

i. Order the following list of functions by the big-Oh notation. Group together (for example, by underlining) those functions that are big-Theta of one another.

Answer

1. $1/n$
2. 2^{100}
3. $\log \log n$
4. $\sqrt{\log n}$
5. $\log^2 n$
6. $n^{0.01}$ (positive powers are always bigger than the logarithmic function)
7. \sqrt{n} , $3n^{0.5}$
8. $5n$, $2^{\log n}$ (let $\log n = x$ so by definition $n = 2^x$ so $5n = 5 * 2^x$ and $2^{\log n} = 2^x$ which is almost same)
9. $n \log_4 n$, $6n \log n$
10. $2n \log^2 n$
11. $4n^{3/2}$
12. $4^{\log n}$ (let $\log n = x$ so by definition $n = 2^x$ so $4^{\log n} = 4^x$ which can be simplified to 2^{2x} and $n^2 \log n = 2^{2x} * x$ so we can see that $4^{\log n}$ is smaller than $n^2 \log n$)
13. $n^2 \log n$
14. n^3
15. 2^n
16. 4^n
17. 2^{2n}

ii. Bill has an algorithm, find2D, to find an element x in an $n \times n$ array A . The algorithm find2D iterates over the rows of A and calls the algorithm arrayFind, of Algorithm 1.3.2, on each one, until x is found or it has searched all rows of A . What is the worst-case running time of find2D in terms of n ? Is this a linear-time algorithm? Why or why not?

Answer.

The worst-case running time of find2D in terms of n is $O(n^2)$. This is not a linear-time algorithm. Because for each no of rows you are running the arrayFind algorithm and the worst-case scenario will occur if the element is not present in the $n * n$ array.

Also, the definition of a linear time algorithms is that the algorithm is executed in $O(n)$ time but in our case it is getting executed in $O(n^2)$

iii. Show that n is $o(n \log n)$.

Answer.

In order to prove n is $o(n \log n)$ we will use L'Hospital's rule which is used to calculate the limits of the indeterminate forms.

According to the rule if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) / g(n) = 0 \text{ then we can say that } f(n) \text{ is little } o(g(n))$$

Let $f(n) = n$ & $g(n) = n \log n$

According to L'Hospital's rule

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) / g(n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f'(n) / g'(n)$$

So $f'(n) = 1$ & $g'(n) = 1 + \log n$

Substitute the value of $n \rightarrow \infty$ in $f'(n)$ & $g'(n)$ we get $f'(\infty) = 1$ & $g'(\infty) = \infty$

Therefore $f'(n) / g'(n) = 0$ hence $f(n)$ is little $o(g(n))$ i.e. n is $o(n \log n)$

iv. Show that n^2 is little $\omega(n)$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) / g(n) = \infty \text{ then we can say that } f(n) \text{ is little } \omega(g(n))$$

Let $f(n) = n^2$ & $g(n) = n$

According to L'Hospital's rule

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) / g(n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f'(n) / g'(n)$$

So $f'(n) = 2n$ & $g'(n) = 1$

Substitute the value of $n \rightarrow \infty$ in $f'(n)$ & $g'(n)$ we get $f'(\infty) = 2 * \infty = \infty$ & $g'(\infty) = 1$

Therefore $f'(n) / g'(n) = \infty$ hence $f(n)$ is little $\omega(g(n))$ i.e. n^2 is little $\omega(n)$

v. Show that $n^3 \log n$ is $\Omega(n^3)$

Answer:

We can use two methods to prove the above statement.

Method 1:

$n^3 \log n$ is $\Omega(n^3)$ if there exist for atleast one choice of constant $c > 0$ such that it satisfies this equation $f(n) \geq c * g(n)$ for all $n > n_0$.

Now $f(n) = n^3 \log n$ and $g(n) = n^3$

So, $n^3 \log n \geq cn^3$

So for $c = 1$ and $n_0 = 2$ this equation is satisfied.

So for all $n > 2$ & $c \geq 1$ this equation is satisfied.

