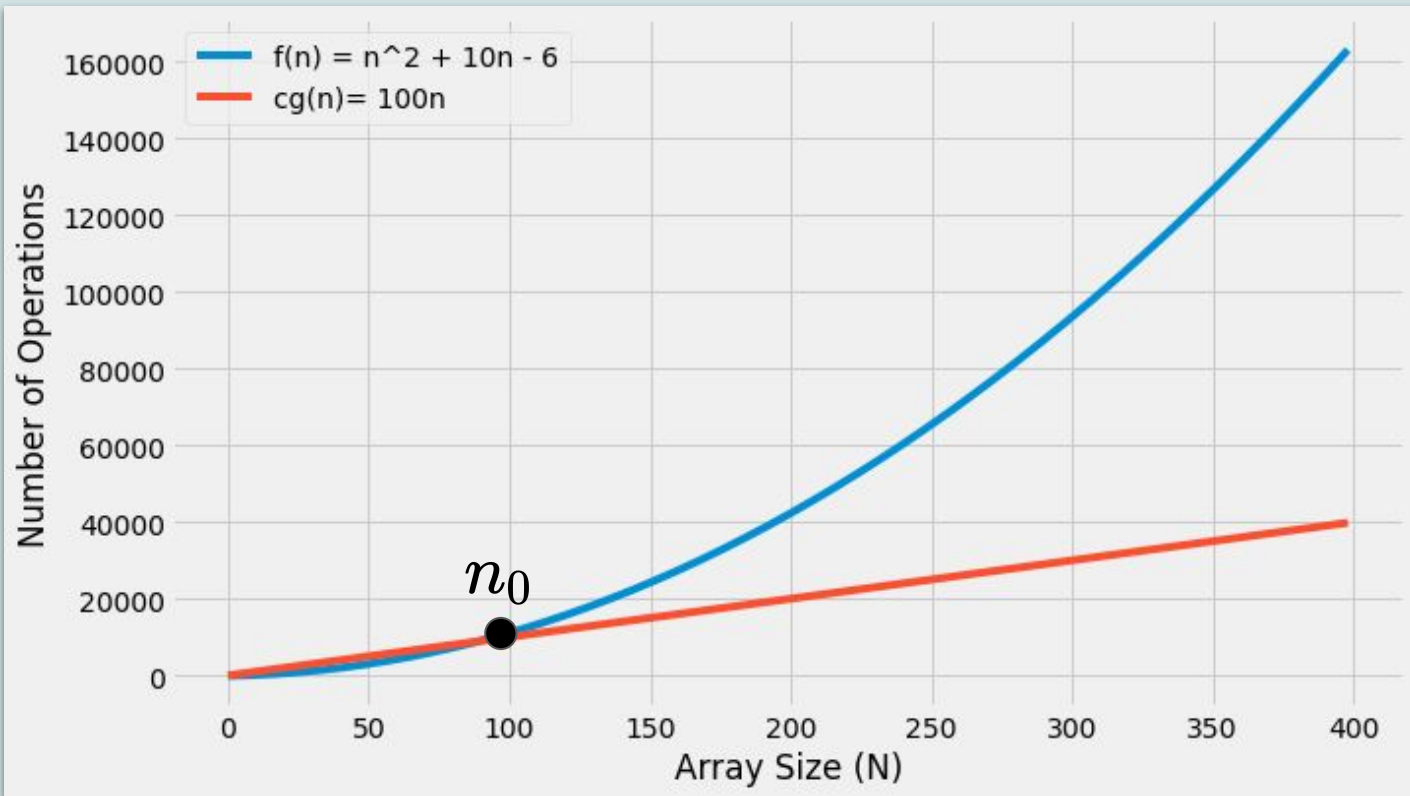
$$g(n) = n$$

$$c = 100$$

$$cg(n) = 100n$$

$$f(n) = n^2 + 10n - 6$$

$$f(n) = O(n)?$$



$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \leq cg(n)$$

$$g(n) = n^2$$

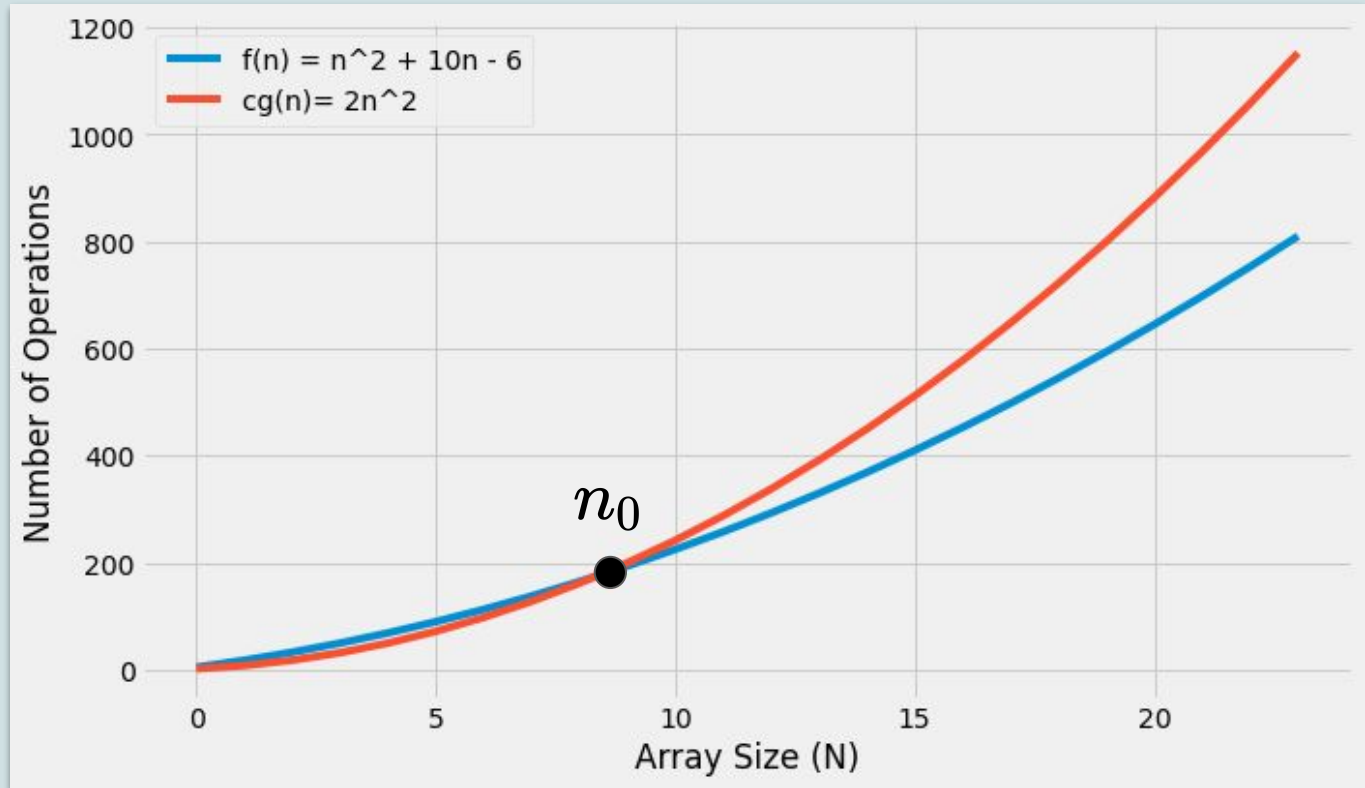
$$c = 2$$

$$cg(n) = 2n^2$$

n^2 is a upper bound of $f(n)$

$$f(n) = n^2 + 10n - 6$$

$$f(n) = O(n^2)?$$



$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \leq cg(n)$$

$$g(n) = n!$$

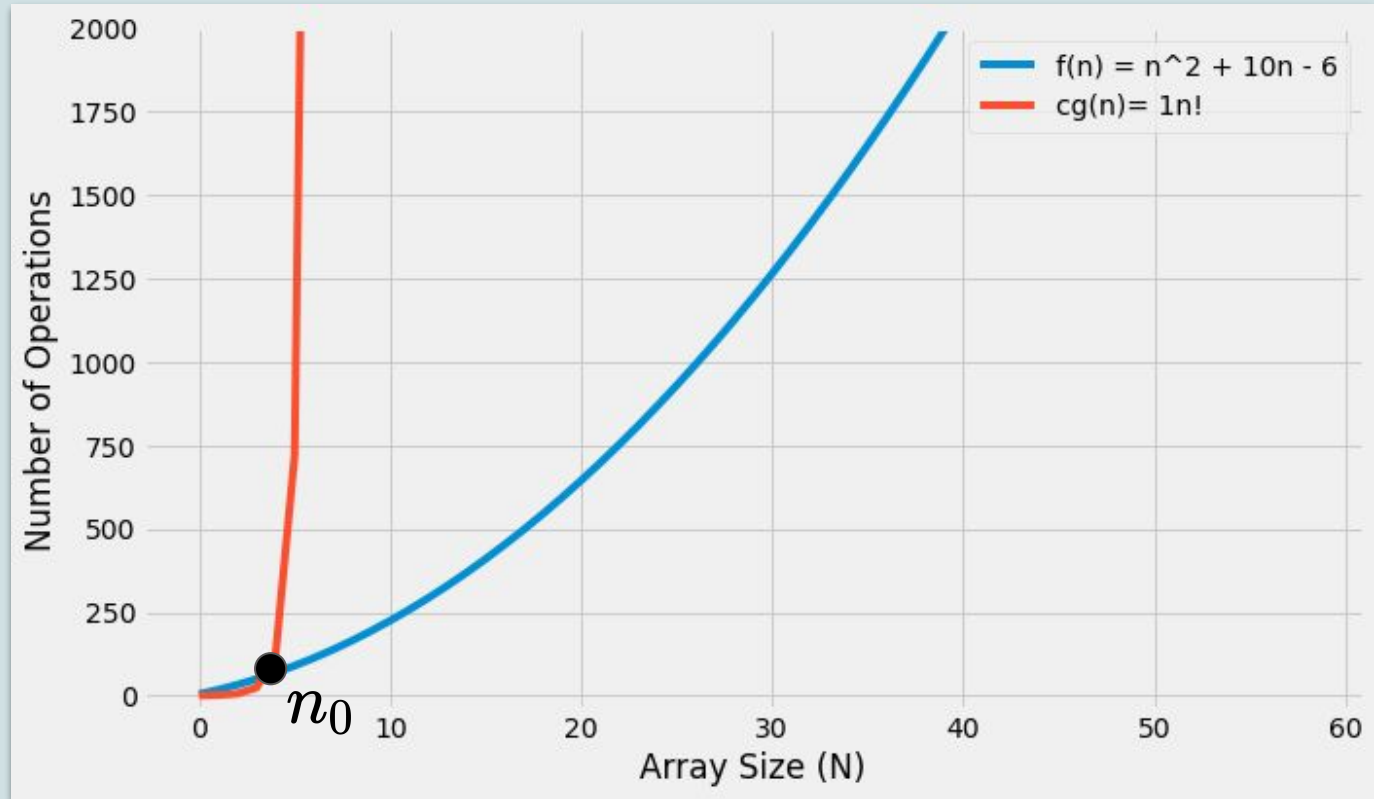
$$c = 1$$

$$cg(n) = 1n!$$

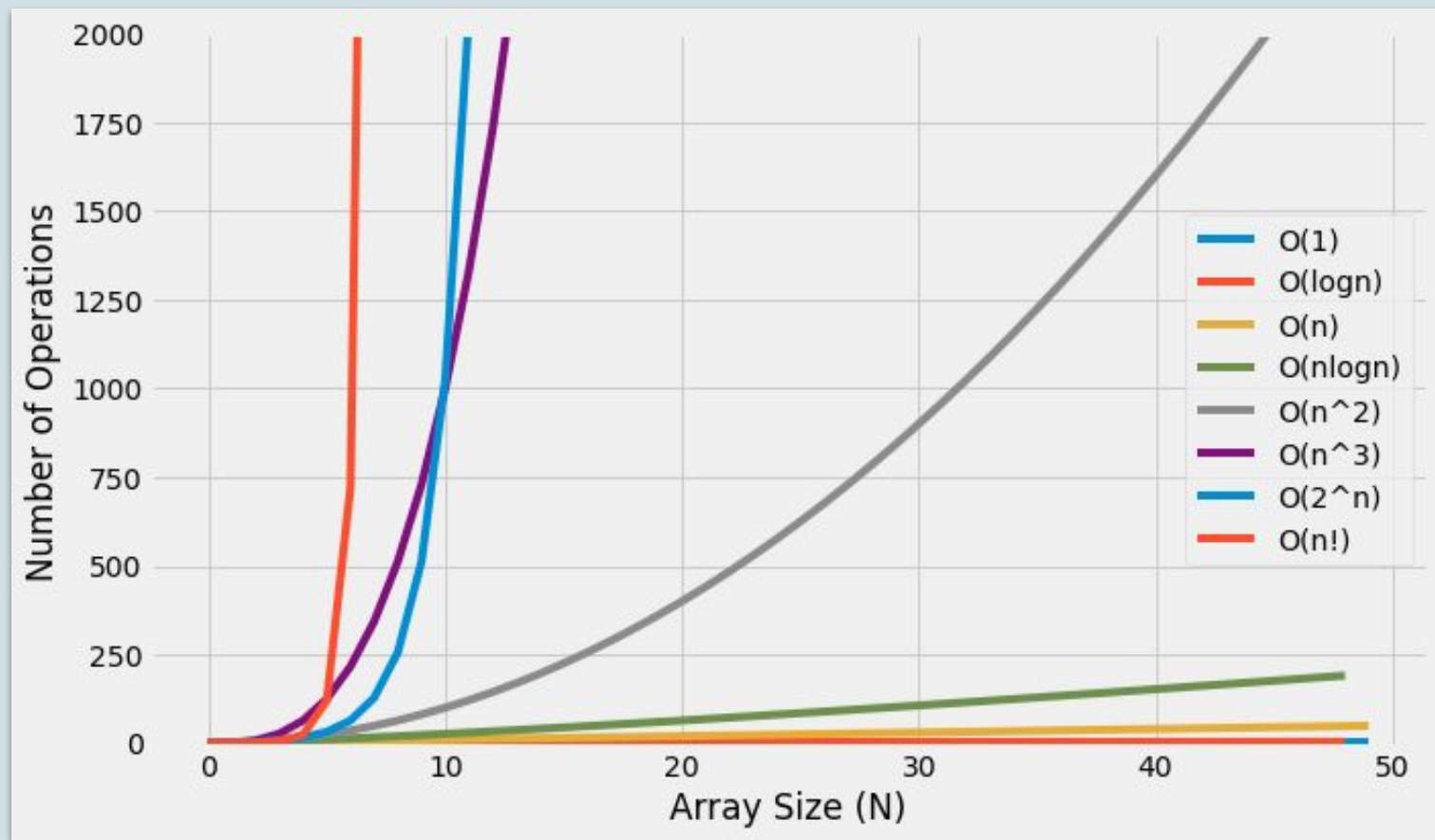
$n!$ is also a upper bound of $f(n)$

$$f(n) = n^2 + 10n - 6$$

$$f(n) = O(n!)?$$



n^2 and $n!$ are both upper
bounds of $f(n)=n^2+10n-6$,
but the **tight** one is n^2



$$O(1) < O(\log n) < O(n) < O(n \log n) < O(n^2) < O(2^n) < O(n!)$$

Big Ω

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

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$$f(n) \geq cg(n)$$

Meaning: $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ if there exist two constants **c** and **n_0** such that for every n greater than or equal to n_0 , $f(n)$ is **greater than or equal to** $cg(n)$.

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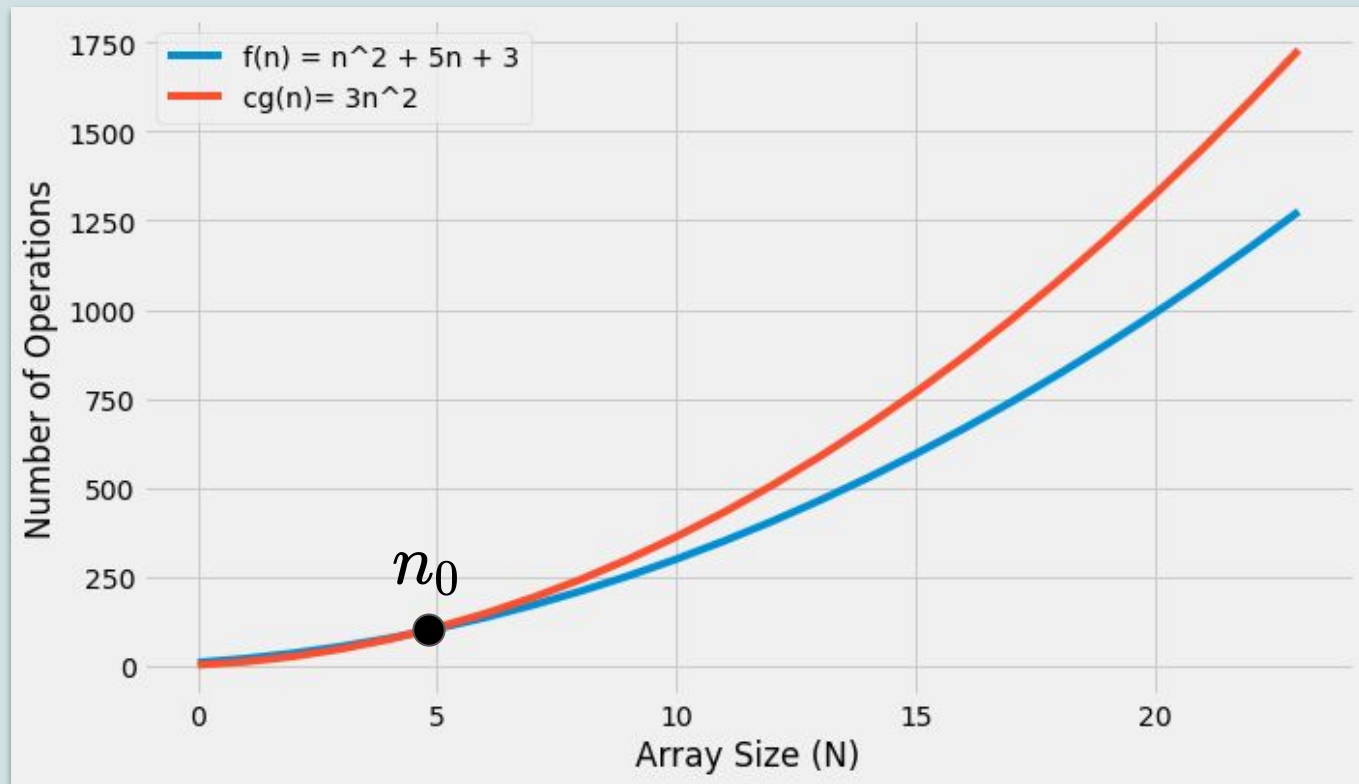
$$f(n) = 2n^2 + 5n + 3$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(n^2)?$$

$$g(n) = n^2$$

$$c = 3$$

$$cg(n) = 3n^2$$



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

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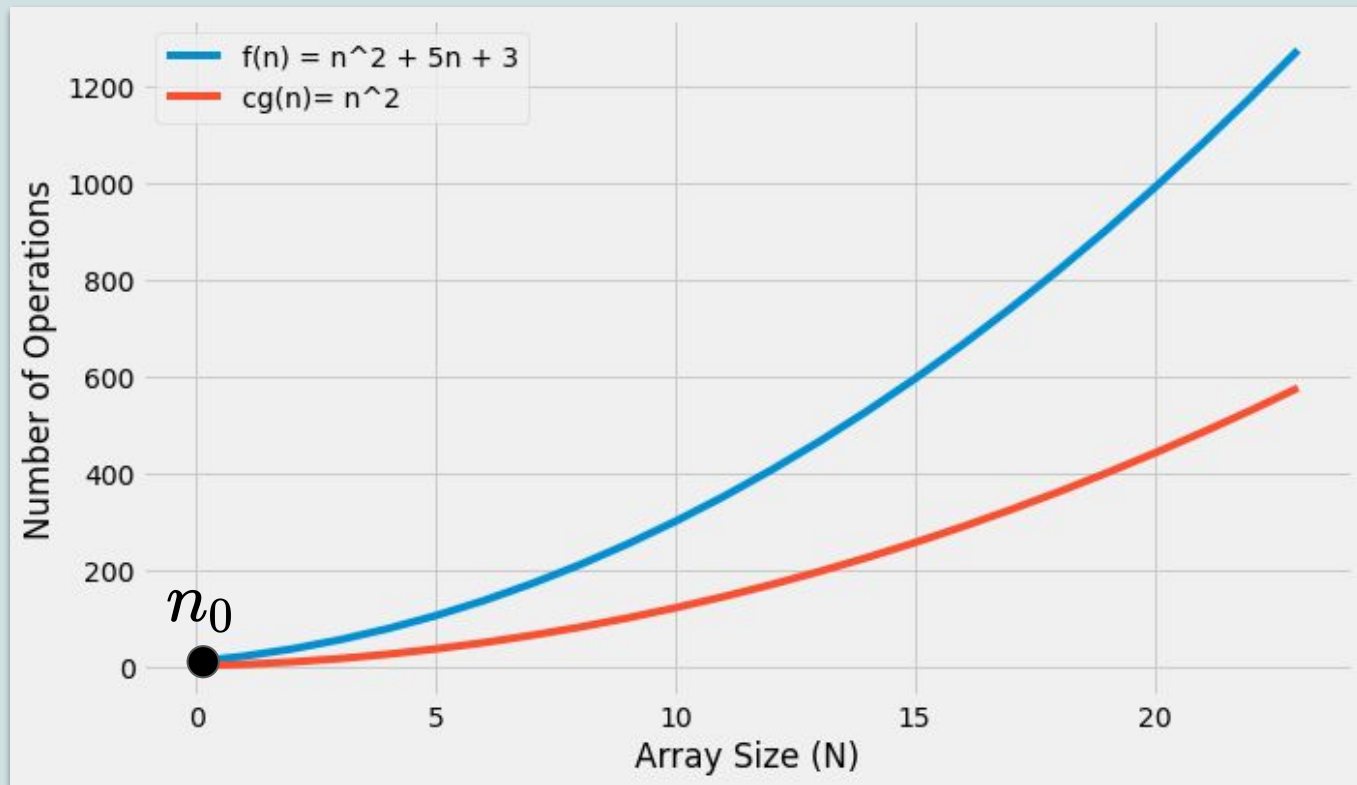
$$g(n) = n^2$$

$$c = 1$$

$$cg(n) = 1n^2$$

$$f(n) = 2n^2 + 5n + 3$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(n^2)?$$



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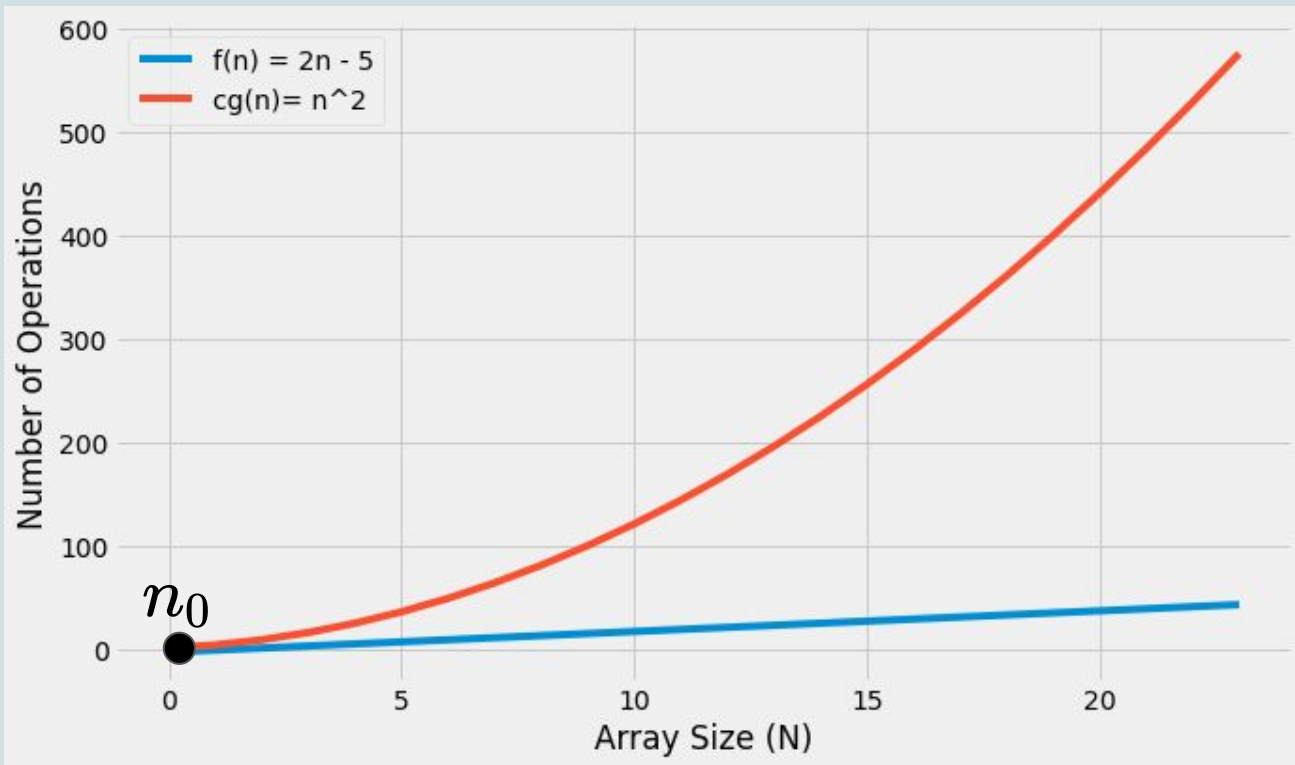
$$g(n) = n^2$$

