



Lecture 18: Algorithm Complexity and Matrix Operations



Announcements and reminders

- Homework 7 (Moodle) is posted and is due **Friday at 12 PM Noon**
- The CU [final exam schedule](#) is up. You must take your final exam during your scheduled final exam time.

Tony's section: 7:30 - 10 PM, Sunday 16 Dec

Rachel's section: 1:30 - 4 PM, Wednesday 19 Dec



What did we do last time?

- We learned about estimating the **complexity of algorithms**
- We learned about estimating the **growth rates of functions**
 - ... because that's useful to see **how (in)efficient an algorithm is**, depending on the size of the input

Today:

- A bit more about ***algorithm complexity***, particularly in the context of ***matrix operations***

Quick recap

Growth of functions:

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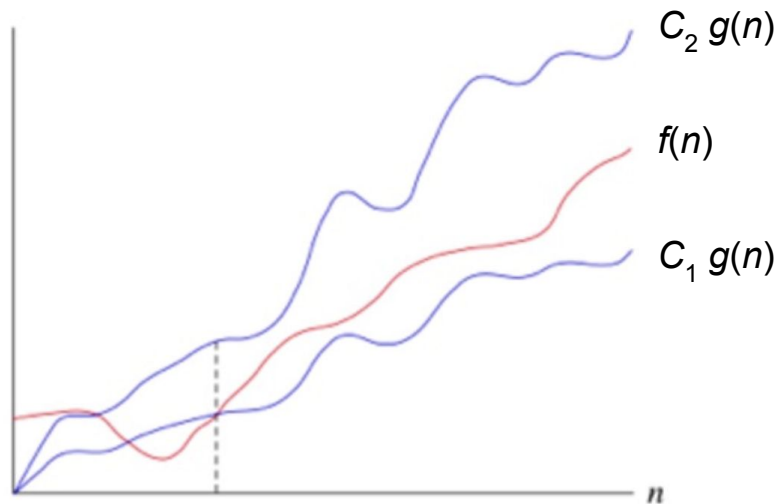
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Quick recap

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Definition: If $f(n)$ is both $\mathcal{O}(g(n))$ and $\Omega(g(n))$ then we say $f(n)$ is $\Theta(g(n))$, and also say that $f(n)$ is of order $g(n)$.
[[“ $f(n)$ is big-Theta of $g(n)$ ”]]



Algorithm complexity

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\Rightarrow So we have $h(n)$ is $\Omega(n^2)$ (with $C = 2$ and $k = 1$) ✓

Since $h(n)$ is both $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ and $\Omega(n^2)$, it is $\Theta(n^2)$ \square

Matrices and matrix operations

- **Linear algebra** is the workhorse of computational science.
- In scientific/engineering computing, a huge amount of computing time is spent on matrix operations.
- Applications of matrices are broad, but they were invented for **a simple purpose**: *to make solving systems of equations cleaner.*

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- Rectangular thing is a **matrix**, tall skinny things are **vectors**
- **Definition:** A matrix with m rows and n columns has **dimensions** $m \times n$
- **Definition:** A vector with n entries has **length** n
- **Notation:** Matrices are represented by capital letters, like A and M .
Vectors are represented by lowercase letters like \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{b}
(often bold-faced)
- **Example:** The above **matrix equation** could be written as $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

Matrices and matrix operations

- Matrices and vectors can be **added** and **multiplied** (but not divided)
- **Definition:** The sum of matrices A and B is the matrix obtained by adding the corresponding entries of each matrix together

- **Example:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 8 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 6 & 13 & 9 \\ 11 & 10 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Note:** Only makes sense if A and B have the same dimensions!
- **Notation:** We refer to the entry in the i^{th} row and j^{th} column of the matrix A as a_{ij} , or $A[i, j]$.

Matrices and matrix operations

Complexity of matrix addition:

- Straightforward: We add each pair of entries.
 - \Rightarrow for two $m \times n$ matrices, there are mn entries, so mn additions
 - \Rightarrow for square matrices of size $n \times n$, that's n^2 additions, so this is $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$

Matrices and matrix operations

Complexity of matrix addition:

- Using the slick psuedocode method (for adding two square matrices):

```
def matrixAdd (A, B):  
    S = "" # initialize as n x n zero matrix  
    for i in 1,num_rows:  
        for j in 1,num_cols:  
            S[i,j] = A[i,j] + B[i,j]  
    return (S)
```

Turn loops into sums and count up the basic operations:

Complexity:
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n 1 = \sum_{i=1}^n n = n^2$$

Matrices and matrix operations

- Matrices can also **multiply** vectors, resulting in a new vector.