Hence $n^3 \log n$ is $\Omega(n^3)$

Method 2:

In order to prove $n^3 \log n$ is big $\Omega(n^3)$ we will use L'Hospital's rule which is used to calculate the limits of the indeterminate forms.

According to the rule if

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) / g(n) = \infty$ then we can say that $f(n)$ is big $\Omega(g(n))$

Let $f(n) = n^3 \log n$ & $g(n) = n^3$

$$f'(n) = n^2 + 3 * n^2 \log n \quad f''(n) = 2n + 3(n + 2n \log n) \quad f'''(n) = 2 + 3(1 + 2(1 + \log(n)))$$

$$g'(n) = 3n^2, \quad g''(n) = 6n, \quad g'''(n) = 6$$

Substitute the value of $n \rightarrow \infty$ in $f'''(n)$ & $g'''(n)$ we get $f'''(\infty) = \infty = \infty$ & $g'''(\infty) = 6$

Therefore $f'''(n) / g'''(n) = \infty$ hence $f(n)$ is big $\Omega(g(n))$ i.e. $n^3 \log n$ is big $\Omega(n^3)$

vi.

Suppose we have a set of n balls and we choose each one independently with probability $1/n^{1/2}$ to go into a basket. Derive an upper bound on the probability that there are more than $3n^{1/2}$ balls in the basket.

Answer:

We are given the probability that a ball is selected to go into a basket is $1 / n^{1/2}$ which is nothing but $1 / \sqrt{n}$ i.e. p_i .

$$\text{Thus, } \mu = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i = n * 1 / \sqrt{n} = \sqrt{n}$$

Using Chernoff bound for $\delta = 2$ we have

$$\Pr(X > (1 + \delta) * \mu) < [e^\delta / (1 + \delta)^{(1 + \delta)}]^\mu$$

i.e.

$$\Pr(X > 3\sqrt{n}) < [e^2 / 3^3]^{\sqrt{n}}$$

Hence proved

vii.

What is the total running time of counting from 1 to n in binary if the time needed to add 1 to the current number i is proportional to the number of bits in the binary expansion of i that must change in going from i to i+1?

Answer:

Let us assume n where $n = 2^x$ where x is the power. It is a bit easier to understand

Let $x = 4$ so its binary representation from 1 to 16 is

0001
0010
0011
0100
0101
0110
0111
1000
1001
1010
1011
1100
1101
1110
1111
10000

So from the given representation of a binary numbers from 1 to 16 we can see that the 0th bit is changing n times, 1st bit is changing $n / 2$ times, 2nd bit is changing $n / 4$, 3rd bit is changing $n / 8$ times and 4th bit is changing $n / 16$ times

Therefore, in mathematical representation we can express it as

$$\sum_{i=0}^x n / 2^i = n * \sum_{i=0}^x 2^{-i} < 2n$$

So from the given expression we can see that the total running time of counting from 1 to n is $O(2n)$ which is nothing but $O(n)$.

viii.

Answer:

It is given that $T(n) = 1$ when $n = 1$ otherwise it is $2 * T(n - 1)$

Lets put $n = 2$

$$T(2) = 2 * T(1) = 2 * 1 = 2^1$$

$$T(3) = 2 * T(2) = 2 * 2 = 2^2$$

$$T(4) = 2 * T(3) = 2 * 2^2 = 2^3$$

So for $n = k$

$$T(k) = 2 * T(k - 1) = 2 * 2^{k-2} = 2^{k-1}$$

And for $n = k + 1$

$$T(k + 1) = 2 * T(k) = 2 * 2^{k-1} = 2^k$$

which came out to be true.

ix.

