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Data Structures & Algorithms

Lecture 1 | Part 1

Welcome!

Advanced Data Structures and Algorithms

(for data science)

- Second time being taught.
- Modeled (partly) after CSE 100/101.
- But with more data science flavor.

Roadmap

- Advanced Data Structures
  - Dynamic Arrays
  - AVL Trees
  - Heaps
  - Disjoint Set Forests
- Nearest Neighbor Queries
  - KD-Trees
  - Locality Sensitive Hashing

Roadmap

- Strings
  - Tries and Suffix Trees
  - Knuth-Morris-Pratt and Rabin-Karp string search
- Algorithm Design
  - Divide and Conquer
  - Greedy Algorithms
  - Dynamic Programming (Viterbi Algorithm)
  - Backtracking, Branch and Bound
  - Linear Time Sorting; Sort with Noisy Comparator

Roadmap

- Sketching and Streaming
  - Count-min-sketch
  - Bloom filters
  - Reservoir Sampling?
- Theory of Computation
  - NP-Completeness and NP-Hardness
  - Computationally-hard problems in ML/DS

Roadmap?

- