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OVERVIEW

- Administrative stuff...
 - Announcements
- What is an algorithm?
- Systems for studying algorithms
- Lecture schedule overview

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COURSE INFO

- Textbook:
 - Intro. to Algorithms, by Cormen, Leiserson, Rivest (McGraw Hill) 4th Ed. (or latest one)
 - Buy your own book before next class (Reading is compulsory)
- Reference
 - Computers and Intractability by Garey and Johnson
- Office Hours: will be announced on my office wall
- WhatsApp Group

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GRADING

- 30%
 - Homework
 - Quizzes
 - Assignments
 - Project/Research
- 30% Midterms
- 40% Final Term
- Class Participation

☐ Queries regarding Quizzes or Assignments will be entertained on the exact day
☐ In case of permission you must have it in black and white
☐ Keep all your assignments and quizzes safe for any ambiguity

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WHAT IS THE COURSE ABOUT?

- In this course, we will study
 - Common computational problems and algorithms
 - Common strategies for designing algorithms
 - How to implement algorithms? => Using data structures
 - Advanced data structures
 - How to evaluate good algorithms and data structures => Analysis Techniques
 - Applying theory to problem solving

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WHAT THE COURSE COVERS

- Algorithms in pseudo code
- Analysis tools
- Important data structures

What the course does not cover

- Implementation details using a particular language
- Debugging

What you Need to Revise

- Asymptotic Notations
- Sorting Algorithms-Insertion, Selection, Bubble, Quick, Merge
- Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 22, 23, 24

Included in your Papers Quiz Next Week

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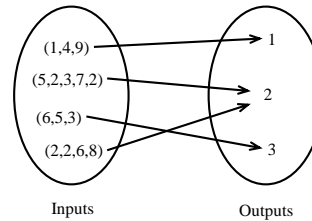
PROBLEM

- Why do we write programs?
 - to perform some specific tasks
 - to solve some specific problems
- We will focus on "solving problems"
- What is a "problem"?
 - We can view a problem as a mapping of "inputs" to "outputs"

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A PROBLEM IS A MAPPING

- Example: Find Minimum



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DESCRIBING A PROBLEM

- How to describe a problem?

- **Input**
 - Describe how an input looks like.
- **Output**
 - Describe how an output looks like and how it relates to the input.

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AN "INSTANCE" OF A PROBLEM

An *instance* is an assignment of values to the input variables.

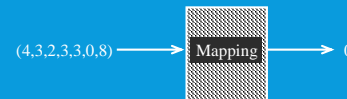
- Example:
 - An instance of the Find Minimum Problem
 - $N = 10$
 - $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_N) = (5, 1, 7, 4, 3, 2, 3, 3, 0, 8)$

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A PROBLEM IS A BLACK BOX

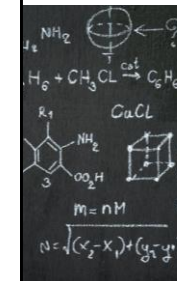


- Example: Find Minimum



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EXAMPLE: SORTING



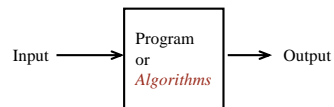
• **Input:** A sequence of N numbers $a_1 \dots a_n$

• **Output:** the permutation (reordering) of the input sequence such that $a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_n$.

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HOW DO WE SOLVE A PROBLEM?

- Write a program that “implements” the mapping.
- takes an *input* in and produces a correct *output*



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EXPRESSING ALGORITHMS

Three ways of expressing algorithms:

- Implementations
- Pseudo-code
- English

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WHAT IS AN ALGORITHM?

• According to the *Academic American Encyclopedia*:

- An algorithm is a procedure for solving a usually complicated problem by carrying out a precisely determined sequence of simpler, unambiguous steps. Such procedures were originally used in mathematical calculations (the name is a variant of algorism, which originally meant the Arabic numerals and then "arithmetic") but are now widely used in computer programs and in programmed learning.

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ALGORITHMS

We can write similar programs in other programming languages.

We will not focus on a particular language.

We will look at the algorithms behind the programs.

Informally, an *algorithm* is a set of rules which gives a sequence of operations for solving a problem.