$$c = 1$$

$$cg(n) = 1n^2$$

$$f(n) = 2n - 5$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(n^2)?$$



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

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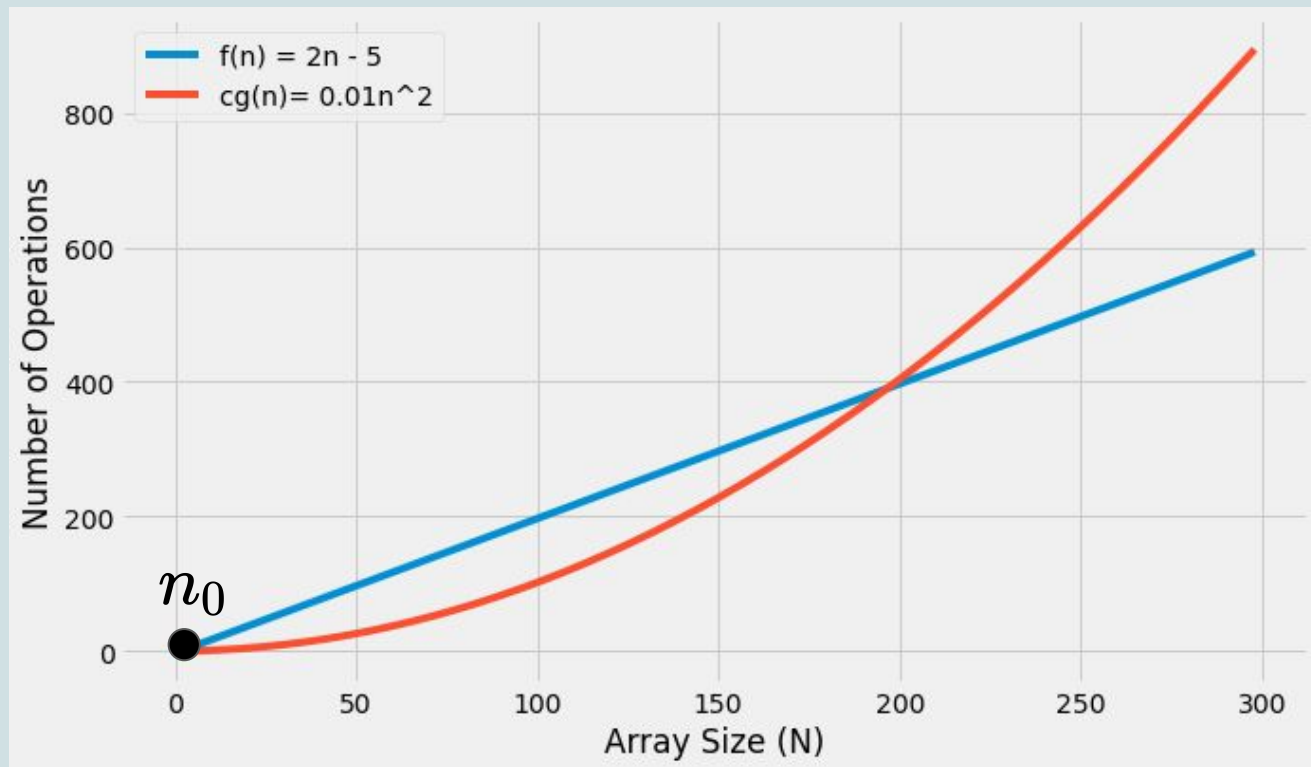
$$g(n) = n^2$$