Show that the summation $\sum_{i=1}^n \log_2 i$ is $O(n \log n)$

Answer:

$f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ if $f(n) \leq c * g(n)$

Now $\sum_{i=1}^n \log_2 i$ can be expanded as $\log_2 1 + \log_2 2 + \log_2 3 + \dots + \log_2 (n-1) + \log_2 (n)$

Also $\sum_{i=1}^n \log_2 i$ is equivalent to $\log(n!)$

Now $n \log n = \log(n) + \log(n) + \dots + \log(n) = n \log(n)$

so

$$\log_2 1 + \log_2 2 + \log_2 3 + \dots + \log_2 (n-1) + \log_2 (n) \leq c(\log(n) + \log(n) + \dots + \log(n))$$

So for $c = 1$ & $n \geq 2$ the condition is satisfied.

Hence $\sum_{i=1}^n \log_2 i$ is $O(n \log n)$

x.

Consider an implementation of the extendable table, but instead of copying the elements of the table into an array of double the size (that is, from n to $2N$) when its capacity is reached, we copy the elements into an array with $\lceil \sqrt{N} \rceil$ additional cells, going from capacity n to $N + \lceil \sqrt{N} \rceil$. Show that performing a sequence of n add operations (that is, insertions at the end) runs in $\Theta(n^{3/2})$ time in this case.

Answer:

We will use cyber dollar method.

We will overcharge the cheapest operation(insert) and normal charge the costly operation(copy).

We know that insert operation takes $O(1)$ time for 1 item and the copy operation takes $O(n + \sqrt{n})$ for n items

Since we have mentioned the time to insert one element is $O(1)$. So the time to insert n elements is $O(N)$

For copy the run time is $O(N + \sqrt{N})$ for n items

So for each item insertion and copy the time would become $(N + \sqrt{N}) / \sqrt{N} = 1 + \sqrt{N}$

So for the total operation would become,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n 1 + \sqrt{N} + 1 = 2 + N * \sqrt{N} = 2N + N^{3/2}$$

This is the worst case

Hence the average case will be $\theta(N^{3/2})$.

xi.

Given an array, A, describe an efficient algorithm for reversing A. For example, if $A=[3,4,1,5]$, then its reversal is $A = [5,1,4,3]$. You can only use $O(1)$ memory in addition to that used by A itself. What is the running time of your algorithm?

Answer:

Algorithm reverseArray(A, n):

Input: An array A storing $n \geq 1$ integers

Output: The reverse of an array A

middlePoint $\leftarrow n / 2$

for $i \leftarrow 0$ to middlePoint - 1 do

 temp $\leftarrow A[i]$

$A[i] \leftarrow A[n - i - 1]$

$A[n - i - 1] \leftarrow temp$

return A

This is a linear time algorithm running in $O(n)$ time. No additional space is required.

Steps:

1. We will be using array data structure to store the n elements. Declare an array A and store the n elements.
2. Set the start variable as 0 and end variable as $n - 1$.
3. Run a while loop
4. Inside a while loop declare a temp variable and store the value of $A[start]$.
5. Copy the value of $A[end]$ into $A[start]$.

6. Copy the value of temp into A[end]
7. Repeat Step 4 - 6 until start is not equal to end.
8. Return or print the Array A.
9. Stop

xii.

Given an integer $k > 0$ and an array, A, of n bits, describe an efficient algorithm for finding the shortest subarray of A that contains k 1's. What is the running time of your method?

Answer:

1. We will be using array data structures to store the n elements. Declare an array A and store the n elements.
2. Declare a variable named i and store its value as 0.
3. Find the first occurrence of 1 in an array from i to n - 1 and store its index in i.
4. Declare a variable j and keep on scanning from i to n - 1 until you find k 1's.
5. Once you find k number of 1's, the length of the shortest subarray is calculated as $j - i + 1$.
6. Discard the left most one present at index i and keep on scanning until you find next 1.
7. Keep on scanning from j to n - 1 until you find k 1's.
8. If the new length of the subarray is lesser than update it i.e $\text{new_length} = j - i + 1$.

This is a linear time algorithm. We are exploring each element in an array twice so the complexity of an algorithm is $O(2n)$ which is nothing but $O(n)$.

We are not using any extra space, so the space complexity is $O(1)$