

In Asymptotic Analysis, we evaluate the performance of an algorithm in terms of input size

(we don't measure the actual running time). We calculate, order of growth of time taken

(or space) by an algorithm in terms of input size. For example linear search grows linearly

and Binary Search grows logarithmically in terms of input size. The main idea of

asymptotic analysis is to have a measure of the efficiency of



algorithms that don't depend on machine-specific constants and don't require algorithms

to be implemented and time taken by programs to be compared.

Asymptotic Analysis

Asymptotic Notations are mathematical tools used to analyze the performance of algorithms by understanding how their efficiency changes as the input size. These notations provide a concise way to express the behavior of an algorithm's time or space complexity as the input size approaches infinity.

on understanding the relative growth rates of algorithms' complexities.

Asymptotic analysis allows for the comparison of algorithms' space

time complexities by examining their performance characteristics as the input size



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Asymptotic Notations

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Types of Asymptotic Notations



1. Big-O Notation (O -notation)
2. Omega Notation (Ω -notation)
3. Theta Notation (Θ -notation)

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• Big-O notation represents the upper bound of the running time of
an algorithm. Therefore, it gives the worst-case complexity of an algorithm.

Types of Asymptotic Notations

1. Big-O Notation (O-notation)

- It is the most widely used notation for Asymptotic analysis.
- It specifies the upper bound of a function.
- The maximum time required by an algorithm or the worst-case time complexity.
- It returns the highest possible output value(big-O) for a given input.
- Big-O(Worst Case) It is defined as the condition that allows an algorithm to complete statement execution in the longest amount of time possible.

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The execution time serves as an upper bound on the algorithm's time

complexity.

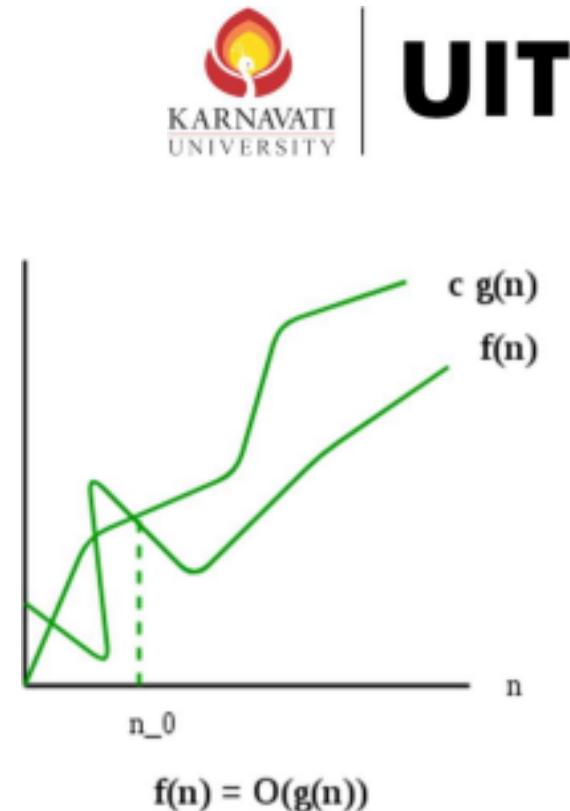
Mathematical Representation of Big-O Notation:

$O(g(n)) = \{ f(n) : \text{there exist positive constants } c \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that } 0 \leq$

Big-O Notation (O-notation)

$f(n) \leq cg(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0 \}$

- If $f(n)$ describes the running time of an algorithm, $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ if there exist a positive constant C and n_0 such that, $0 \leq f(n) \leq cg(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0$
- It returns the highest possible output value (big O) for a given input.



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Omega notation represents the lower bound of the running time of an algorithm. Thus, it provides the best case complexity of an algorithm. The execution time serves as a lower bound on the algorithm's time. It is defined as the condition that allows an algorithm to complete statement execution in the shortest amount of time.

Omega Notation (Ω -notation)

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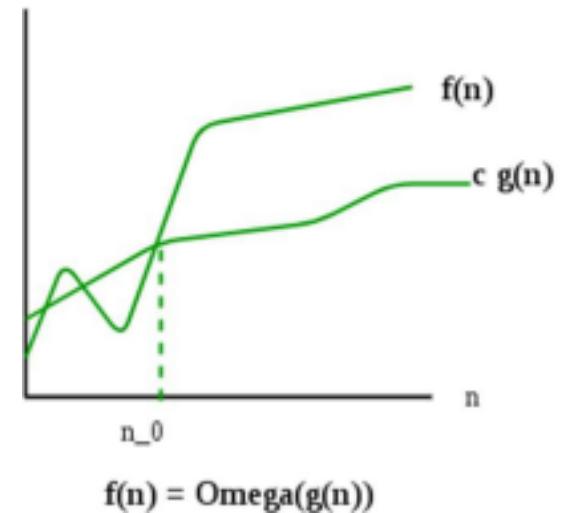
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- Let g and f be the function from the set of natural numbers to itself. The

function f is said to be $\Omega(g)$, if there is a constant $c > 0$ and a natural number n_0 such that $c^*g(n) \leq f(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0$

- Mathematical Representation of Omega notation : • $\Omega(g(n)) = \{ f(n) : \text{there exist positive constants } c \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that } 0 \leq cg(n) \leq f(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0 \}$

Omega Notation (Ω -notation)



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Theta notation encloses the function from above and below. Since it represents the upper and the lower bound of the running time of

an algorithm, it is used for analyzing the average-case complexity of an

Theta Notation (Θ -notation)



algorithm.

- Let g and f be the function from the set of natural numbers to itself. The function f is said to be $\Theta(g)$, if there are constants $c_1, c_2 > 0$ and a natural number n_0 such that $c_1 * g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 * g(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0$.

Mathematical Representation of Theta Notation : • $\Theta(g(n)) = \{f(n) : \text{there exist positive constants } c_1, c_2$

and n_0 such that $0 \leq c_1 * g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 * g(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0\}$

- Note: $\Theta(g)$ is a set

Theta Notation (Θ -notation)

