



Discussion 8: More Asymptotics



Administrivia

- Project 2 Phase 2 due March 5th
- Labs this week will be Project 2 checkoff
 - Sign up [here!](#)
- HWs 2 and 3 upcoming due 3/14 and 3/19
- Midterm 2 far in the future 3/20



Notation: Big O, Big Omega, Big Theta

- Goal: Look at program complexity for large input
- Notations:
 - Big O - bounds above
 - Big Omega - bounds below
 - Big Theta - bounds above and below



O (Big O)

- Let $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ be positive real numbers on inputs of size n
- $f \in O(g)$ if there is a constant $c > 0$ s.t. $f(n) \leq c g(n)$
- Upper bounded by $g(n)$ when n gets significantly large.
- Bound does not have to be tight.



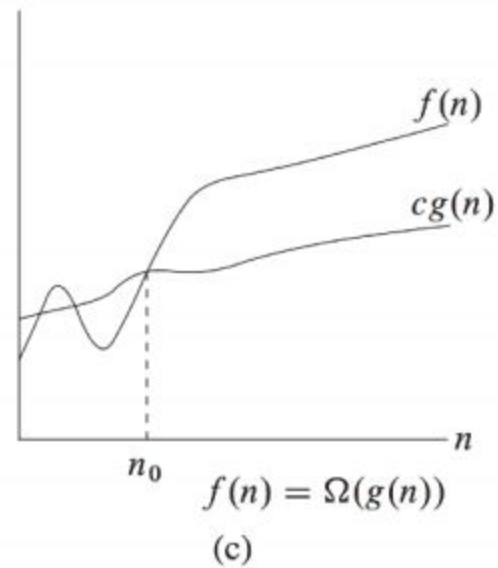
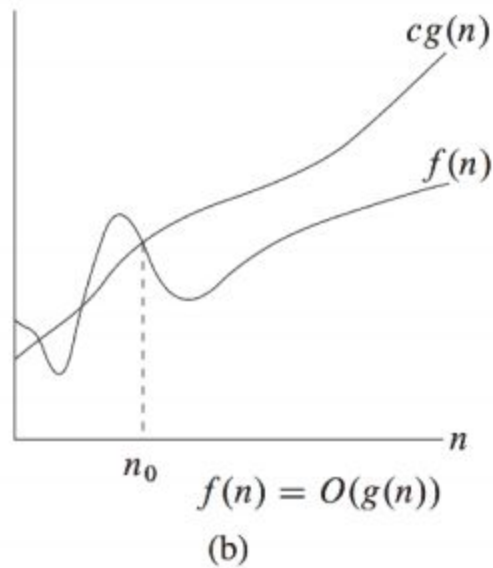
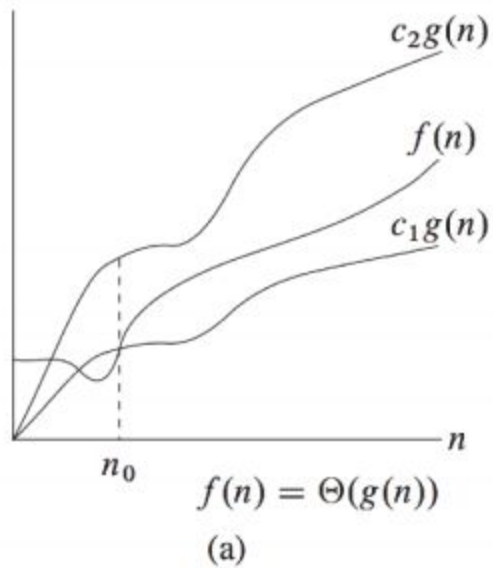
Ω (Big Omega)

- Let $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ be positive real numbers on inputs of size n
- $f \in \Omega(g)$ if there is a constant $c > 0$ s.t. $f(n) \geq c g(n)$
- Lower bounded by $g(n)$ when n gets significantly large.
- Bound does not have to be tight.



Θ (Big Theta)

- Let $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ be positive real numbers on inputs of size n
- $f \in \Theta(g)$ if there is a constant $c_1 > 0$ and $c_2 > 0$ s.t.
 - $c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$ for all $c_1 \leq c_2$
- Tightly bounded by $g(n)$ when n gets significantly large.
- • $f \in \Omega(g)$ and $f \in O(g)$





Conventions: No Constants

- Drop multiplicative constants and lower order terms
- Any exponential dominates any polynomial
- Any polynomial dominates any logarithm



Common Asymptotic Sets

- $O(1)$: constant
- $O(\log n)$: logarithmic
- $O(\sqrt{n})$: square root
- $O(n)$: linear
- $O(n \log n)$: linearithmic
- $O(n^2)$: quadratic
- $O(n^3)$: cubic
- $O(2^n)$: exponential
- $O(n!)$: factorial



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How many times will we run this while loop if we keep shuffling?



