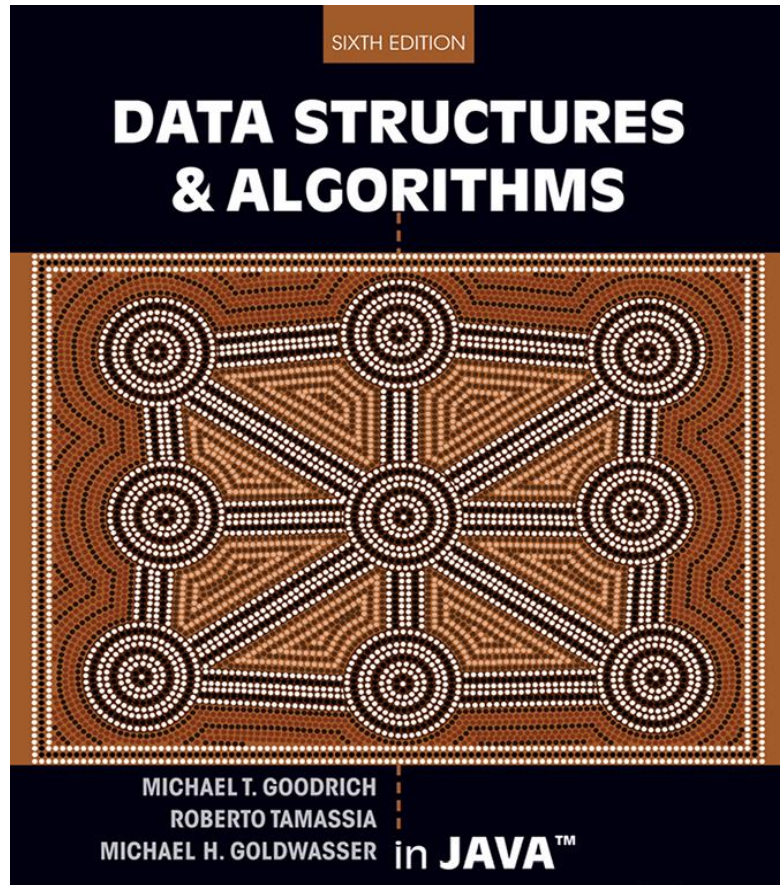


# DATA STRUCTURES & ALGORITHMS



Data Structures & Algorithms

## Lecture 3

Algorithm Analysis  
And Recursion Algorithm

# Topics

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- Recursion Algorithm
- Illustrative Examples
- Review of Algorithm Concepts
- Algorithmic Performance
- Analysis of Algorithms
- General Rules and Case Analysis

# Review of Algorithm Concept

- An ***algorithm*** is a set of instructions to be followed to solve a problem.
  - There can be more than one solution (more than one algorithm) to solve a given problem.
  - An algorithm can be implemented using different programming languages on different platforms.
- An algorithm must be correct. It should correctly solve the problem.
  - e.g. For sorting, this means even if (1) the input is already sorted, or (2) it contains repeated elements.
- Once we have a correct algorithm for a problem, we have to determine the efficiency of that algorithm.

# Algorithmic Performance

There are *two aspects* of algorithmic performance:

- Time

- ✓ Instructions take time.
- ✓ How fast does the algorithm perform?
- ✓ What affects its runtime?

- Space

- ✓ Data structures take space
- ✓ What kind of data structures can be used?
- ✓ How does choice of data structure affect the runtime?

- We will focus on time:

- How to estimate the time required for an algorithm
- How to reduce the time required

# Analysis of Algorithms

- **Analysis of Algorithms** is the area of computer science that provides tools to analyze the efficiency of different methods of solutions.
- How do we compare the time efficiency of two algorithms that solve the same problem?

**Naive Approach:** implement these algorithms in a programming language (Java), and run them to compare their time requirements. Comparing the programs (instead of algorithms) has difficulties.

- *How are the algorithms coded?*
  - ✓ Comparing running times means comparing the implementations.
  - ✓ We should not compare implementations, because they are sensitive to programming style that may cloud the issue of which algorithm is inherently more efficient.
- *What computer should we use?*
  - ✓ We should compare the efficiency of the algorithms independently of a particular computer.
- *What data should the program use?*
  - ✓ Any analysis must be independent of specific data.

# Analysis of Algorithms

- When we analyze algorithms, we should employ mathematical techniques that analyze algorithms independently of *specific implementations, computers, or data*.
- To analyze algorithms:
  - First, we start to count the number of significant operations in a particular solution to assess its efficiency.
  - Then, we will express the efficiency of algorithms using growth functions.

# The Execution Time of Algorithms (1/4)

- Each operation in an algorithm (or a program) has a cost.  
    ➔ Each operation takes a certain of time.

count = count + 1; ➔ take a certain amount of time, but it is constant

*A sequence of operations:*

count = count + 1;                      Cost:  $c_1$

sum = sum + count;                    Cost:  $c_2$

➔ Total Cost =  $c_1 + c_2$

# The Execution Time of Algorithms (2/4)

*Example: Simple If-Statement*

|             | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Times</u> |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| if (n < 0)  | c1          | 1            |
| absval = -n | c2          | 1            |
| else        |             |              |
| absval = n; | c3          | 1            |

Total Cost  $\leq c1 + \max(c2, c3)$



# The Execution Time of Algorithms (3/4)

*Example: Simple Loop*

|                  | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Times</u> |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| i = 1;           | c1          | 1            |
| sum = 0;         | c2          | 1            |
| while (i <= n) { | c3          | n+1          |
| i = i + 1;       | c4          | n            |
| sum = sum + i;   | c5          | n            |
| }                |             |              |

Total Cost =  $c1 + c2 + (n+1)*c3 + n*c4 + n*c5$

➔ The time required for this algorithm is proportional to n

# The Execution Time of Algorithms (4/4)

*Example: Nested Loop*

|                  | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Times</u> |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| i=1;             | c1          | 1            |
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| while (i <= n) { | c3          | n+1          |
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| while (j <= n) { | c5          | n*(n+1)      |
| sum = sum + i;   | c6          | n*n          |
| j = j + 1;       | c7          | n*n          |
| }                |             |              |
| i = i + 1;       | c8          | n            |
| }                |             |              |