$$c = 0.01$$

$$cg(n) = 0.01n^2$$

$$f(n) = 2n - 5$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(n^2)?$$



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

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$$f(n) = 2n - 5$$

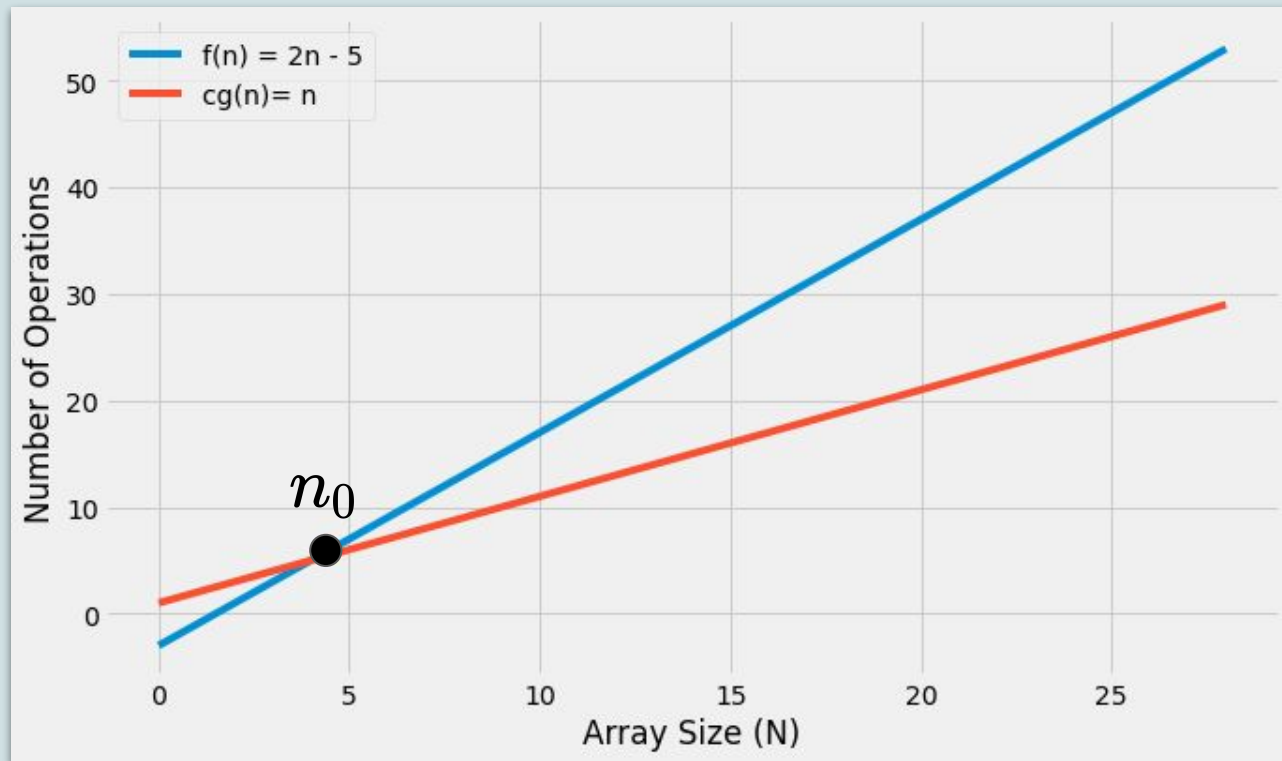
$$f(n) = \Omega(n)?$$

$$g(n) = n$$

$$c = 1$$

$$cg(n) = n$$