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Data Structures

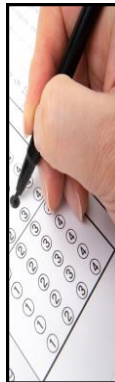
- What is a "data structure"?
 - a systematic way of organizing and manipulating data
- Two aspects
 - Data organization
 - Functions for manipulating the data

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HOW TO JUDGE GOOD ALGORITHMS

- Efficiency
 - Time Complexity ... How fast the program is?
 - Space Complexity
- Simplicity ...
 - Program Complexity
 - Shorter better?: how about C++ programs??
 - Easy to maintain
- Correctness
 - formal method: related to program verification.
 - informal method: we usually rely on this method


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CORRECTNESS

- For any algorithm, we must prove that it *always* returns the desired output for all legal instances of the problem.
- How about almost always correct?
- Example: Given an election of 100,000,000 votes, determine the winner.
 - Approach 1:* Count all 100,000,000 votes!
 - Approach 2:* Select a sample of 1000,000 votes and declare the winner of the sample as the winner of the election.
- \implies with high probability, approach 2 will determine the winner correctly! But not always.

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WHAT IS "EFFICIENCY"?

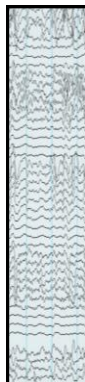
IN WHAT WAYS CAN WE COMPARE ALGORITHMS?

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HOW DO WE MEASURE SPEED?

- Compare by processor?
- By compiler?
- What about optimization level?
- "Why not use a super-computer?"

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THE RAM MODEL

- RAM model represents a "generic" implementation of the algorithm.
- Each "simple" operation (+, -, =, if, call) takes exactly 1 step.
- Loops and subroutine calls are not simple operations, but depend upon the size of the data and the contents of a subroutine. We do not want "sort" to be a single step operation.
- Each memory access takes exactly 1 step.

Other Models

- logn model: An n bit operation takes $O(\log n)$

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THE PROBLEM OF SORTING

Input: sequence $\langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle$ of numbers.

Output: permutation $\langle a'_1, a'_2, \dots, a'_n \rangle$ such that $a'_1 \leq a'_2 \leq \dots \leq a'_n$.

Example:

Input: 8 2 4 9 3 6

Output: 2 3 4 6 8 9

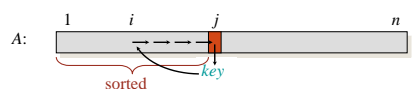
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INSERTION SORT

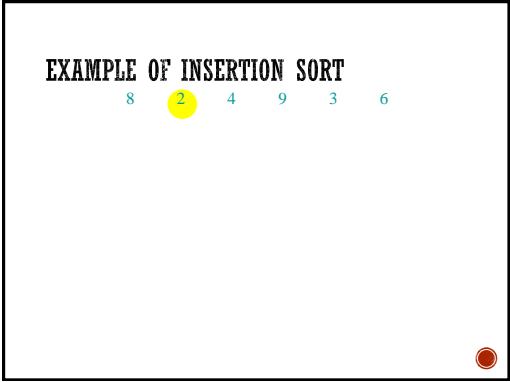
“pseudocode”

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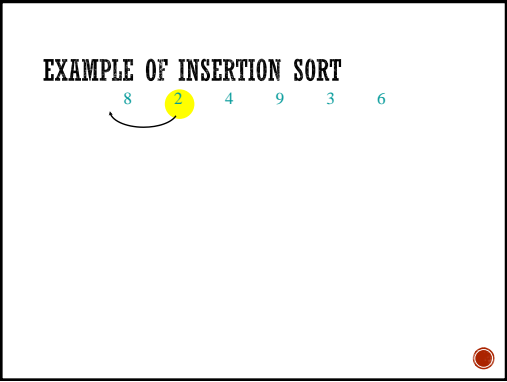
INSERTION-SORT ( $A, n$ )  $\triangleright A[1..n]$ 
  for  $j \leftarrow 2$  to  $n$ 
    do  $key \leftarrow A[j]$ 
       $i \leftarrow j - 1$ 
      while  $i > 0$  and  $A[i] > key$ 
        do  $A[i+1] \leftarrow A[i]$ 
           $i \leftarrow i - 1$ 
       $A[i+1] = key$ 
  