Total Cost =  $c1 + c2 + (n+1)*c3 + n*c4 + n*(n+1)*c5 + n*n*c6 + n*n*c7 + n*c8$

➔ The time required for this algorithm is proportional to  $n^2$

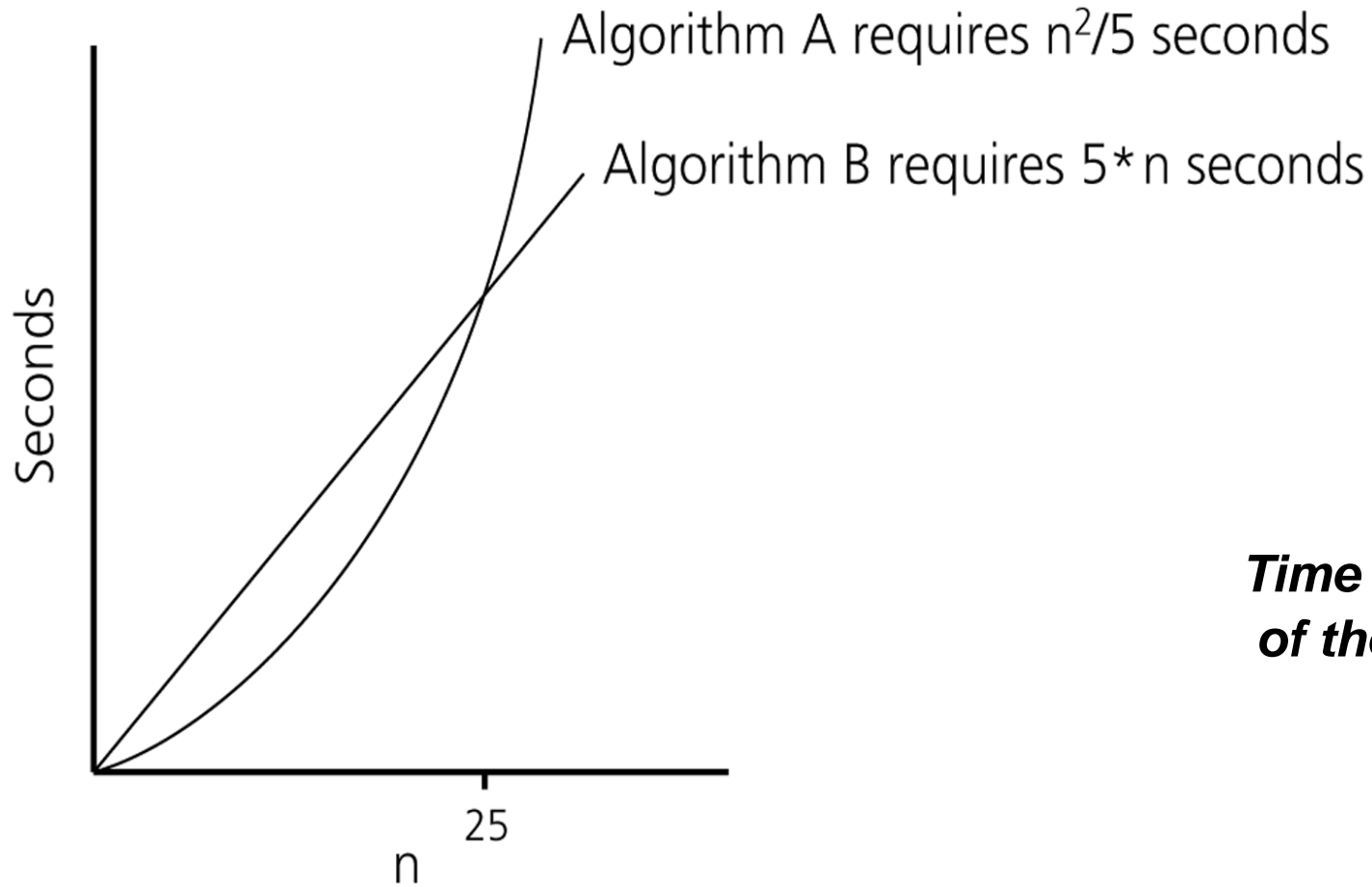
# General Rules for Estimation

- **Loops:** The running time of a loop is at most the running time of the statements inside of that loop times the number of iterations.
- **Nested Loops:** Running time of a nested loop containing a statement in the inner most loop is the running time of statement multiplied by the product of the sized of all loops.
- **Consecutive Statements:** Just add the running times of those consecutive statements.
- **If/Else:** Never more than the running time of the test plus the larger of running times of S1 and S2.

# Algorithm Growth Rates

- We measure an algorithm's time requirement as a function of the *problem size*.
  - Problem size depends on the application: e.g. number of elements in a list for a sorting algorithm, the number disks for towers of hanoi.
- So, for instance, we say that (if the problem size is  $n$ )
  - Algorithm A requires  $5*n^2$  time units to solve a problem of size  $n$ .
  - Algorithm B requires  $7*n$  time units to solve a problem of size  $n$ .
- The most important thing to learn is how quickly the algorithm's time requirement grows as a function of the problem size.
  - Algorithm A requires time proportional to  $n^2$ .
  - Algorithm B requires time proportional to  $n$ .
- An algorithm's proportional time requirement is known as ***growth rate***.
- We can compare the efficiency of two algorithms by comparing their growth rates.

# Algorithm Growth Rates

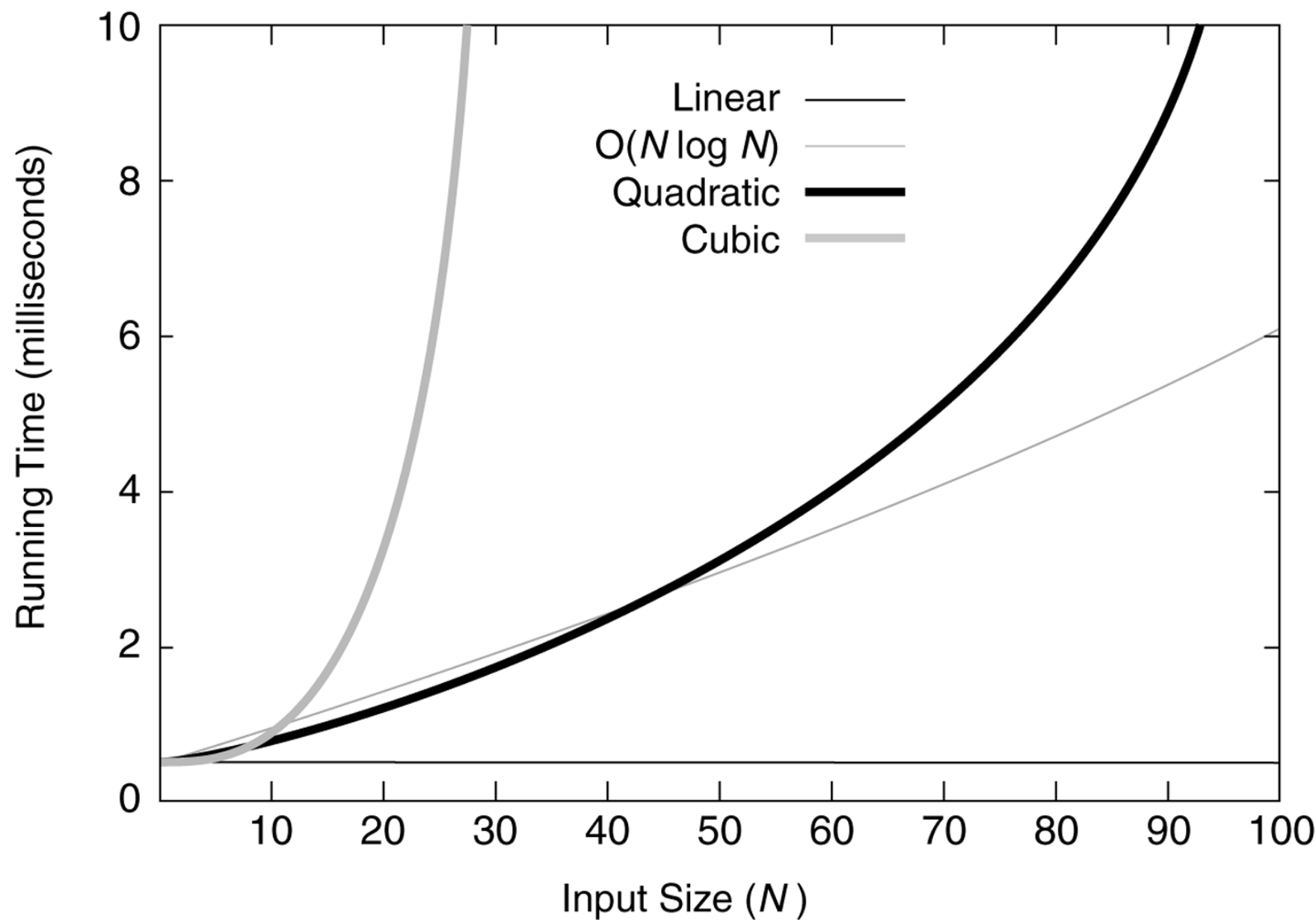


***Time requirements as a function of the problem size  $n$***

# Common Growth Rates

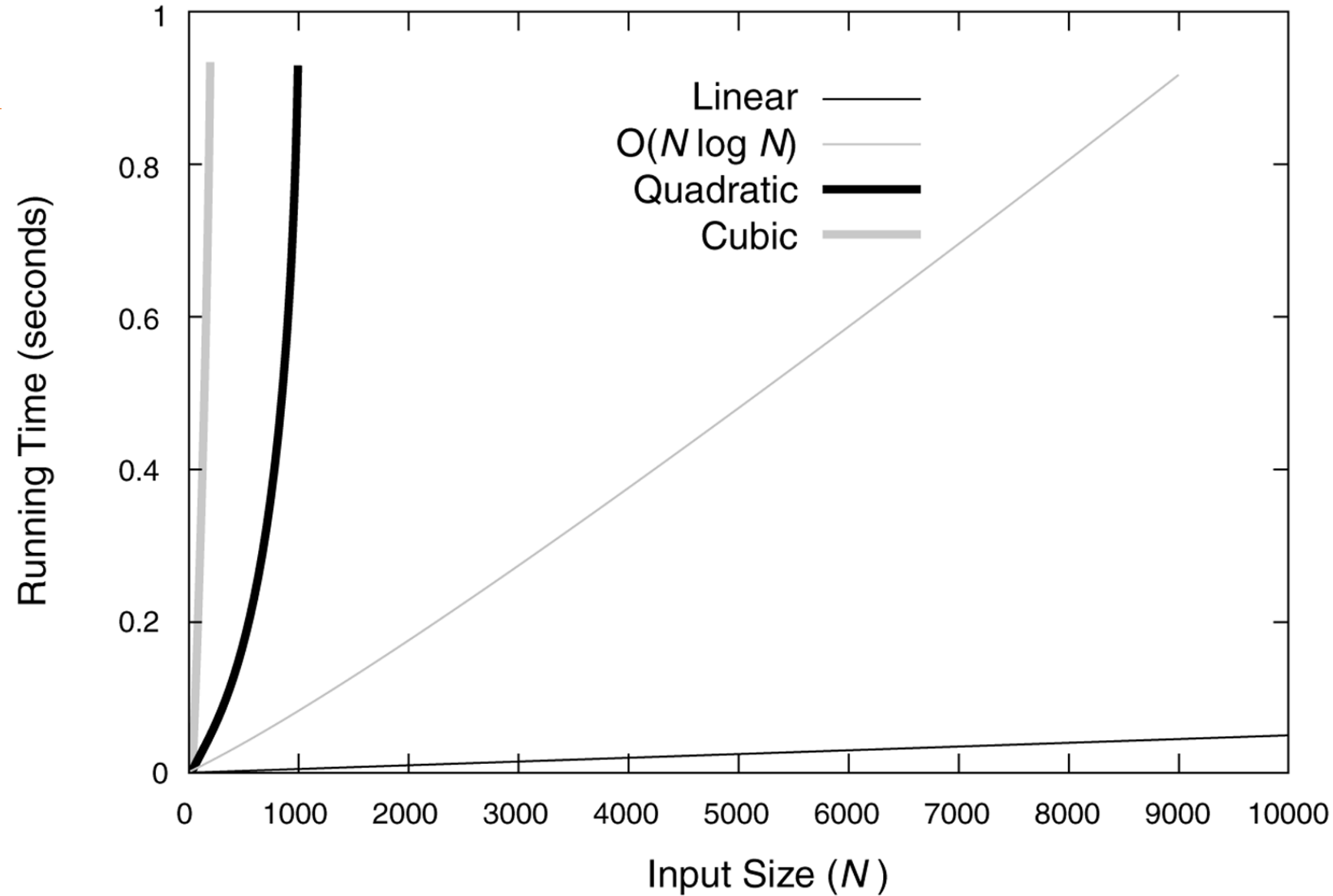
| Function   | Growth Rate Name |
|------------|------------------|
| $c$        | Constant         |
| $\log N$   | Logarithmic      |
| $\log^2 N$ | Log-squared      |
| $N$        | Linear           |
| $N \log N$ |                  |
| $N^2$      | Quadratic        |
| $N^3$      | Cubic            |
| $2^N$      | Exponential      |

**Figure 6.1**  
Running times for small inputs



**Figure 6.2**

Running times for moderate inputs





# Order-of-Magnitude Analysis and Big O Notation

- If *Algorithm A* requires time proportional to  $f(n)$ , Algorithm A is said to be **order  $f(n)$** , and it is denoted as  **$O(f(n))$** .
- The **function  $f(n)$**  is called the algorithm's **growth-rate function**.
- Since the capital O is used in the notation, this notation is called the **Big O notation**.
- If Algorithm A requires time proportional to  $n^2$ , it is  **$O(n^2)$** .
- If Algorithm A requires time proportional to  $n$ , it is  **$O(n)$** .

# Definition of the Order of an Algorithm

## *Definition:*

Algorithm A is order  $f(n)$  – denoted as  $O(f(n))$  – if constants  $k$  and  $n_0$  exist such that A requires no more than  $k \cdot f(n)$  time units to solve a problem of size  $n \geq n_0$ .

The requirement of  $n \geq n_0$  in the definition of  $O(f(n))$  formalizes the notion of sufficiently large problems.

- In general, many values of  $k$  and  $n$  can satisfy this definition.

# Order of an Algorithm

- If an algorithm requires  $n^2 - 3*n + 10$  seconds to solve a problem size  $n$ .  
If constants  $k$  and  $n_0$  exist such that

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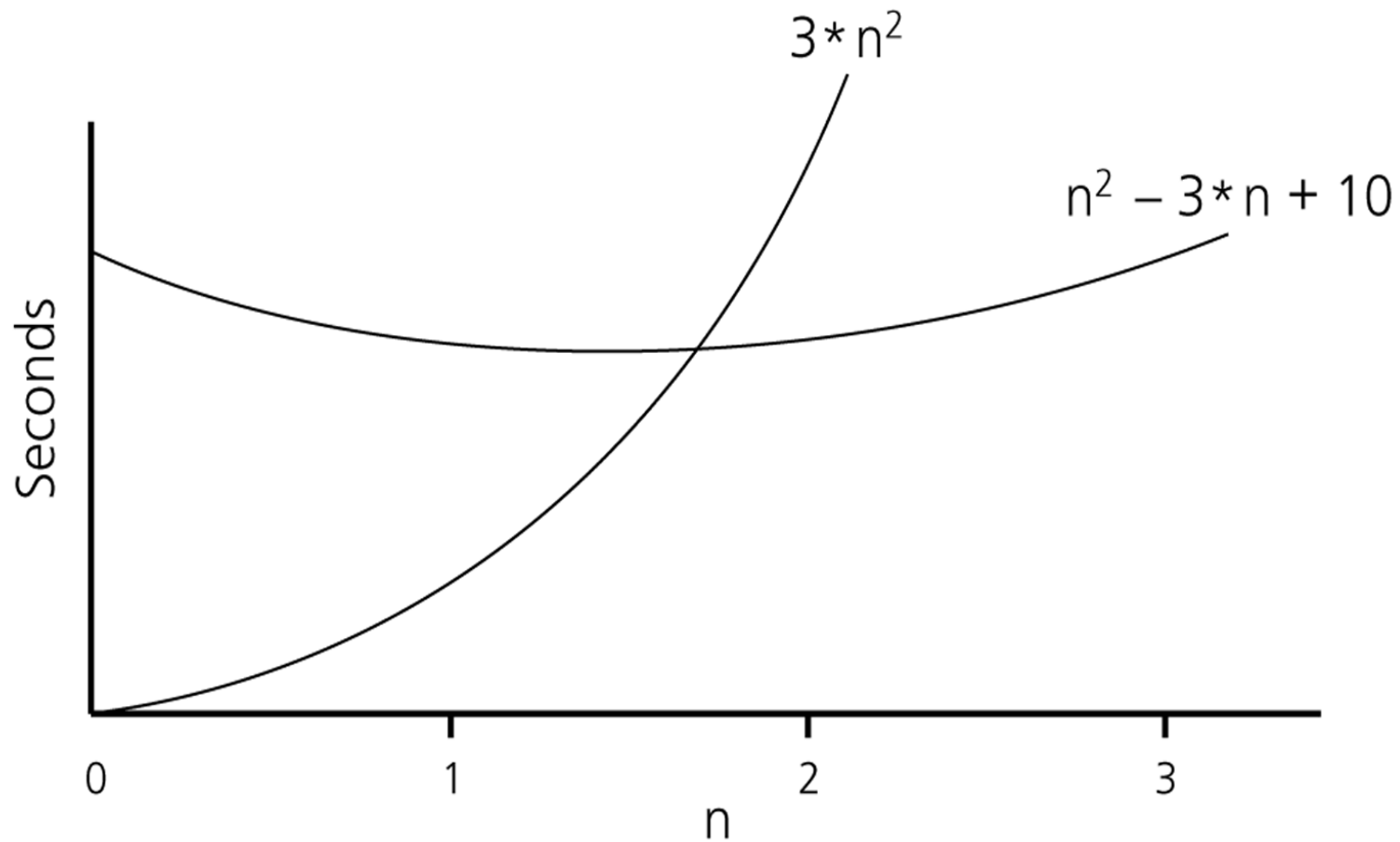
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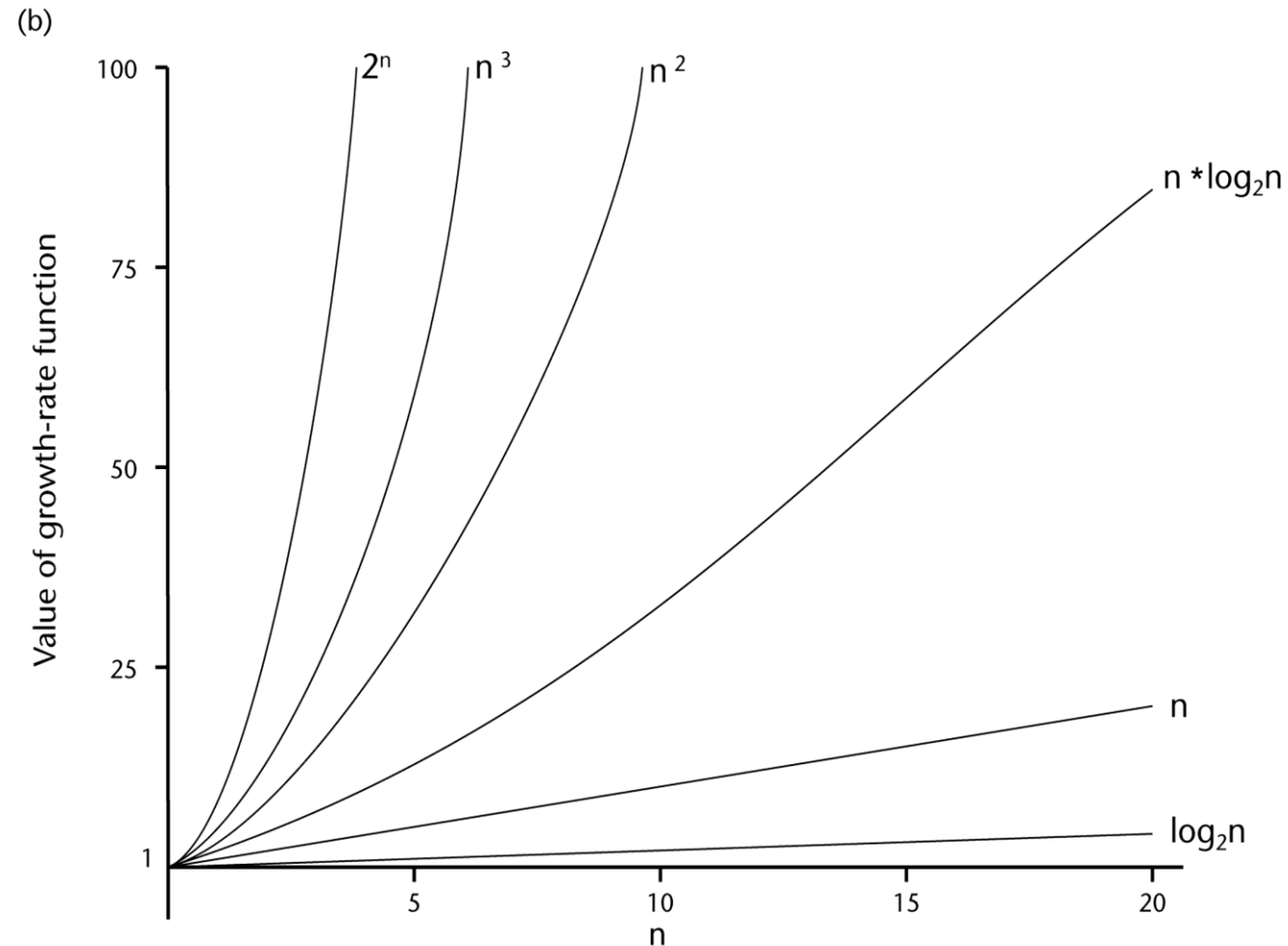


