### Asymptotic upper bound Big-O is like $\leq$ : x = O(x) $x = O(x^2)$ $x = O(2^x)$ $\log x = O(x)$ $2^x = O(2^x)$ $2^x = O(3^x)$



### Asymptotic lower bound Big- $\Omega$ ("Big-Omega") is

the opposite, like  $\geq$ .

$$f(x) = O(g(x))$$
  
is the same thing as  $g(x) = \Omega(f(x))$ 

 $x = \Omega(x)$ 

$$x = \Omega(\log x)$$
$$2^x = \Omega(2^x)$$

 $2^x = \Omega(x)$ 

# Asymptotic tight bound

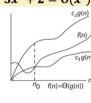
## Big- $\Theta$ is like = :

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

f(x) = O(g(x))

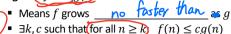
 $f(x) = \Omega(g(x))$ 

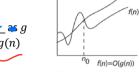
$$2^x = \Theta(2^x)$$
$$3x^2 + 2 = \Theta(x^2)$$



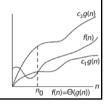
# L26: Big-O, Big-Omega and Big-Theta Let $f,g:\mathbb{R}^+\to\mathbb{R}^+$ read: f is the big 0 of g

• **Big-O**: ('f is O(g)")





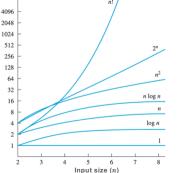
- **Big-Omega** "f is  $\Omega(a)$ "
  - Means f grows as least as fast as g
- $\exists k, c$  such that for all  $n \ge k$   $f(n) \ge cg(n)$
- \*Big-Theta\*: ("f is  $\Theta(g)$ ")
- Means f grows at the same rate as g
- f is  $\Theta(g)$  iff f = O(g) and  $f = \Omega(g)$
- $\exists k, c_1, c_2$  such that for all n > k:  $c_1g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2g(n)$



# Big-Theta "Cheat Sheet"

Runtime comparison of standard functions

better worse  $\Theta(1)$ ,  $\log n$ , n,  $n \log n$ ,  $n^2$ ,  $n^3$ , (maybe  $n^4$ ,...),  $2^n$ , n!



### Scalar multiplication: ignore scalar coefficients

$$f(n) = 1000n^3$$
is  $\Theta($ 

Addition: keep largest term

 $f(n) = n^2 + \log n$ is  $\Theta($ 

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**Product**: keep all terms  $f(n) = n^2 \log n$ 

> Consider positive-valued functions  $f_1(n) = \Theta(g_1(n))$  and  $f_2(n) = \Theta(g_2(n)).$

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• Addition 
$$(f_1+f_2)(n)=\Theta(\max(g_1(n),g_2(n)))$$
• Scalar multiplication 
$$af(n)=\Theta(f(n))$$
• Product 
$$(f_1\cdot f_2)(n)=\Theta(g_1(n)\cdot g_2(n))$$

### **Exercises**

1.  $f(n) = 5n^3$ . Which are true?

(A)  $f = O(\log n)$  (B) f = O(n) (C)  $f = O(n^2)$  (D)  $f = O((n+1)^3)$  (E)  $f = O(n^3)$ 

2.  $f(n) = n^2 + (n+1)^2 + (n+2)^2 - 100n$ .

(A)  $f = O(\log n)$  (B) f = O(n) (C)  $f = O(n^2)$  (D)  $f = O((n+1)^3)$  (E)  $f = O(n^3)$ 

3.  $f(n) = \log(5n^3)$ . So f is  $\Theta(n) = \log(5n^3)$ .