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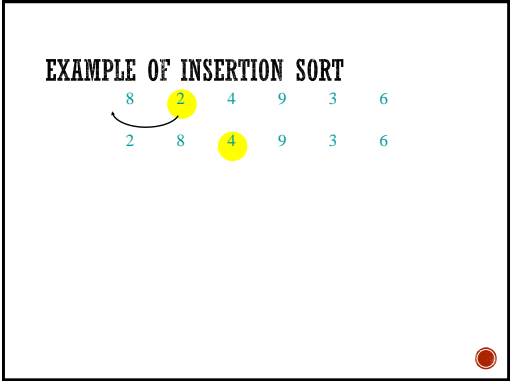
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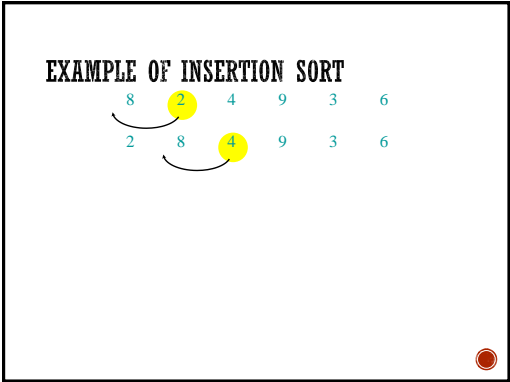
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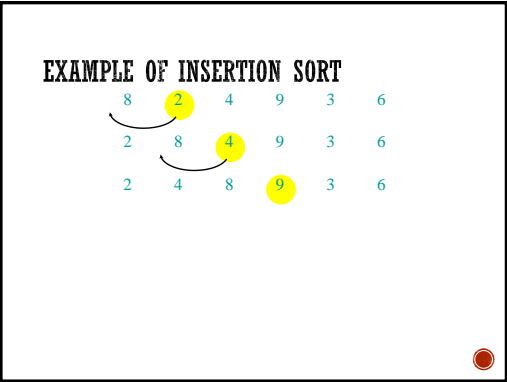
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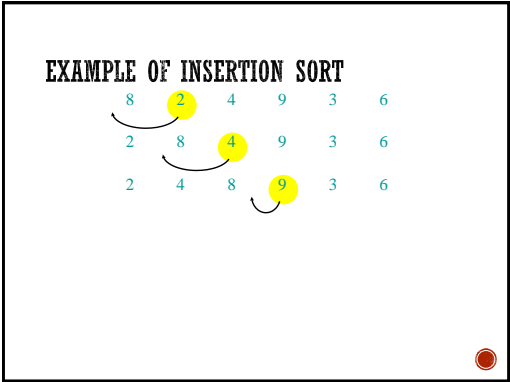
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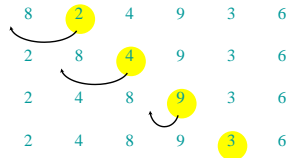


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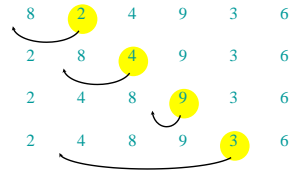
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EXAMPLE OF INSERTION SORT



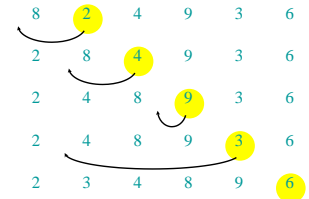
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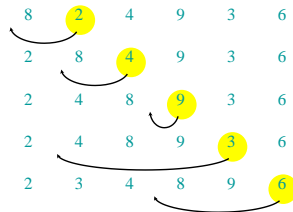
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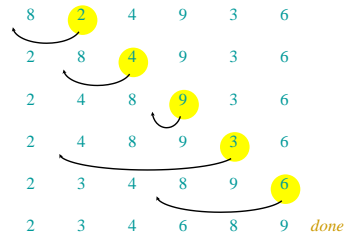
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RUNNING TIME

- The running time depends on the input: an already sorted sequence is easier to sort.
- Major Simplifying Convention:** Parameterize the running time by the size of the input, since short sequences are easier to sort than long ones.
 - $T_A(n)$ = time of A on length n inputs
- Generally, we seek upper bounds on the running time, to have a guarantee of performance.

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Types of Analysis

- **Worst case**

- Provides an upper bound on running time
- An absolute **guarantee** that the algorithm would not run longer, no matter what the inputs are

- **Best case**

- Provides a lower bound on running time
- Input is the one for which the algorithm runs the fastest

$$\text{Lower Bound} \leq \text{Running Time} \leq \text{Upper Bound}$$

- **Average case**

- Provides a **prediction** about the running time
- Assumes that the input is random

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Worst-case:
(usually)

$T(n)$ = maximum time of algorithm on any input of size n .