# A Comparison of Growth-Rate Functions

(a)

| Function       | n      |           |            |              |               |                |
|----------------|--------|-----------|------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
|                | 10     | 100       | 1,000      | 10,000       | 100,000       | 1,000,000      |
| 1              | 1      | 1         | 1          | 1            | 1             | 1              |
| $\log_2 n$     | 3      | 6         | 9          | 13           | 16            | 19             |
| $n$            | 10     | $10^2$    | $10^3$     | $10^4$       | $10^5$        | $10^6$         |
| $n * \log_2 n$ | 30     | 664       | 9,965      | $10^5$       | $10^6$        | $10^7$         |
| $n^2$          | $10^2$ | $10^4$    | $10^6$     | $10^8$       | $10^{10}$     | $10^{12}$      |
| $n^3$          | $10^3$ | $10^6$    | $10^9$     | $10^{12}$    | $10^{15}$     | $10^{18}$      |
| $2^n$          | $10^3$ | $10^{30}$ | $10^{301}$ | $10^{3,010}$ | $10^{30,103}$ | $10^{301,030}$ |

# A Comparison of Growth-Rate Functions



# Growth-Rate Functions

- $O(1)$**  Time requirement is **constant**, and it is independent of the problem's size.
- $O(\log_2 n)$**  Time requirement for a **logarithmic** algorithm increases slowly as the problem size increases.
- $O(n)$**  Time requirement for a **linear** algorithm increases directly with the size of the problem.
- $O(n \cdot \log_2 n)$**  Time requirement for a  **$n \cdot \log_2 n$**  algorithm increases more rapidly than a linear algorithm.
- $O(n^2)$**  Time requirement for a **quadratic** algorithm increases rapidly with the size of the problem.
- $O(n^3)$**  Time requirement for a **cubic** algorithm increases more rapidly with the size of the problem than the time requirement for a quadratic algorithm.
- $O(2^n)$**  As the size of the problem increases, the time requirement for an **exponential** algorithm increases too rapidly to be practical.



# Growth-Rate Functions

- If an algorithm takes 1 second to run with the problem size 8, what is the time requirement (approximately) for that algorithm with the problem size 16?

- If its order is:

**$O(1)$**        $\rightarrow T(n) = 1 \text{ second}$

**$O(\log_2 n)$**      $\rightarrow T(n) = (1 * \log_2 16) / \log_2 8 = 4/3 \text{ seconds}$

**$O(n)$**        $\rightarrow T(n) = (1 * 16) / 8 = 2 \text{ seconds}$

**$O(n * \log_2 n)$**   $\rightarrow T(n) = (1 * 16 * \log_2 16) / 8 * \log_2 8 = 8/3 \text{ seconds}$

**$O(n^2)$**        $\rightarrow T(n) = (1 * 16^2) / 8^2 = 4 \text{ seconds}$

**$O(n^3)$**        $\rightarrow T(n) = (1 * 16^3) / 8^3 = 8 \text{ seconds}$

**$O(2^n)$**        $\rightarrow T(n) = (1 * 2^{16}) / 2^8 = 2^8 \text{ seconds} = 256 \text{ seconds}$

# Properties of Growth-Rate Functions

- 1. We can ignore low-order terms in an algorithm's growth-rate function.*
  - If an algorithm is  $O(n^3+4n^2+3n)$ , it is also  $O(n^3)$ .
  - We only use the higher-order term as algorithm's growth-rate function.
- 2. We can ignore a multiplicative constant in the higher-order term of an algorithm's growth-rate function.*
  - If an algorithm is  $O(5n^3)$ , it is also  $O(n^3)$ .
- 3.  $O(f(n)) + O(g(n)) = O(f(n)+g(n))$* 
  - We can combine growth-rate functions.
  - If an algorithm is  $O(n^3) + O(4n)$ , it is also  $O(n^3 + 4n^2) \rightarrow$  So, it is  $O(n^3)$ .
  - Similar rules hold for multiplication.

# Some Mathematical Facts

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = 1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n * (n + 1)}{2} \approx \frac{n^2}{2}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = 1 + 4 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n * (n + 1) * (2n + 1)}{6} \approx \frac{n^3}{3}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i = 0 + 1 + 2 + \dots + 2^{n-1} = 2^n - 1$$

# Growth-Rate Functions – Example1

|                  | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Times</u> |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| i = 1;           | c1          | 1            |
| sum = 0;         | c2          | 1            |
| while (i <= n) { | c3          | n+1          |
| i = i + 1;       | c4          | n            |
| sum = sum + i;   | c5          | n            |
| }                |             |              |

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= c1 + c2 + (n+1)*c3 + n*c4 + n*c5 \\&= (c3+c4+c5)*n + (c1+c2+c3) \\&= a*n + b\end{aligned}$$

➔ So, the growth-rate function for this algorithm is **O(n)**

# Growth-Rate Functions – Example2

|                  | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Times</u> |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| i=1;             | c1          | 1            |
| sum = 0;         | c2          | 1            |
| while (i <= n) { | c3          | n+1          |
| j=1;             | c4          | n            |
| while (j <= n) { | c5          | n*(n+1)      |
| sum = sum + i;   | c6          | n*n          |
| j = j + 1;       | c7          | n*n          |
| }                |             |              |
| i = i + 1;       | c8          | n            |
| }                |             |              |

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= c1 + c2 + (n+1)*c3 + n*c4 + n*(n+1)*c5 + n*n*c6 + n*n*c7 + n*c8 \\&= (c5+c6+c7)*n^2 + (c3+c4+c5+c8)*n + (c1+c2+c3) \\&= a*n^2 + b*n + c\end{aligned}$$

