

- ⇒ Find polynomials that are upper and lower bounds on your curve from #2 From this specify a big-O, a big-Omega, and what big-theta is.

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⇒ **Step 1: Understanding the Polynomial Curve Fit**

From the previous step, we fit a quadratic polynomial to the measured runtime data:

$$T(n) \approx an^2 + bn + c$$

where a,b,c are constants determined from the curve fitting.

⇒ **Step 2: Defining Upper and Lower Bounds**

To specify **Big-O (upper bound)** and **Big-Omega (lower bound)**, we need to find polynomials that bound our fitted quadratic function from above and below.

1. **Big-O (Upper Bound,  $O(g(n))$ )**

We need to find a function  $g(n)$  such that for some constant  $c$  and large enough  $n$ :

$$T(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$$

Since we observed a quadratic trend, an upper bound polynomial is:

$$O(n^2)$$

This means that the worst-case runtime does not grow faster than some multiple of  $n^2$  for sufficiently large  $n$

2. **Big-Omega (Lower Bound,  $\Omega(g(n))$ )**

We need to find a function  $g(n)$  such that for some constant  $c'$  and large enough  $n$ :

$$T(n) \geq c' \cdot g(n)$$

The observed runtime grows at least as fast as  $n^2$ , so a lower bound polynomial is:

$$\Omega(n^2)$$

This means that for large  $n$ , the function does not grow slower than some multiple of  $n^2$ .

### 3. **Big-Theta (Tight Bound, $\Theta(g(n))$ )**

Since both the upper and lower bounds are  $n^2$ , we conclude:

$$\Theta(n^2)$$

This means that the function  $T(n)$  is asymptotically bounded both above and below by  $n^2$ , confirming that the algorithm has quadratic complexity.

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## Final Answer

- **Big – O:**  $O(n^2)$  (Upper bound)
- **Big-Omega:**  $\Omega(n^2)$  (Lower bound)
- **Big-Theta:**  $\Theta(n^2)$  (Tight bound)

Since the function is both  $O(n^2)$  and  $\Omega(n^2)$ , the exact asymptotic complexity is:

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$

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