Average-case:
(sometimes)

$T(n)$ = expected time of algorithm over all inputs of size n .
Need assumption of statistical distribution of inputs.



Best-case:
(NEVER)

Cheat with a slow algorithm that works fast on some input.

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MACHINE-INDEPENDENT TIME

What is insertion sort's worst-case time?

BIG IDEAS:

- **Ignore machine dependent constants**, otherwise impossible to verify and to compare algorithms
- Look at **growth** of $T(n)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

"Asymptotic Analysis"

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HOW DO WE COMPARE ALGORITHMS?

- We need to define a number of **objective measures**.

(1) Compare execution times?

Not good: times are specific to a particular computer !!

(2) Count the number of statements executed?

Not good: number of statements vary with the programming language as well as the style of the individual programmer.

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IDEAL SOLUTION

- Express running time as a function of the input size n (i.e., $f(n)$).
- Compare different functions corresponding to running times.
- Such an analysis is independent of machine time, programming style, etc.

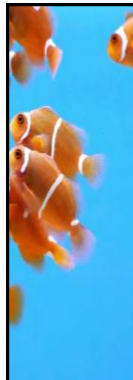
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ASYMPTOTIC ANALYSIS

- To compare two algorithms with running times $f(n)$ and $g(n)$, we need a **rough measure** that characterizes **how fast each function grows**.
- **Hint:** use rate of growth
- Compare functions in the limit, that is, **asymptotically!** (i.e., for large values of n)

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RATE OF GROWTH

- Consider the example of buying *elephants* and *goldfish*:
Cost: cost_of_elephants + cost_of_goldfish
Cost ~ cost_of_elephants (approximation)
- The low order terms in a function are relatively insignificant for **large** n

$$n^4 + 100n^2 + 10n + 50 \sim n^4$$

i.e., we say that $n^4 + 100n^2 + 10n + 50$ and n^4 have the same **rate of growth**

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ASYMPTOTIC NOTATION

- O notation: asymptotic "less than":
 $f(n) = O(g(n))$ implies: $f(n) \leq g(n)$
- Ω notation: asymptotic "greater than":
 $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ implies: $f(n) \geq g(n)$
- Θ notation: asymptotic "equality":
 $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ implies: $f(n) = g(n)$

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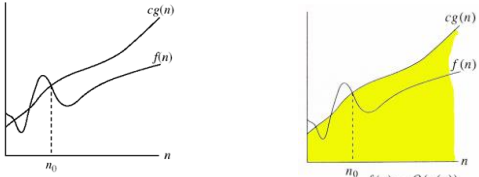
BIG-O NOTATION

- We say $f_A(n) = 30n + 8$ is *order* n , or $O(n)$. It is, at most, roughly *proportional* to n .
- $f_B(n) = n^2 + 1$ is *order* n^2 , or $O(n^2)$. It is, at most, roughly proportional to n^2 .
- In general, any $O(n^2)$ function is faster-growing than any $O(n)$ function.

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BIG OH ("O") NOTATION

$O(g(n)) = \{f(n) : \text{there exist positive constants } c \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that } 0 \leq f(n) \leq cg(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0\}$.

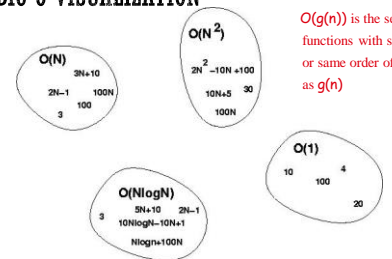


$g(n)$ is an *asymptotic upper bound* for $f(n)$.

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BIG-O VISUALIZATION

$O(g(n))$ is the set of functions with smaller or same order of growth as $g(n)$



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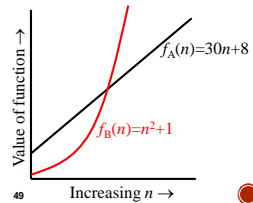
EXAMPLES

- $2n^2 = O(n^3)$: $2n^2 \leq cn^3 \Rightarrow 2 \leq cn \Rightarrow c = 1 \text{ and } n_0 = 2$
- $n^2 = O(n^2)$: $n^2 \leq cn^2 \Rightarrow c \geq 1 \Rightarrow c = 1 \text{ and } n_0 = 1$
- $1000n^2 + 1000n = O(n^2)$: $1000n^2 + 1000n \leq 1000n^2 + n^2 = 1001n^2 \Rightarrow c = 1001 \text{ and } n_0 = 1000$
- $n = O(n^2)$: $n \leq cn^2 \Rightarrow cn \geq 1 \Rightarrow c = 1 \text{ and } n_0 = 1$

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VISUALIZING ORDERS OF GROWTH

- On a graph, as you go to the right, a faster growing function eventually becomes larger...