➔ So, the growth-rate function for this algorithm is  **$O(n^2)$**

# Growth-Rate Functions – Example3

|                      | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Times</u>                      |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| for (i=1; i<=n; i++) | c1          | n+1                               |
| for (j=1; j<=i; j++) | c2          | $\sum_{j=1}^n (j+1)$              |
| for (k=1; k<=j; k++) | c3          | $\sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^j (k+1)$ |
| x=x+1;               | c4          | $\sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^j k$     |

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= c1*(n+1) + c2*\left(\sum_{j=1}^n (j+1)\right) + c3*\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^j (k+1)\right) + c4*\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^j k\right) \\&= a*n^3 + b*n^2 + c*n + d\end{aligned}$$

➔ So, the growth-rate function for this algorithm is **O(n<sup>3</sup>)**

# Growth-Rate Functions – Recursive Algorithms

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| void hanoi(int n, char source, char dest, char spare) { | <u><b>Cost</b></u> |
| if (n > 0) {  | c1                 |
| hanoi(n-1, source, spare, dest);                        | c2                 |
| "Move top disk from pole " << source                    | c3                 |
| << " to pole " << dest << endl;                         |                    |
| hanoi(n-1, spare, dest, source);                        | c4                 |
| }   |                    |
| }   |                    |

- The time-complexity function  $T(n)$  of a recursive algorithm is defined in terms of itself, and this is known as **recurrence equation** for  $T(n)$ .
- To find the growth-rate function for a recursive algorithm, we have to solve its recurrence relation.

# Growth-Rate Functions – Hanoi Towers

- What is the cost of  $\text{hanoi}(n, 'A', 'B', 'C')$ ?

when  $n=0$

$$T(0) = c_1$$

when  $n>0$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= c_1 + c_2 + T(n-1) + c_3 + c_4 + T(n-1) \\ &= 2 * T(n-1) + (c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + c_4) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \mathbf{2 * T(n-1) + c} \quad \leftarrow \text{recurrence equation for the growth-rate function of hanoi-towers algorithm}$$

- Now, we have to solve this recurrence equation to find the growth-rate function of hanoi-towers algorithm



# Growth-Rate Functions – Hanoi Towers

- There are many methods to solve recurrence equations, but we will use a simple method known as *repeated substitutions*.

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= 2 * T(n-1) + c \\&= 2 * (2 * T(n-2) + c) + c \\&= 2 * (2 * (2 * T(n-3) + c) + c) + c \\&= 2^3 * T(n-3) + (2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0) * c\end{aligned}\quad (\text{assuming } n > 2)$$

when substitution repeated  $i-1^{\text{th}}$  times

$$= 2^i * T(n-i) + (2^{i-1} + \dots + 2^1 + 2^0) * c$$

when  $i=n$

$$\begin{aligned}&= 2^n * T(0) + (2^{n-1} + \dots + 2^1 + 2^0) * c \\&= 2^n * c1 + ( \quad ) * c\end{aligned}$$

$$= 2^n * c1 + (2^n - 1) * c = 2^n * (c1 + c) - c \quad \rightarrow \text{So, the growth rate function is } \mathbf{O(2^n)}$$

# What to Analyze

- An algorithm can require different times to solve different problems of the same size.
  - Eg. Searching an item in a list of  $n$  elements using sequential search. → Cost:  $1, 2, \dots, n$
- **Worst-Case Analysis** –The maximum amount of time that an algorithm require to solve a problem of size  $n$ .
  - This gives an upper bound for the time complexity of an algorithm.
  - Normally, we try to find worst-case behavior of an algorithm.
- **Best-Case Analysis** –The minimum amount of time that an algorithm require to solve a problem of size  $n$ .
  - The best case behavior of an algorithm is NOT so useful.
- **Average-Case Analysis** –The average amount of time that an algorithm require to solve a problem of size  $n$ .
  - Sometimes, it is difficult to find the average-case behavior of an algorithm.
  - We have to look at all possible data organizations of a given size  $n$ , and their distribution probabilities of these organizations.
  - ***Worst-case analysis is more common than average-case analysis.***

# What is Important?

- An array-based list retrieve operation is  $O(1)$ , a linked-list-based list retrieve operation is  $O(n)$ .
- But insert and delete operations are much easier on a linked-list-based list implementation.
  - ➔ When selecting the implementation of an Abstract Data Type (ADT), we have to consider how frequently particular ADT operations occur in a given application.
- If the problem size is always small, we can probably ignore the algorithm's efficiency.
  - In this case, we should choose the simplest algorithm.

# What is Important?

- We have to weigh the trade-offs between an algorithm's time requirement and its memory requirements.
- We have to compare algorithms for both style and efficiency.
  - The analysis should focus on gross differences in efficiency and not reward coding tricks that save small amount of time.
  - That is, there is no need for coding tricks if the gain is not too much.
  - Easily understandable program is also important.
- Order-of-magnitude analysis focuses on large problems.

# Sequential Search

```
int sequentialSearch(const int a[], int item, int n){  
    for (int i = 0; i < n && a[i] != item; i++);  
    if (i == n)  
        return -1;  
    return i;  
}
```

**Unsuccessful Search:** →  $O(n)$

**Successful Search:**

**Best-Case:** *item* is in the first location of the array →  $O(1)$

**Worst-Case:** *item* is in the last location of the array →  $O(n)$

**Average-Case:** The number of key comparisons 1, 2, ..., n

→  $O(n)$

# Sequential Search

```
int binarySearch(int a[], int size, int x) {
    int low = 0;
    int high = size - 1;
    int mid;           // mid will be the index of
                       // target when it's found.
    while (low <= high) {
        mid = (low + high) / 2;
        if (a[mid] < x)
            low = mid + 1;
        else if (a[mid] > x)
            high = mid - 1;
        else
            return mid;
    }
    return -1;
}
```

# Binary Search – Analysis

- For an unsuccessful search:
  - The number of iterations in the loop is  $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$   
→  $O(\log_2 n)$
- For a successful search:
  - **Best-Case:** The number of iterations is 1. →  $O(1)$
  - **Worst-Case:** The number of iterations is  $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$  →  $O(\log_2 n)$
  - **Average-Case:** The avg. # of iterations  $< \log_2 n$  →  $O(\log_2 n)$

0   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   ← an array with size 8

3   2   3   1   3   2   3   4   ← # of iterations

The average # of iterations =  $21/8 < \log_2 8$

# How much better is $O(\log_2 n)$ ?

| <u><math>n</math></u> | <u><math>O(\log_2 n)</math></u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 16                    | 4                               |
| 64                    | 6                               |
| 256                   | 8                               |
| 1024 (1KB)            | 10                              |
| 16,384                | 14                              |
| 131,072               | 17                              |
| 262,144               | 18                              |
| 524,288               | 19                              |
| 1,048,576 (1MB)       | 20                              |
| 1,073,741,824 (1GB)   | 30                              |



# Recursive Thinking (1/2)

- **Recursion** is:
  - A problem-solving **approach**, that can ...
  - Generate simple solutions to ...
  - Certain kinds of problems that ...
  - Would be difficult to solve in other ways
- Recursion splits a problem:
  - Into one or more simpler versions of **itself**

# Recursive Thinking (2/2)

- An Example: *Strategy for processing nested dolls*

*1. if there is only one doll*

*2. do what it needed for it  
else*

*3. do what is needed for the outer doll*

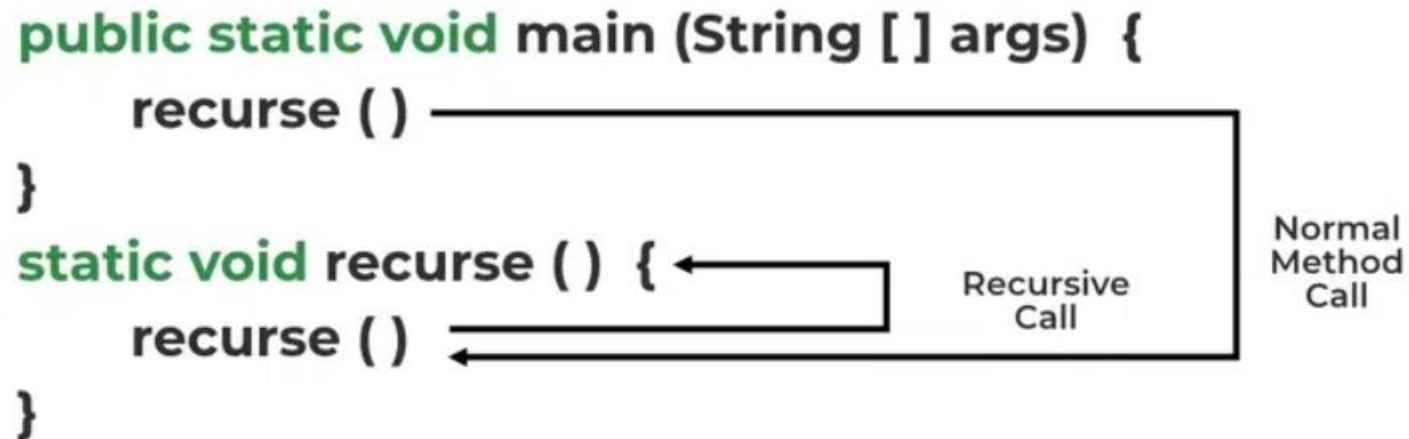
*4. Process the inner nest in the same way*

