

- PS2? Wrapping up — will be done by the weekend
 - TT2? Not sure... not close right now, but TAs are working hard — they know how important this is...
Updates will be posted on Piazza.
 - PS1, TT1 remarking? Working on it. Not sure yet what will be possible.
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Algorithm analysis — complexity / runtime analysis

Goal: Given algorithm, find
a simple function $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ such that
steps executed by the algorithm, as
a function of input size, is in $\Theta(f)$.

- Input size?

- "standard size" = total number of bits to represent entire input in memory
- in practice, we use following conventions
- individual integers take constant size (not always actually true!)

$x = \dots$

- size of string = # characters
 - size of list = sum of sizes of individual elements
- ↳ generally, \cong length of list

• # steps?

- 1 "step" = any block of code that executes together and whose runtime does not depend on input size
 - THERE IS NO ABSOLUTE MEASURE OF "1 STEP"
 - what's NOT constant?
 - loops
 - function calls
 - recursion
 - complex data structures
- CSC 165
- CSC 236
- CSC 263, a bit in CSC 148

Example:

0. `def f(n:int) → int`

Assume $n \geq 0$

1. `[r = 0`

2. `for i in range(10):` # Loop 1

3. `for j in range(n * n):` # Loop 2

4. `r = r + j`

5. `for i in range(n // 2):` # Loop 3

6. `for j in range(i * i):` # Loop 4

7. `r = r - j`

8. `[return r`

Runtime, as a function of n?

WAIT! Input size?

For the purpose of practicing analysis

treat algorithms with a single integer input differently — express runtime as a function of input VALUE (instead of its size).

- Lines 1 & 8: 1 step (always execute together)
- for loops, work inside-out
 - loop 2: - body takes 1 step
 - n^2 iterations
 - total time = $\underbrace{1 + 1 + \dots + 1}_{n^2} = n^2 \text{ steps}$
 - loop 1: - body takes n^2 steps
 - 10 iterations
 - total time = $\underbrace{n^2 + n^2 + \dots + n^2}_{10} = 10 n^2$

step =
time

- loop 4: $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{body} = 1 \text{ step} \\ \text{\# iterations} = i^2 \end{array} \right\} i^2 \text{ steps}$

- loop 3: $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{body} = i^2 \text{ steps} \\ \text{\# iterations} = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \end{array} \right\}$

steps changes from one iteration to the next.

$$\text{total} = \sum_{i=0}^{n/2-1} i^2 = \underbrace{0^2 + 1^2 + \dots + \left(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1\right)^2}_{\Theta(n^3)}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} i^2 = \frac{(m-1)m(2m-1)}{6}$$

- Overall: $10n^2 + \Theta(n^3) \in \boxed{\Theta(n^3)}$