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MORE EXAMPLES ...

- $n^4 + 100n^2 + 10n + 50$ is $O(n^4)$
- $10n^3 + 2n^2$ is $O(n^3)$
- $n^3 - n^2$ is $O(n^3)$
- constants
 - 10 is $O(1)$
 - 1273 is $O(1)$

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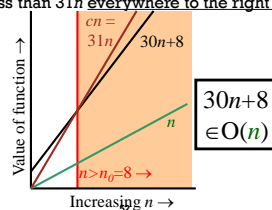
MORE EXAMPLES

- Show that $30n+8$ is $O(n)$.
- Show $\exists c, n_0: 30n+8 \leq cn, \forall n > n_0$.
 - Let $c=31, n_0=8$. Assume $n > n_0=8$. Then $cn = 31n = 30n + n > 30n+8$, so $30n+8 < cn$.

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BIG-O EXAMPLE, GRAPHICALLY

- Note $30n+8$ isn't less than n *anywhere* ($n > 0$).
- It isn't even less than $31n$ *everywhere*.
- But it is less than $31n$ *everywhere to the right of $n=8$* .



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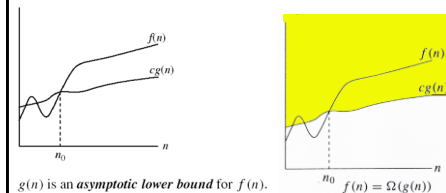
NO UNIQUENESS

- There is no unique set of values for n_0 and c in proving the asymptotic bounds
- Prove that $100n + 5 = O(n^2)$
 - $100n + 5 \leq 100n + n = 101n \leq 101n^2$ for all $n \geq 5$
 $n_0 = 5$ and $c = 101$ is a solution
 - $100n + 5 \leq 100n + 5n = 105n \leq 105n^2$ for all $n \geq 1$
 $n_0 = 1$ and $c = 105$ is also a solution
- Must find **SOME** constants c and n_0 that satisfy the asymptotic notation relation

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BIG OMEGA ("Ω")

$\Omega(g(n)) = \{f(n) : \text{there exist positive constants } c \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that } 0 \leq cg(n) \leq f(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0\}$.



$g(n)$ is an *asymptotic lower bound* for $f(n)$.

$\Omega(g(n))$ is the set of functions with larger or same order of growth as $g(n)$

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\Rightarrow contradiction: n cannot be smaller than a constant

EXAMPLES

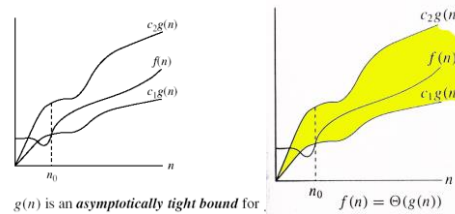
- $5n^2 = \Omega(n)$
- $\exists c, n_0$ such that: $0 \leq cn \leq 5n^2 \Rightarrow cn \leq 5n^2 \Rightarrow c = 1$ and $n_0 = 1$
- $100n + 5 \neq \Omega(n^2)$
- $\exists c, n_0$ such that: $0 \leq cn^2 \leq 100n + 5$
 $100n + 5 \leq 100n + 5n \ (\forall n \geq 1) = 105n \quad cn^2 \leq 105n$
 $\Rightarrow n(cn - 105) \leq 0$
 Since n is positive $\Rightarrow cn - 105 \leq 0 \Rightarrow n \leq 105/c$
- $n = \Omega(2n), n^3 = \Omega(n^2), n = \Omega(\log n)$

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ASYMPTOTIC NOTATIONS (CONT.)

