

Here is a review of some formulas that you will find useful when doing asymptotic analysis.

- $\sum_{i=1}^N i = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + N = \frac{N(N+1)}{2} = \frac{N^2+N}{2}$
- $\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} 2^i = 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^{N-1} = 2 \cdot 2^{N-1} - 1 = 2^N - 1$

The goal of this discussion is to help us analyze in trees, but I didn't get it...  
Intuition

For the following recursive functions, give the worst case and best case running time in the appropriate  $O(\cdot)$ ,  $\Omega(\cdot)$ , or  $\Theta(\cdot)$  notation.

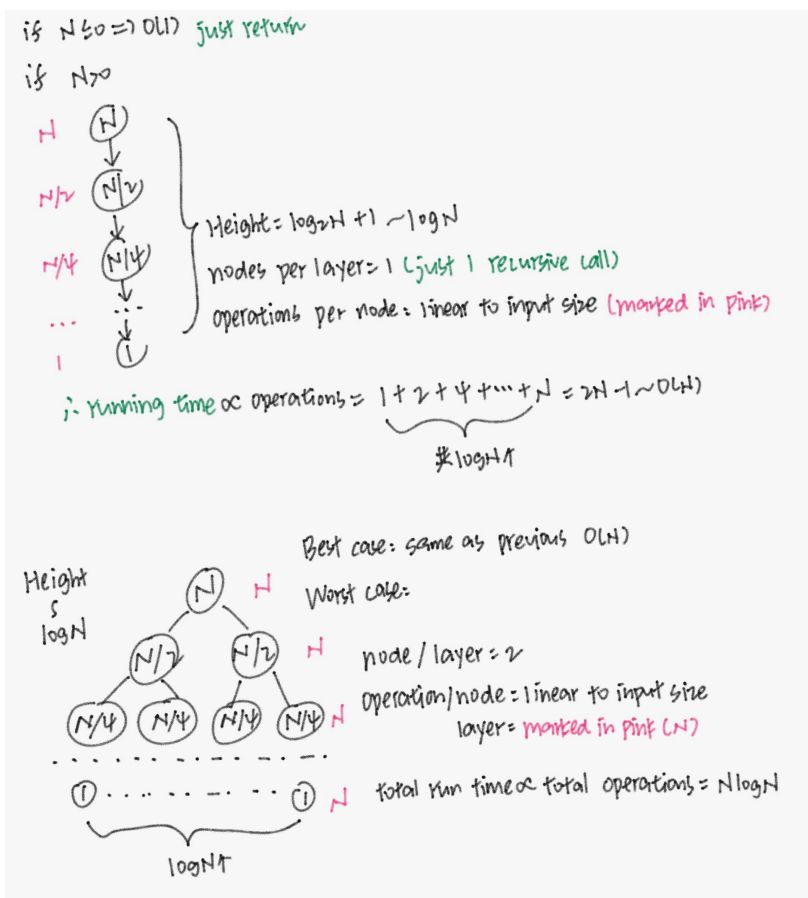
1.1 Give the running time in terms of  $N$ .

```

1 public void andslam(int N) {
2     if (N > 0) {
3         for (int i = 0; i < N; i += 1) {
4             System.out.println("datboi.jpg");
5         }
6         andslam(N / 2);
7     }
8 }

```

Worst: Big Theta(N)



← next question

- 1.2 Give the running time for `andwelcome(arr, 0, N)` where  $N$  is the length of the input array `arr`.

```

1 public static void andwelcome(int[] arr, int low, int high) {
2     System.out.print("[ ");
3     for (int i = low; i < high; i += 1) {
4         System.out.print("loyal ");
5     }
6     System.out.println("]");
7     if (high - low > 0) {
8         double coin = Math.random();
9         if (coin > 0.5) {
10             andwelcome(arr, low, low + (high - low) / 2);
11         } else {
12             andwelcome(arr, low, low + (high - low) / 2);
13             andwelcome(arr, low + (high - low) / 2, high);
14         }
15     }
16 }

```

Big Theta( $N$  or  $\log N$ )

two lines here!