n is a lower bound
of $f(n)$



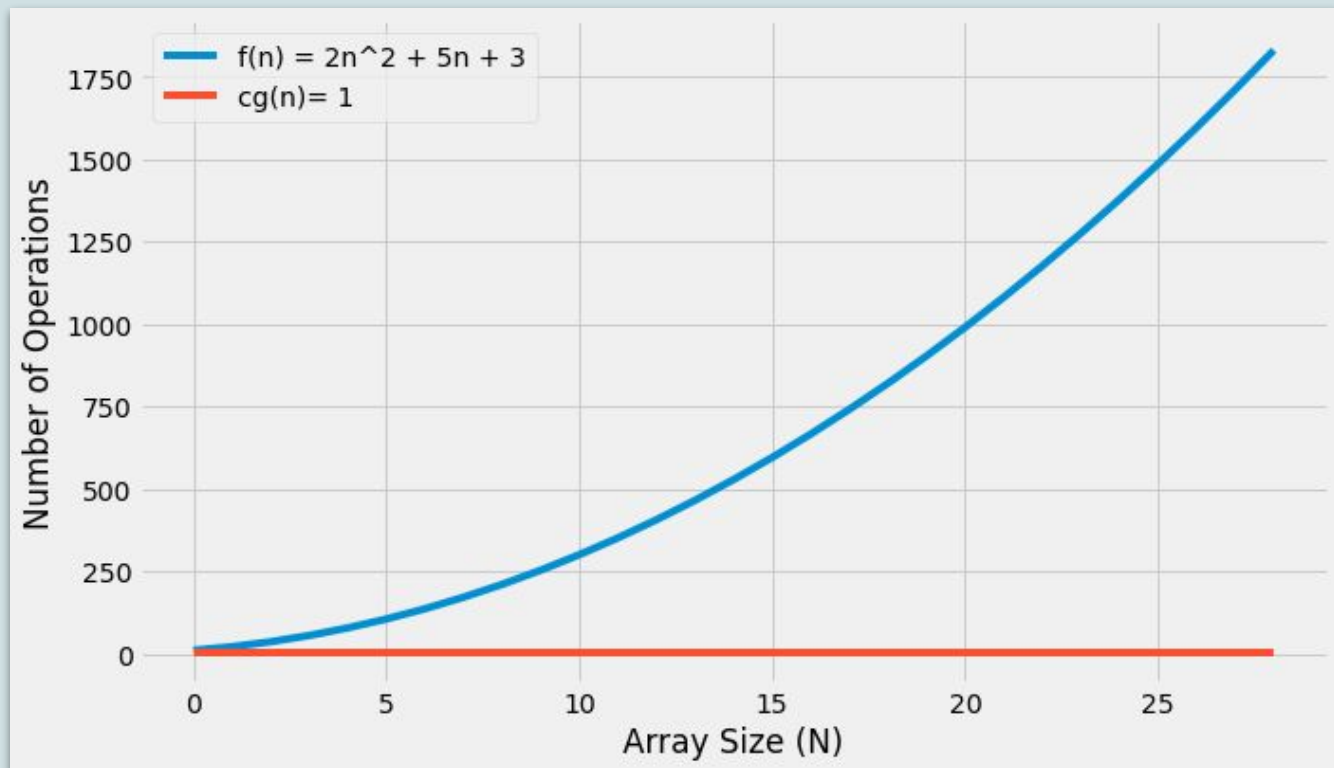
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$$f(n) = 2n^2 + 5n + 3$$

is $\Omega(1)$, but it is not
the tight lower
bound.



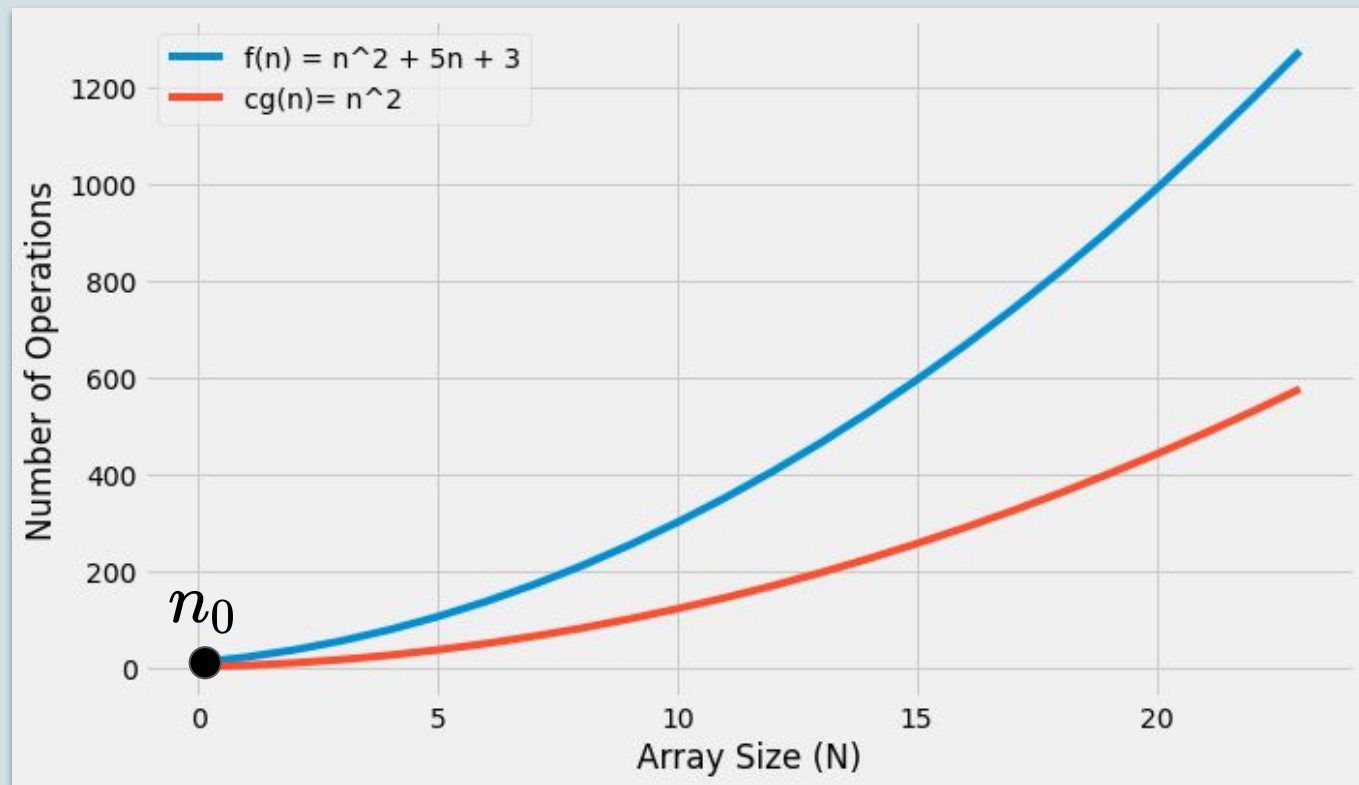
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$g(n) = n^2$ is the tight lower bound.