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



$\Theta(g(n))$ is the set of functions with the same order of growth as $g(n)$

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EXAMPLES

- $n^2/2 - n/2 = \Theta(n^2)$
- $\frac{1}{2} n^2 - \frac{1}{2} n \leq \frac{1}{2} n^2 \ \forall n \geq 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = \frac{1}{2}$
- $\frac{1}{2} n^2 - \frac{1}{2} n \geq \frac{1}{2} n^2 - \frac{1}{2} n * \frac{1}{2} n \ (\forall n \geq 2) = \frac{1}{4} n^2 \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{1}{4}$
- $n \neq \Theta(n^2): c_1 n^2 \leq n \leq c_2 n^2$
 \Rightarrow only holds for: $n \leq 1/c_1$

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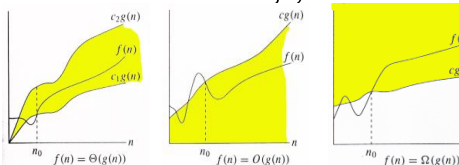
EXAMPLES

- $6n^3 \neq \Theta(n^2): c_1 n^2 \leq 6n^3 \leq c_2 n^2$
 \Rightarrow only holds for: $n \leq c_2 / 6$
- $n \neq \Theta(\log n): c_1 \log n \leq n \leq c_2 \log n$
 $\Rightarrow c_2 \geq n / \log n, \forall n \geq n_0$ - impossible

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RELATIONS BETWEEN Θ, O, Ω

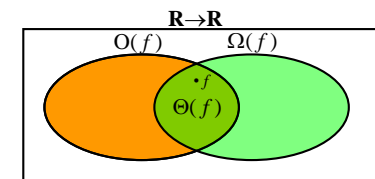


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RELATIONS BETWEEN DIFFERENT SETS

- Subset relations between order-of-growth sets.



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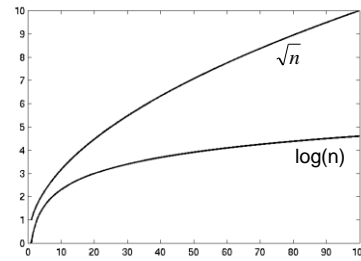
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WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?

- $3n^2 - 100n + 6 = O(n^2)$ because $3n^2 > 3n^2 - 100n + 6$
- $3n^2 - 100n + 6 = O(n^3)$ because $0.0001n^3 > 3n^2 - 100n + 6$
- $3n^2 - 100n + 6 \neq O(n)$ because $c \times n < 3n^2$ when $n > c$
- $3n^2 - 100n + 6 = \Omega(n^2)$ because $2.99n^2 < 3n^2 - 100n + 6$
- $3n^2 - 100n + 6 \neq \Omega(n^3)$ because $3n^2 - 100n + 6 < n^3$
- $3n^2 - 100n + 6 = \Omega(n)$ because $10^{10}! n < 3n^2 - 100n + 6$
- $3n^2 - 100n + 6 = \theta(n^2)$ because both O and Ω
- $3n^2 - 100n + 6 \neq \theta(n^3)$ because O only
- $3n^2 - 100n + 6 \neq \theta(n)$ because Ω only

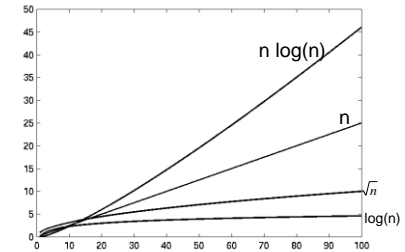
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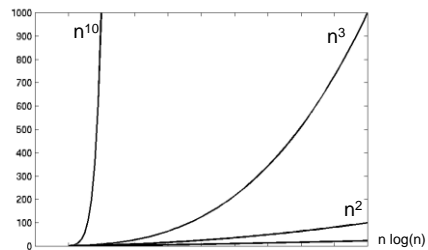
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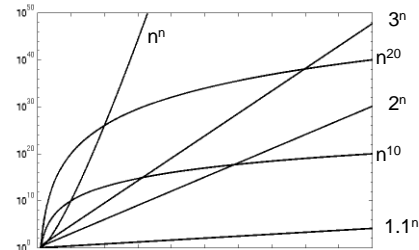
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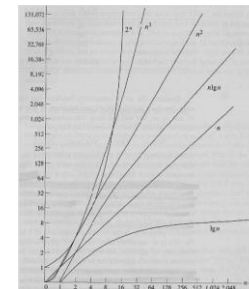
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COMPLEXITY GRAPHS (LOG SCALE)