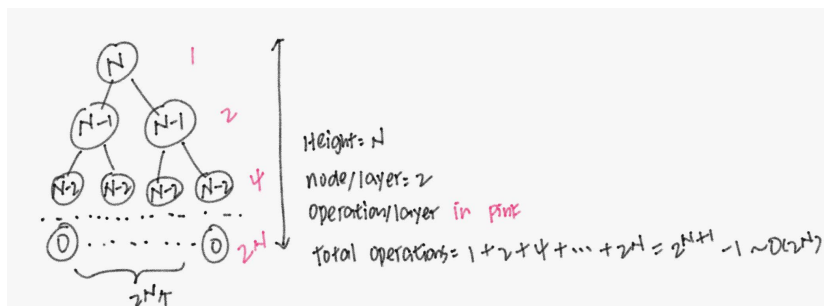
- 1.3 Give the running time in terms of  $N$ .

```

1 public int tothe(int N) {
2     if (N <= 1) {
3         return N;
4     }
5     return tothe(N - 1) + tothe(N - 1);
6 }

```

Big Theta( $2^N$ )



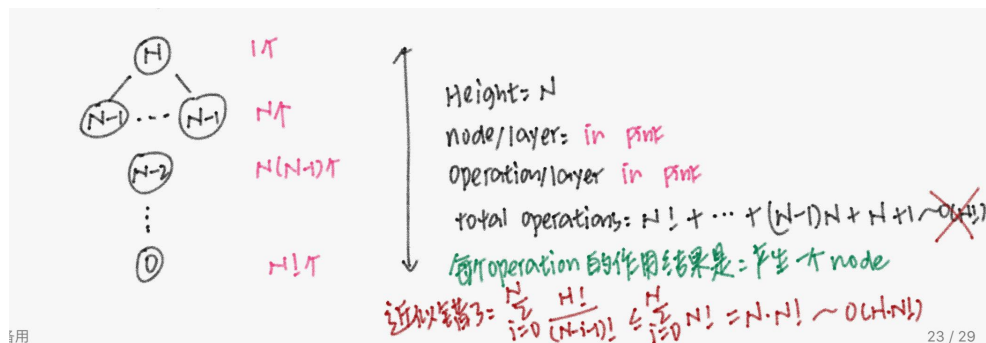
- 1.4 Give the running time in terms of  $N$ .

```

1 public static void spacejam(int N) {
2     if (N <= 1) {
3         return;
4     }
5     for (int i = 0; i < N; i += 1) {
6         spacejam(N - 1);
7     }
8 }

```

Worst: Big Theta( $N \cdot N!$ )



## Hey you watchu gon do

2.1 For each example below, there are two algorithms solving the same problem. Given the asymptotic runtimes for each, is one of the algorithms **guaranteed** to be faster? If so, which? And if neither is always faster, explain why.