4.  $f(n) = (n+1)^3 - n^3 + 5n + 5{,}000 - 3n^2 + 3n + 5\omega$ So f is  $\Theta(n^2)$ 

5. Which is **not** true for the f in Question 4?

(A)  $f = \Omega(1)$  (B)  $f = \Omega(\log n)$  (C)  $f = \Omega(n)$  (D)  $f = \Omega(n^2)$  (E)  $f = \Omega(n^3)$ 



# Even More Examples

Consider functions f and g with  $f, g \ge 0 \ \forall n$  where:

- f is  $O(n^3)$  and  $\Omega(n)$
- q is  $\Theta(\log n)$

Fill in the blanks by finding the largest lower bound and smallest upper bound on  $h_1$  and  $h_2$ .

b) If  $f \cdot g$  is  $\Theta(h_2(n))$ , then  $n \mid g \mid g \mid h_2(n) \le h_2(n) \le n^2 \mid g \mid h$ 

 $f_1(n) = \Theta(g_1(n))$  and  $f_2(n) = \Theta(g_2(n))$  means there exists constants  $c_1, c_2, k_1$  and  $c_3, c_4, k_2$  such that

 $c_1g_1(n) \le f_1(n) \le c_2g_1(n)$  for all  $n \ge k_1$  $c_3 g_2(n) \le f_2(n) \le c_4 g_2(n)$  for all  $n \ge k_2$ 

Adding these inequalities gives

 $c_1g_1(n) + c_3g_2(n) \le (f_1 + f_2)(n) \le c_2g_1(n) + c_4g_2(n)$  for all  $n \ge 1$ 

Now  $c_2g_1(n) + c_4g_2(n) \le (c_2 + c_4) \max(g_1(n) + g_2(n))$ and  $c_1g_1(n) + c_3g_2(n) \ge c \max(g_1(n), g_2(n))$  for c = min(c\_1,c\_2)

This gives  $(f_1 + f_2)(n) = \Theta(\max(g_1(n), g_2(n)))$ 

### Time Complexity of Algorithms Find the Big- $\Theta$ runtime of each algorithm, given its pseudocode: (a) procedure hello goodbye(n: integer) sum := 0 for i := 1 to 2nprint "hello world" for i := 1 to n(b) procedure foo(n: integer) a := 0 i := 1 procedure square matrix mult(A: nxn matrix, B: nxn matrix) while i < n **for** i := 1 to n a := a + i**for** j := 1 to n i := i \* 2 return a return C

 $\Theta(n^3)$ 

Putting it all together, the

algorithm is  $\Theta(n \log n)$ 

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Time Complexity of Binary Search
 procedure binary_search (x: integer, a_1, a_2, ..., a_n:
                                             increasing integers)
     i := 1 {i is left endpoint of search interval}
     j := n { j is right endpoint of search interval}
     while i < j
        m := |(i + j)/2|
                                      find the midpoint
        if x > a_m then i:=m+1
                                      update i to midpoint, or
        else i := m
                                         update j to midpoint
     if x = a_i then location := i
     else Location := 0
     return location { location is the subscript i of the term a_i
                       equal to x, or 0 if x is not found}
   Updates cut remaining list in half each time:
      j-i\approx n, then n/2, then n/4, ...
                                    \Rightarrow \Theta(\log n)
   So loop iterates \log n times.
                                          procedure bar(n: integer)
                                                 print "hi"
T(1)=0 => k=log2n
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= T(n) = T(1) + log\_n = log\_n

# (who dominates)

# Examples: Runtimes Galore! Determine the $\Theta$ estimate for each of the following functions. a) $f(n) = (n^3 + n^2)(n^2 + 50,000)$ b) $f(n) = (5n + \frac{n}{2} + 7)(3n^4 + 8n!)$ c) $f(n) = (5n + \frac{n}{2} + 7)(3n^4 + 8n!)$ c) $f(n) = (n^5 + 2^n + \log n)(3n + 4n \log n)$ g) $f(n) = n^2 \cdot 3^n + \frac{n}{3} \cdot n^3 \log n$ $= O(n^2 \log n)$ d) $f(n) = 10n(\log n^2 + \log n^3)(n^2 + 1)$ $= O(n^2 \log n)$ $= O(n^2 \log n)$