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COMMON ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE



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Common orders of magnitude

Table 1.4 Execution times for algorithms with the given time complexities

n	$f(n) = \lg n$	$f(n) = n$	$f(n) = n \lg n$	$f(n) = n^2$	$f(n) = n^3$	$f(n) = 2^n$
10	0.003 μ s*	0.01 μ s	0.833 μ s	0.1 μ s	1 μ s	μ s
20	0.004 μ s	0.02 μ s	0.886 μ s	0.4 μ s	8 μ s	ms*
30	0.005 μ s	0.03 μ s	0.147 μ s	0.9 μ s	27 μ s	s
40	0.005 μ s	0.04 μ s	0.213 μ s	1.6 μ s	64 μ s	18.3 min
50	0.005 μ s	0.05 μ s	0.282 μ s	2.5 μ s	125 μ s	13 days
10^2	0.007 μ s	0.10 μ s	0.664 μ s	10 μ s	1 ms	4×10^6 years
10^3	0.010 μ s	1.00 μ s	9.966 μ s	1 ms	1 s	
10^4	0.013 μ s	0 μ s	130 μ s	100 ms	16.7 min	
10^5	0.017 μ s	0.10 ms	1.67 ms	10 s	11.6 days	
10^6	0.020 μ s	1 ms	19.53 ms	16.7 min	31.7 years	
10^7	0.023 μ s	0.01 s	0.23 s	1.16 days	31,09 years	
10^8	0.027 μ s	0.10 s	2.66 s	115.7 days	3.17×10^7 years	
10^9	0.030 μ s	1 s	29.50 s	31.7 years		

*1 μ s = 10^{-6} second.
 †1 ms = 10^{-3} second.

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LOGARITHMS AND PROPERTIES

- In algorithm analysis we often use the notation "**log n**" without specifying the base

Binary logarithm: $\lg n = \log_2 n$ Natural logarithm: $\ln n = \log_e n$

$$\lg^k n = (\lg n)^k$$

$$\lg \lg n = \lg(\lg n)$$

$$\log x^y = y \log x$$

$$\log xy = \log x + \log y$$

$$\log \frac{x}{y} = \log x - \log y$$

$$a^{\log_b x} = x^{\log_b a}$$

$$\log_b x = \frac{\log_a x}{\log_a b}$$

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MORE EXAMPLES

- For each of the following pairs of functions, either $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$, $f(n)$ is $\Omega(g(n))$, or $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$. Determine which relationship is correct.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$f(n) = \log n^2; g(n) = \log n + 5$$

$$f(n) = n; g(n) = \log n^2$$

$$f(n) = \log \log n; g(n) = \log n$$

$$f(n) = n; g(n) = \log^2 n$$

$$f(n) = n \log n + n; g(n) = \log n$$

$$f(n) = 10; g(n) = \log 10$$

$$f(n) = 2^n; g(n) = 10n^2$$

$$f(n) = 2^n; g(n) = 3^n$$

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PROPERTIES

Theorem:

$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow f = O(g(n)) \text{ and } f = \Omega(g(n))$$

Transitivity:

- $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ and $g(n) = \Theta(h(n)) \Rightarrow f(n) = \Theta(h(n))$
- Same for O and Ω

Reflexivity:

- $f(n) = \Theta(f(n))$
- Same for O and Ω

Symmetry:

- $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ if and only if $g(n) = \Theta(f(n))$

Transpose symmetry:

- $f(n) = O(g(n))$ if and only if $g(n) = \Omega(f(n))$

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ASYMPTOTIC NOTATIONS IN EQUATIONS

On the right-hand side

- $\Theta(n^2)$ stands for some anonymous function in $\Theta(n^2)$

$$2n^2 + 3n + 1 = 2n^2 + \Theta(n) \text{ means:}$$

There exists a function $f(n) \in \Theta(n)$ such that

$$2n^2 + 3n + 1 = 2n^2 + f(n)$$

On the left-hand side

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

No matter how the anonymous function is chosen on the left-hand side, there is a way to choose the anonymous function on the right-hand side to make the equation valid.