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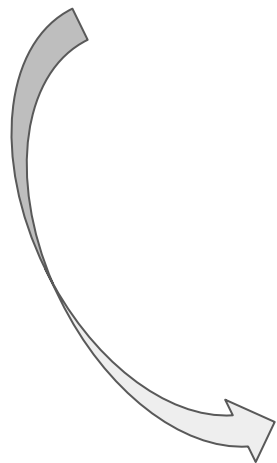
- This operation is defined directly out of the analogy between matrix equations and linear systems of equations.

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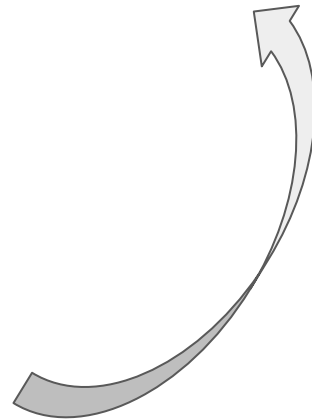
Matrices and matrix operations

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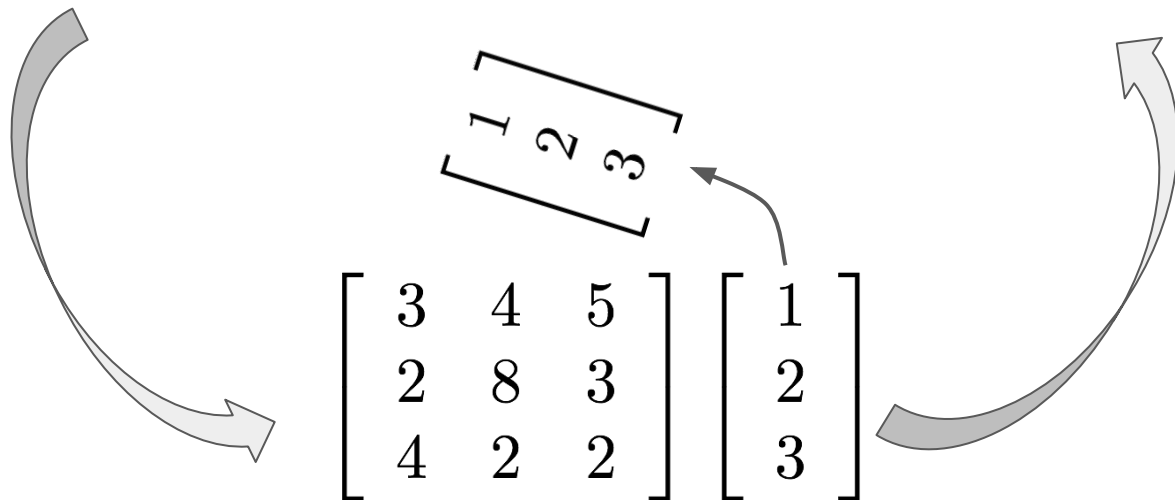


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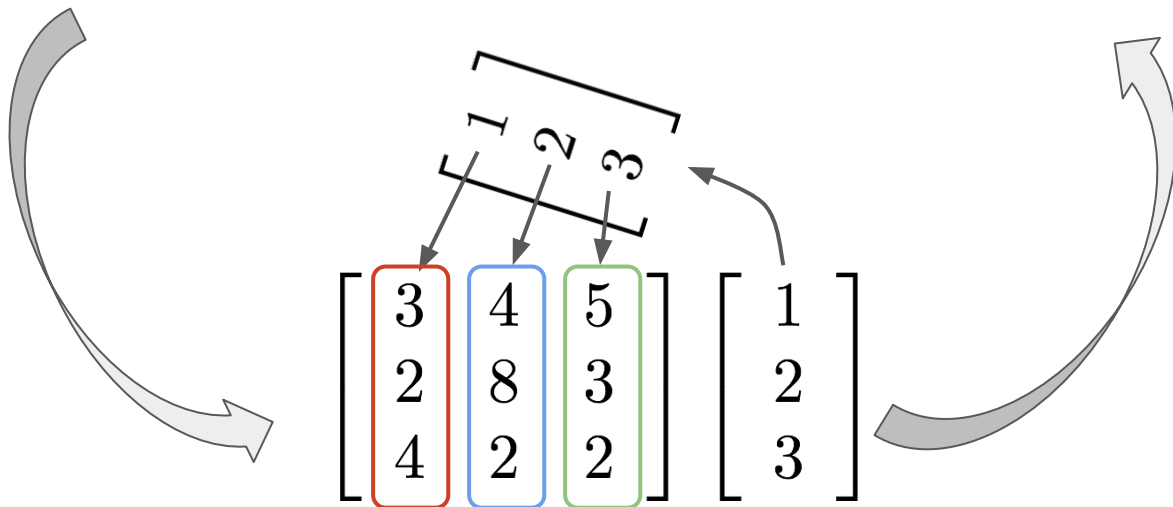


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Matrices and matrix operations

Pseudocode and complexity: intuition and estimation - counting multiplications/additions, what is a rough estimate of the complexity?