(a) Algorithm 1:  $\Theta(N)$ , Algorithm 2:  $\Theta(N^2)$

For large input, Algorithm 2 is faster

(b) Algorithm 1:  $\Omega(N)$ , Algorithm 2:  $\Omega(N^2)$

No guarantee

(c) Algorithm 1:  $O(N)$ , Algorithm 2:  $O(N^2)$

No guarantee

(d) Algorithm 1:  $\Theta(N^2)$ , Algorithm 2:  $O(\log N)$

For large input, Algorithm 2 is faster

(e) Algorithm 1:  $O(N \log N)$ , Algorithm 2:  $\Omega(N \log N)$

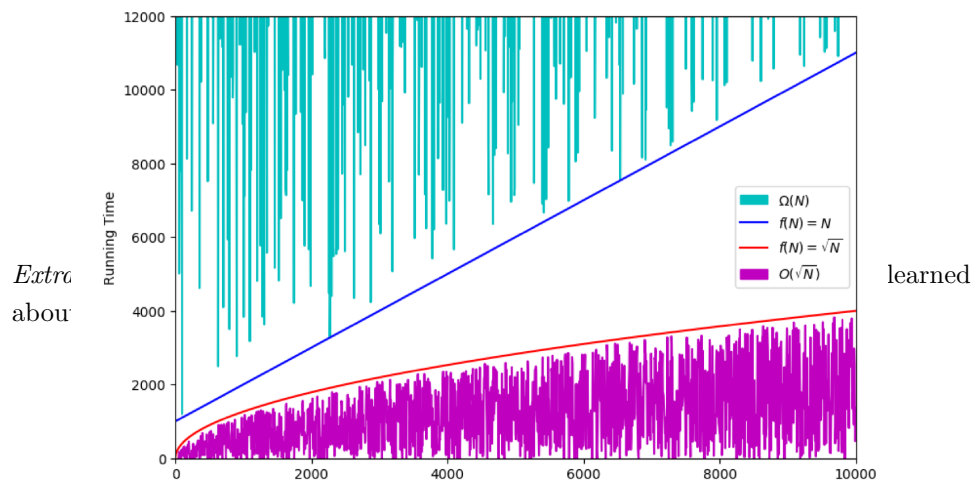
For large input, Algorithm 1 is faster **No, they can both be Big Theta(N log N)**

Would your answers above change if we did not assume that  $N$  was very large (for example, if there was a maximum value for  $N$ , or if  $N$  was constant)?

Sure

## Asymptotic Notation

3.1 Draw the running time graph of an algorithm that is  $O(\sqrt{N})$  in the best case and  $\Omega(N)$  in the worst case. Assume that the algorithm is also trivially  $\Omega(1)$  in the best case and  $O(\infty)$  in the worst case.



- 3.2 Are the statements in the right column true or false? If false, correct the asymptotic notation ( $\Omega(\cdot)$ ,  $\Theta(\cdot)$ ,  $O(\cdot)$ ). Be sure to give the tightest bound.  $\Omega(\cdot)$  is the opposite of  $O(\cdot)$ , i.e.  $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n)) \iff g(n) \in O(f(n))$ .

$f(n) = 20501$	$g(n) = 1$	$f(n) \in O(g(n))$	True
$f(n) = n^2 + n$	$g(n) = 0.000001n^3$	$f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$	False -> Big O
$f(n) = 2^{2n} + 1000$	$g(n) = 4^n + n^{100}$	$f(n) \in O(g(n))$	True
$f(n) = \log(n^{100})$	$g(n) = n \log n$	$f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$	False -> Big O
$f(n) = n \log n + 3^n + n$	$g(n) = n^2 + n + \log n$	$f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$	True
$f(n) = n \log n + n^2$	$g(n) = \log n + n^2$	$f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$	True
$f(n) = n \log n$	$g(n) = (\log n)^2$	$f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$	False -> Big Omega

## Fall 2015 *Extra*

- 4.1 If you have time, try to answer this challenge question. For each answer true or false. If true, explain why and if false provide a counterexample.

- (a) If  $f(n) \in O(n^2)$  and  $g(n) \in O(n)$  are positive-valued functions (that is for all  $n$ ,  $f(n), g(n) > 0$ ), then  $\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \in O(n)$ .

False; like  $f(n)$  is Big Theta ( $n^2$ ),  $g(n)$  is Big Theta(1), then  $f(n)/g(n)$  is actually Big Theta( $n^2$ )

- (b) If  $f(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$  and  $g(n) \in \Theta(n)$  are positive-valued functions, then  $\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \in \Theta(n)$ .

True

**Theorem 1.** If  $f(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$  and  $g(n) \in \Theta(n)$  are positive-valued functions, then  $\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \in \Theta(n)$ .

*Proof.* Given that  $f \in \Theta(n^2)$  is positive, by definition there exists  $k_0, k'_0 > 0$  such that for all  $n > N$ , the following holds.

$$k_0 n^2 \leq f(n) \leq k'_0 n^2$$

Similarly,  $g \in \Theta(n)$  implies there exists  $k_1, k'_1 > 0$  such that

$$k_1 n \leq g(n) \leq k'_1 n$$

Now consider  $\frac{f(n)}{g(n)}$ .

$$\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \leq \frac{k'_0 n^2}{k_1 n} = \frac{k'_0 n}{k_1} \in O(n) \quad \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \geq \frac{k_0 n^2}{k'_1 n} = \frac{k_0 n}{k'_1} \in \Omega(n)$$

As  $\frac{f(n)}{g(n)}$  is in  $O(n)$  and  $\Omega(n)$  then it is in  $\Theta(n)$ . □