FIGURE 7.1  
A Set of Nested Wooden Figures



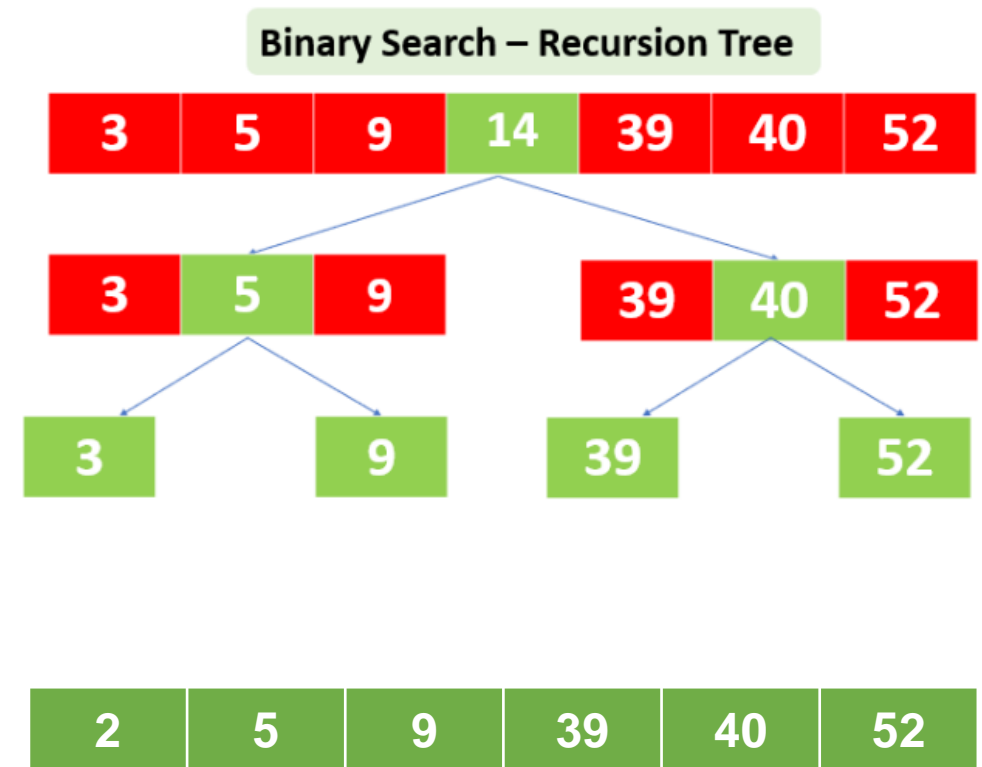
# Definitions

- At its core, recursion is a programming technique that involves a function calling itself until a specific condition is met.



# Definitions

- Recursive functions can be employed to address various problems: **searching, sorting,** and traversing data structures like **trees** and **graphs**. They are often utilized in algorithms such as **quicksort, binary search,** and **depth-first search**.



# Advantages of Recursion

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- Clarity and simplicity
- Reducing code duplication
- Solving complex problems
- Memory efficiency
- Flexibility

# Disadvantages of Recursion

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- Performance Overhead
- Difficult to Understand and Debug
- Memory Consumption
- Limited Scalability
- Tail Recursion Optimization

# Algorithm for Recursion (1/2)

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1. **Define the base case:** Identify the simplest problem that can be solved without recursion
2. **Define the recursive case:** Identify how to break the problem down into smaller sub-problems that can be solved recursively
3. **Call the function recursively:** Invoke the function again with the smaller sub-problem(s) as input

# Algorithm for Recursion (2/2)

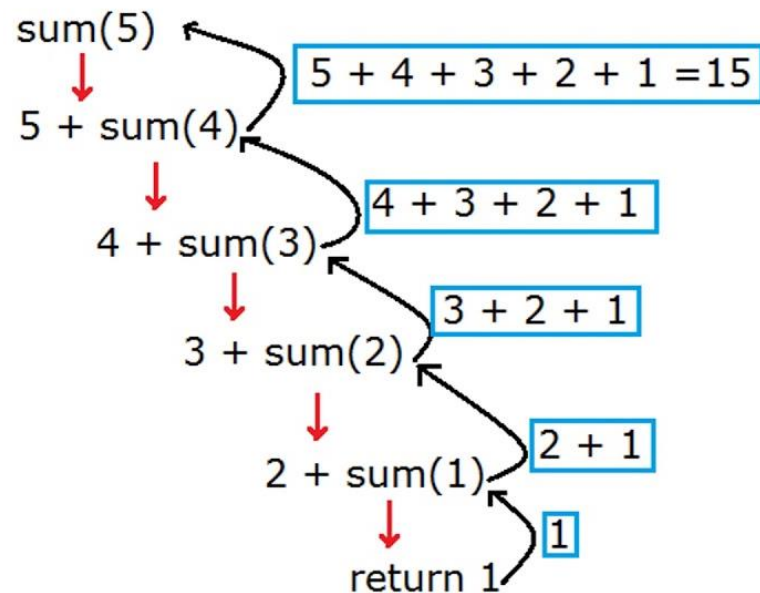
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- 4. Combine the results:** Use the results of the recursive calls to solve the original problem
- 5. Return the solution:** Return the final solution to the original problem



# Example

Using **recursion** to solve the problem of calculating the **sum from 1 to N**:



```
int sum(int n){  
    if(n == 0)  
        return 0;  
    return n + sum (n-1);  
}
```

# Algorithm for Recursion

**Define the base case:** Identify the simplest problem that can be solved without recursion.

```
int sum(int n){  
    if(n == 0)           // The base case when N is equal to 0  
        return 0; // Returns 0 and dont call Recursion functions  
    return n + sum (n-1);  
}
```

# Algorithm for Recursion

**Define the recursive case:** Identify how to break the problem down into smaller sub-problems that can be solved recursively.

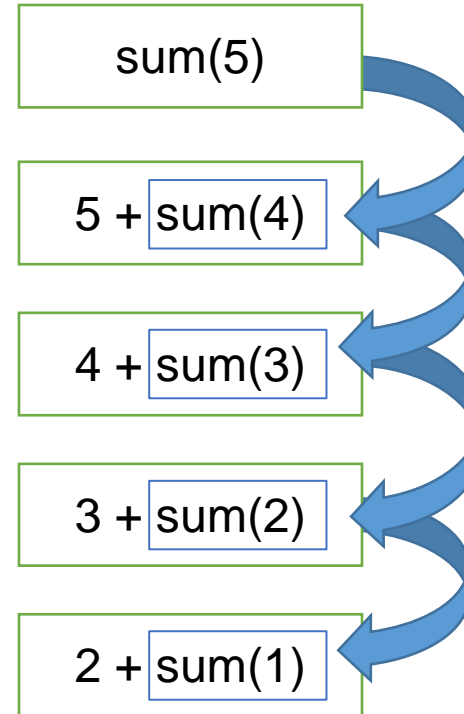
```
int sum(int n){  
    if(n == 0)  
        return 0;  
    return n + sum(n-1);  
}
```

For this exercise, we can identify the **recursive case** as the natural numbers preceding **N**. By iterating from **N** *down* to **1**, we obtain the **sum** of natural numbers from 1 to N.