Big Θ

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

$$\text{if } \exists c_1, c_2, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$$

Meaning: $f(n)$ is $\Theta(g(n))$ if there exist three constants c_1, c_2 , and n_0 such that for every n greater or equal to n_0 , $f(n)$ is **greater than or equal to** $c_1 g(n)$ and **smaller than or equal to** $c_2 g(n)$.

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

$$\text{if } \exists c_1, c_2, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$$

$$g(n) = n$$

$$c_1 = 1$$

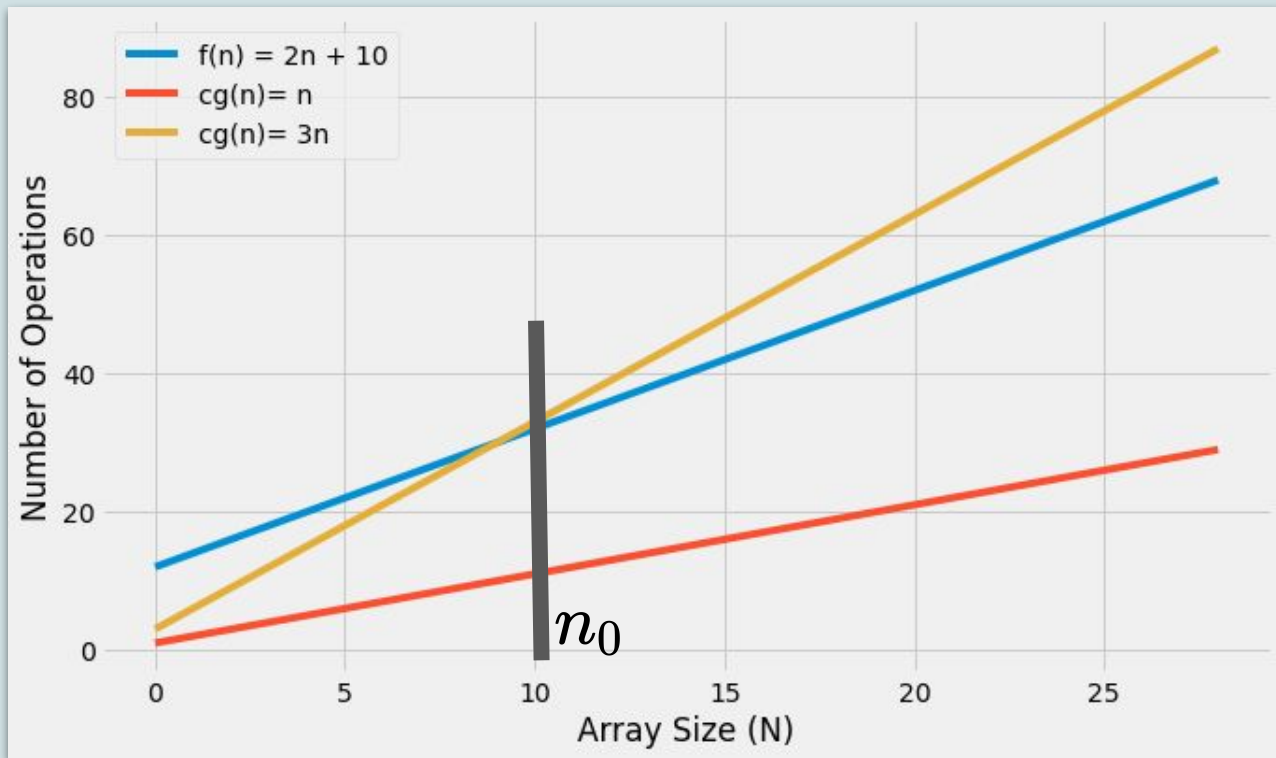
$$c_2 = 3$$

$$c_1 g(n) = n$$

$$c_2 g(n) = 3n$$

$$f(n) = 2n + 10$$

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



$$f(n) = \Theta(n) \Rightarrow f(n) = O(n)$$

$$f(n) = O(n) \not\Rightarrow f(n) = \Theta(n)$$

$$f(n) = \Theta(n) \Rightarrow f(n) = \Omega(n)$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(n) \not\Rightarrow f(n) = \Theta(n)$$