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COMMON SUMMATIONS

Arithmetic series:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k = 1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Geometric series:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n x^k = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n = \frac{x^{n+1} - 1}{x - 1} \quad (x \neq 1)$$

- Special case: $|x| < 1$:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

Harmonic series:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \approx \ln n$$

Other important formulas:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \lg k \approx n \lg n$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^p = 1^p + 2^p + \dots + n^p \approx \frac{1}{p+1} n^{p+1}$$

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MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION

- A powerful, rigorous technique for proving that a statement $S(n)$ is true for every natural number n , no matter how large.
- Proof:
 - Basis step:** prove that the statement is true for $n = 1$
 - Inductive step:** assume that $S(n)$ is true and prove that $S(n+1)$ is true for all $n \geq 1$
- Find case n "within" case $n+1$

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EXAMPLE

Prove that: $2n + 1 \leq 2^n$ for all $n \geq 3$

- Basis step:**
 - $n = 3$: $2 + 3 + 1 \leq 2^3 \Leftrightarrow 7 \leq 8$ TRUE
- Inductive step:**
 - Assume inequality is true for n , and prove it for $(n+1)$:
 $2n + 1 \leq 2^n$ must prove: $2(n+1) + 1 \leq 2^{n+1}$
 $2(n+1) + 1 = (2n+1) + 2 \leq 2^n + 2 \leq 2^n + 2^n = 2^{n+1}$, since $2 \leq 2^n$ for $n \geq 1$

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INSERTION SORT

	Cost	Times	Total
1 for $j \leftarrow 2$ to $\text{length}[A]$			
2 do $\text{key} \leftarrow A[j]$			
3 ▷ Insert $A[j]$ into the sorted sequence $A[1..j-1]$			
4 $i \leftarrow j - 1$			
5 while $i > 0$ and $A[i] > \text{key}$			
6 do $A[i+1] \leftarrow A[i]$			
7 $i \leftarrow i - 1$			
8 $A[i+1] \leftarrow \text{key}$			

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INSERTION SORT

	cost	times
1 for $j \leftarrow 2$ to $\text{length}[A]$	c_1	n
2 do $\text{key} \leftarrow A[j]$	c_2	$n - 1$
3 ▷ Insert $A[j]$ into the sorted sequence $A[1..j-1]$.	0	$n - 1$
4 $i \leftarrow j - 1$	c_4	$n - 1$
5 while $i > 0$ and $A[i] > \text{key}$	c_5	$\sum_{j=2}^n t_j$
6 do $A[i+1] \leftarrow A[i]$	c_6	$\sum_{j=2}^n (t_j - 1)$
7 $i \leftarrow i - 1$	c_7	$\sum_{j=2}^n (t_j - 1)$
8 $A[i+1] \leftarrow \text{key}$	c_8	$n - 1$

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Θ-NOTATION

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

Basic manipulations:

- Drop low-order terms; ignore leading constants.
- Example: $3n^3 + 90n^2 - 5n + 6046 = \Theta(n^3)$

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CASE STUDY: INSERTION SORT

Count the number of times each line will be executed:

	Num Exec.
for i = 2 to n	$(n-1) + 1$
key = A[i]	n-1
j = i - 1	n-1
while j > 0 AND A[j] > key	?
A[j+1] = A[j]	?
j = j - 1	?
A[j+1] = key	n-1

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MEASURING COMPLEXITY AGAIN

- The *worst case running time* of an algorithm is the function defined by the maximum number of steps taken on any instance of size n.
- The *best case running time* of an algorithm is the function defined by the minimum number of steps taken on any instance of size n.
- The *average-case running time* of an algorithm is the function defined by an average number of steps taken on any instance of size n.
- Which of these is the best to use?

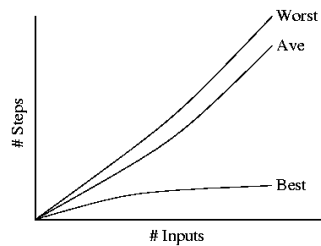
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AVERAGE CASE ANALYSIS

- **Drawbacks**
 - Based on a probability distribution of input instances
 - How do we know if distribution is correct or not?
- **Usually more complicated to compute than worst case running time**
 - Often worst case running time is comparable to average case running time (see next graph)
- Counterexamples to above:
 - Quicksort
 - simplex method for linear programming

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BEST, WORST, AND AVERAGE CASE



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WORST CASE ANALYSIS

- Typically much simpler to compute as we do not need to “average” performance on many inputs
 - Instead, we need to find and understand an input that causes worst case performance
- Provides guarantee that is independent of any assumptions about the input
- Often reasonably close to average case running time
- The standard analysis performed

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