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Matrices and matrix operations

Pseudocode and complexity: Let A be $n \times n$ and let x be length n

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- Count additions and multiplications. (Usually, we count FLOPs (floating point operations) instead.)

- **Complexity:**
$$= \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \sum_{j=1}^n 2 = \sum_{i=1}^n 2n = 2n^2$$

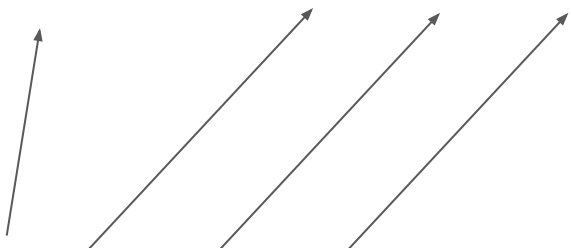
Matrices and matrix operations

FYOG: Modify the psuedocode to multiply a generic $m \times n$ rectangular matrix A by a length n vector \mathbf{x} .

FYOG: Compute the associated operation count/complexity.

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- **Answer:** $C = AB$ will have the same # rows as A and # columns as B .
- **Summary:** If A is $n \times k$ and B is $k \times m$ then $C = AB$ is $n \times m$.

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Summary:

- Matrix addition is $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$
- Matrix-vector multiplication (mat-vec) is $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$
- Matrix-matrix multiplication (mat-mat) is $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$

Algorithm complexity and matrix operations

FYOG: Determine the complexity of matrix-matrix multiplication for rectangular matrices A of size $m \times n$ and B of size $n \times k$.

FYOG: Write pseudocode (or better yet, actual Python code!) for multiplying two such matrices.

FYOG: Redo the operation count based on your (pseudo)code.

Algorithm complexity and matrix operations

Extra special FYOG: There is a special kind of a square matrix called lower-triangular, where all of the elements above the **main diagonal** are 0.

○ **Example:**
$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

S'pose we want to compute $L\mathbf{x}$, where \mathbf{x} is an appropriately-sized vector. Any time an entry of \mathbf{x} hits one of the upper 0s, we already know the result will be 0. So we don't want to waste time computing those multiplications.

- **TODO:** Modify your mat-vec code to skip the unnecessary multiplications, assuming a lower-triangular matrix is used.
- **TODO:** Determine the complexity of the new algorithm when L is $n \times n$.

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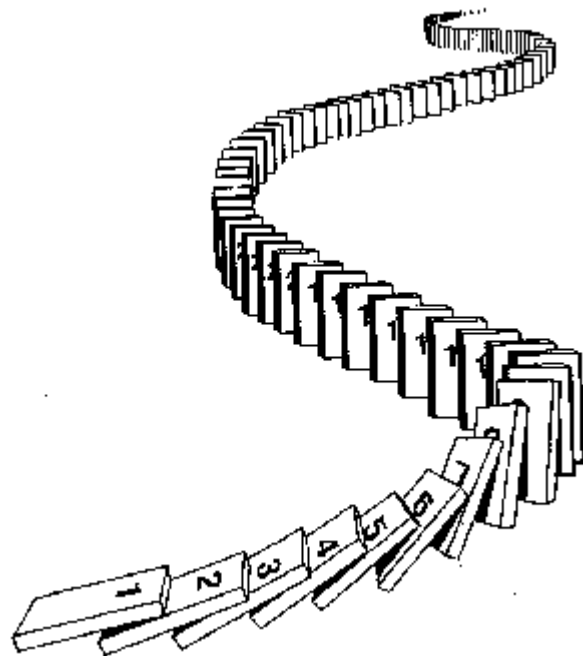
Recap:

- We can multiply/add matrices and matrices,
- and multiply matrices and vectors,
- and estimate the complexity of these operations.

Next time:

- Back to proofs, but with flavors of recursion and sequences:

A powerful and mystical
proof strategy: **by induction**



**Bonus
material!**