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The while loop dominates the runtime, taking n time to shuffle and $n!$ potential iterations in expectation.

$O(n * n!)$ in expectation.

Unbounded in the worst case.



Techniques for Analyzing Runtime

- Annotate your code
 - Write down runtimes of called functions
- Consider end conditions for loops and consequently the number of times we could run the loop
 - What are the terminating conditions for a loop?
 - Can we algebraically express the runtime of the loop?
- Branching factor
 - Do we make additional calls and if so, how many subproblems do we make?



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public void doStuff(int n)  {# Let's find out the big-O runtime of this algorithm!
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How can we write this algebraically? .

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i^(2^2^2^2...) = i^(2^k) <= n where k is our number of iterations



Problem 1.1

```
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  }
```



Problem 1.1

- $\Theta(N)$
- Log n levels of work and each level is $O(n)$



Problem 1.2

```
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 }
```




Problem 1.2

- $\Theta(N \log N)$
- Log n levels of work, but have a branching factor of 2 and each level is $O(n)$ in the worst case



Problem 1.3

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



Problem 1.3

- $\Theta(2^N)$
- 2^i nodes per layer and each node does $O(1)$ work



Problem 1.4

```
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  }
```



Problem 1.4

- $O(N * N!)$
- $n-i$ work per node and $n! / (n-i)!$ nodes per layer.



Problem 2.1

- Don't forget your definition for Ω , Θ , and O !



Problem 2.1

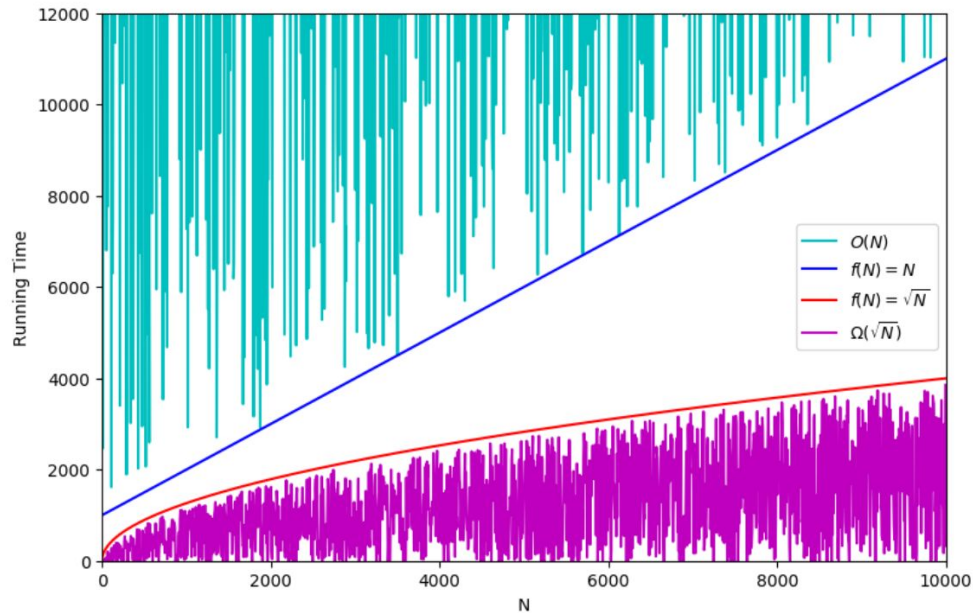
- Algorithm 1
- Neither
- Neither
- Algorithm 2
- Neither



Problem 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.

Problem 3.1





Problem 3.2: True or False?

$$f(n) = 20501$$

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

$$f(n) = 2^{2n} + 1000$$

$$f(n) = \log(n^{100})$$

$$f(n) = n \log n + 3^n + n$$

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

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

$$g(n) = 1$$

$$g(n) = 0.000001n^3$$

$$g(n) = 4^n + n^{100}$$

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

$$g(n) = n^2 + n + \log n$$

$$g(n) = \log n + n^2$$

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

$$f(n) \in O(g(n))$$

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

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$$f(n) \in O(g(n))$$



Problem 3.2: True or False?

- True
- False
- True
- False
- True
- True
- False