# Algorithm for Recursion

**Call the function recursively:** Invoke the function again with the smaller sub-problem(s) as input.

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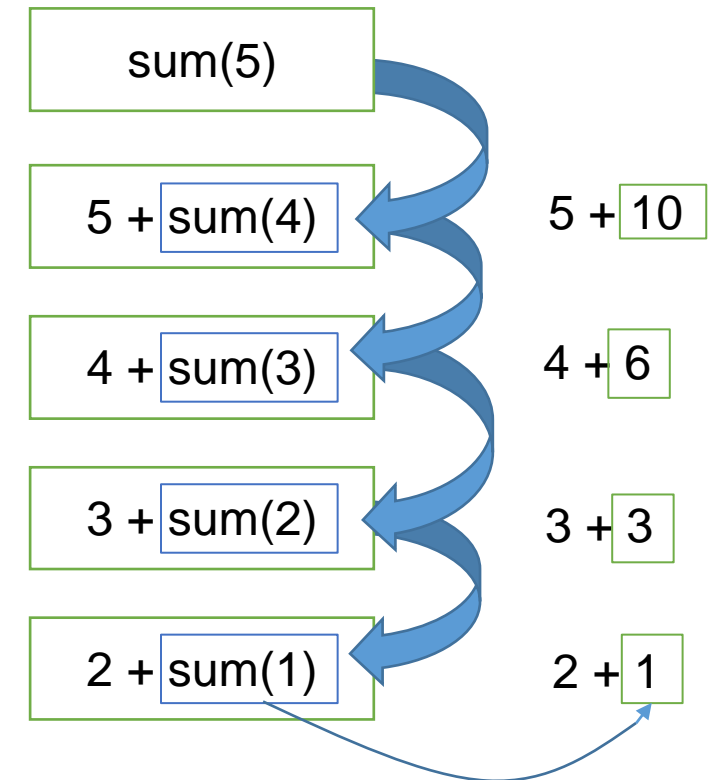


Recursively call the function again and pass the parameter as the natural **number preceding N**, and the recursion will calculate automatically.

# Algorithm for Recursion

**Combine the results:** Use the results of the recursive calls to solve the original problem.

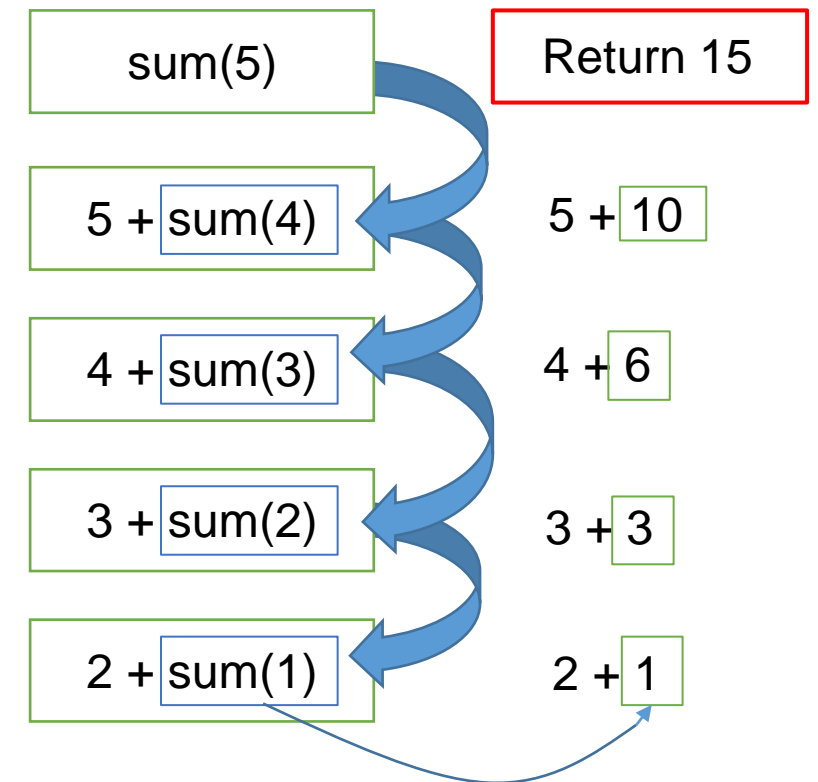
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# Algorithm for Recursion

**Return the solution:** Return the final solution to the original problem.

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int sum(int n){  
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}
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# Difference between recursion and iteration

- There are some major differences between recursion and iteration, those are:

| SR No | Recursion   | Iteration   |
|-------|---|---|
| 1     | It terminates when the base case becomes true                             | It particularly terminates when condition becomes false             |
| 2     | Recursion is always used with functions.                                  | Iteration is always used with loops                                 |
| 3     | Every recursion call need extra space in the stack memory of that program | Every Iteration does not any extra space of that particular program |
| 4     | In recursion the code size is smaller                                     | In iteration the code size is larger                                |

# Difference between recursion and iteration

- ***Direct recursion:***

```
public void derectRec() {  
    // some codes  
    derectRec();  
    // some codes  
}
```

*A function fun is called direct recursive if it calls the same function fun.*



# Difference between Recursion and Iteration

## ■ *Indirect recursion:*

```
public void directRec1() {  
    // some codes  
    directRec2(); // call method directRec2()  
    // some codes  
}  
public void directRec2() {  
    // some codes  
    directRec1(); // call method directRec1()  
    // some codes  
}
```

*A function fun is called indirect recursive if it calls another function say funNew and funNew calls fun directly or indirectly.*

# Tail Recursion

- ***Tail recursion*** is defined as a recursive function in which the recursive call is the last statement that is executed by the function. So basically nothing is left to execute after the recursion call.

```
public void print(int n) {  
    if(n < 0)  
        return ;  
    System.out.printf(" ",n);  
    print(n - 1);  
}
```

The ***tail recursive*** functions are considered better than non-tail recursive functions as tail-recursion can be optimized by the compiler.

**Time Complexity:**  $O(n)$

**Auxiliary Space:**  $O(n)$

# Time Complexity of Recursion

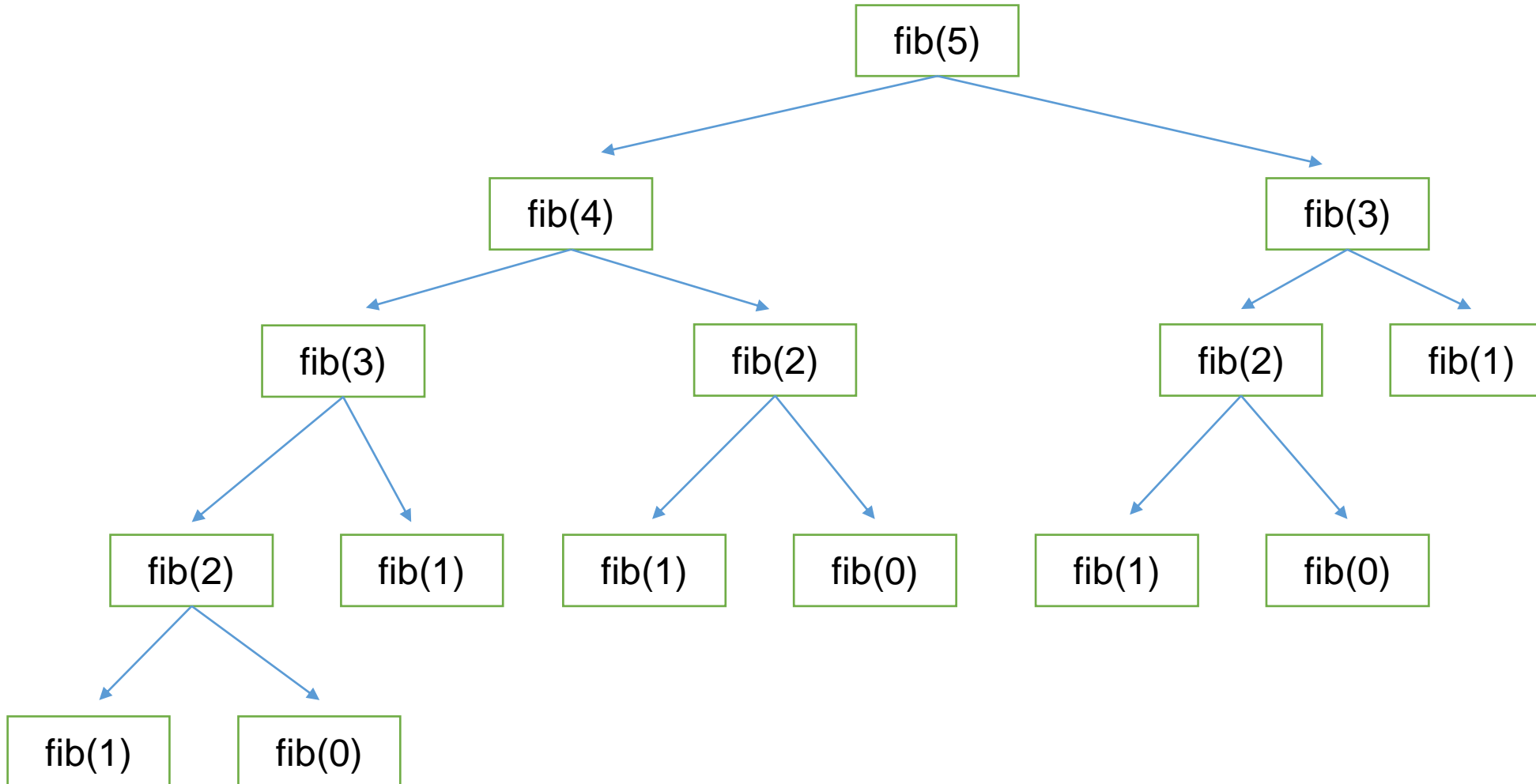
- **Recursive** algorithms in data structures and algorithms (DSA) have a time complexity that depends on the number of recursive function calls and the time complexity of each call.
- The time complexity of a recursive function can be computed by utilizing a recurrence equation, which characterizes the number of operations executed by the function as a function of the input size. This recursive equation can subsequently be solved through methods such as the **Master** theorem or the substitution method.

# Time Complexity of Recursion

- For example, consider the recursive function for computing the nth Fibonacci number:

```
public int fibonacci(int n) {  
    if (n <= 1)  
        return n;  
    return fibonacci(n - 1) + fibonacci(n - 2);  
}
```

# Simulation



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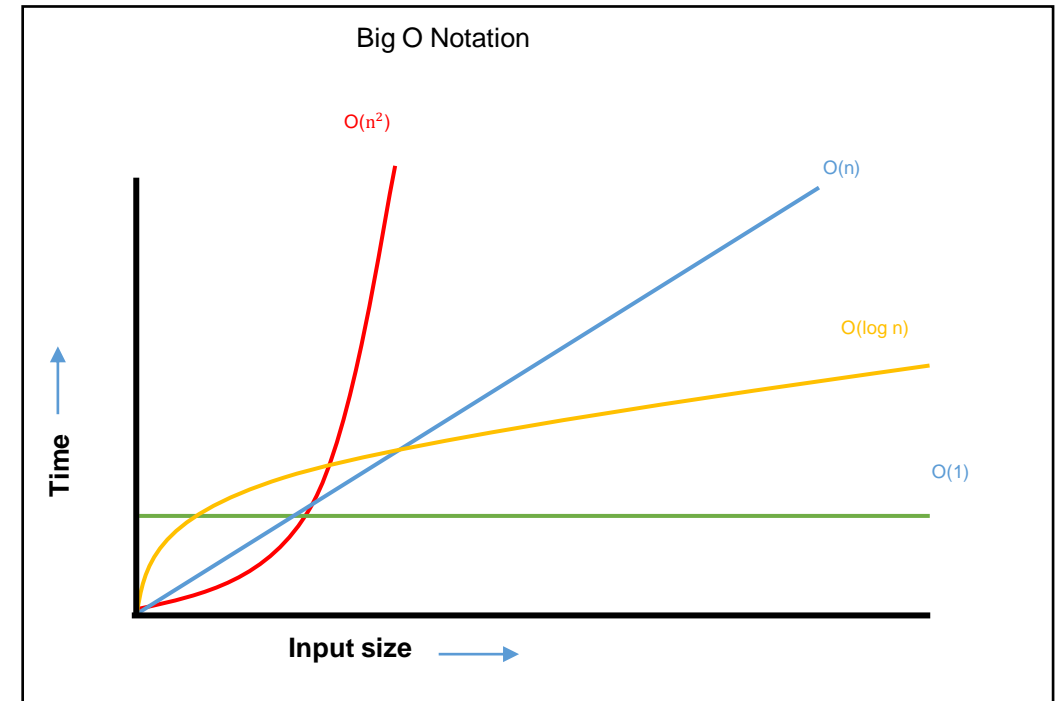
- fibonacci(5) calls fibonacci(4) and fibonacci(3)
- fibonacci(4) calls fibonacci(3) and fibonacci(2)
- fibonacci(3) calls fibonacci(2) and fibonacci(1)
- fibonacci(2) returns 1
- fibonacci(1) returns 1
- fibonacci(3) computes to 2 ( $1 + 1$ )
- fibonacci(2) returns 1
- fibonacci(4) computes to 3 ( $2 + 1$ )
- fibonacci(5) computes to 5 ( $3 + 2$ )



fib (5) = 5

# Space Complexity of Recursion function

- Recursion allocates memory for variables and frames. As **N** increases, more frames are created, possibly causing memory usage to exceed limits.
- The space complexity of the recursive Fibonacci function is  $O(n)$ , where **n** is the number of recursive function calls.



*The execution time and memory space typically vary directly with the size of the input.*

# Simple Recursion

A procedure or function which calls itself is a recursive routine. Consider the following function, which computes  $N! = 1 * 2 * \dots * N$

```
public static int factorial(int n) {  
    int factorial = 1;  
    for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {  
        factorial *= i;  
    }  
    return factorial;  
}
```

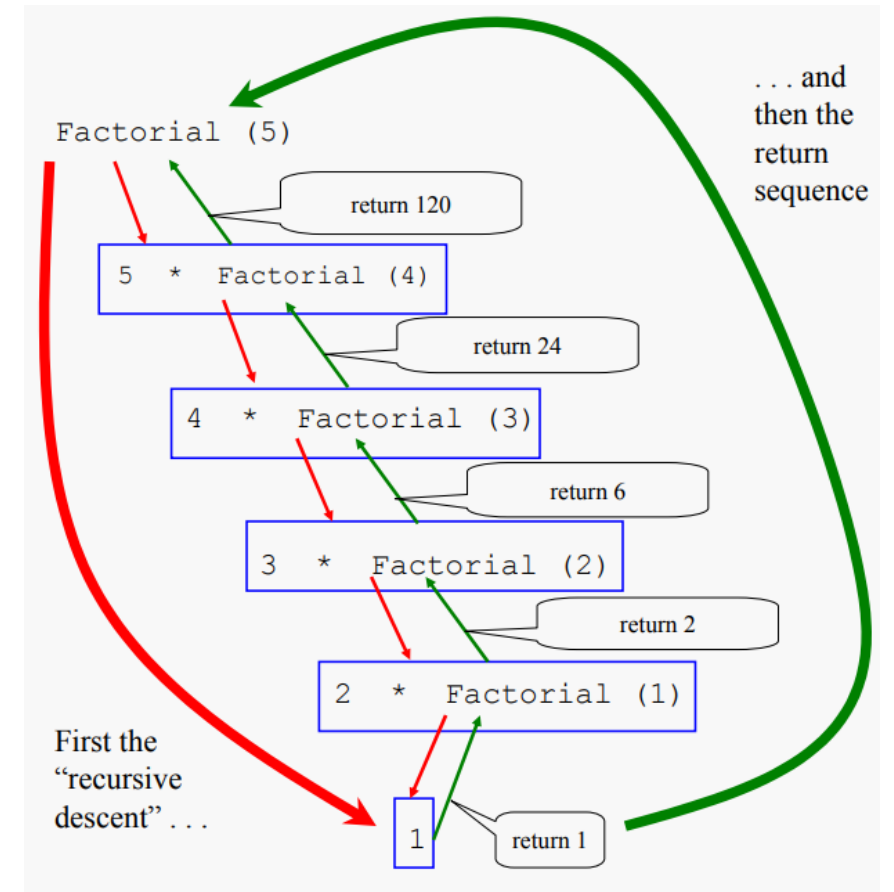
With this approach, code **management** becomes easier and more explicit. We can use recursion to make the code **appear more** concise and tidy.



# Simple Recursion

## Factorial using recursion

```
public static int factorial(int n) {  
    if (n>0)  
        return n * ( factorial (n-1) )  
    return 1;  
}  
  
// factorial (5) = 120
```



# Recursive Array Summation

Here is a recursive function that takes an array of integers and computes the sum of the elements:

```
public static int sumArray(int[] X, int Start, int Stop) {  
    // Error check  
    if (Start > Stop || Start < 0 || Stop < 0) {  
        return 0;  
    } else if (Start == Stop) {  
        // Base case  
        return X[Stop];  
    } else {  
        // Recursion  
        return (X[Start] + sumArray(X, Start + 1, Stop));  
    }  
}
```

```
SumArray(X, 0, 4) // return values:  
                  // == 134  
    return (X[0] + SumArray(X, 1, 4)) // == 37 + 97  
    return (X[1] + SumArray(X, 2, 4)) // == 14 + 83  
    return (X[2] + SumArray(X, 3, 4)) // == 22 + 61  
    return (X[3] + SumArray(X, 4, 4)) // == 42 + 19  
    return X[4] // == 19
```

*Method to traverse an array from the beginning to the end using recursion.*

# Summary

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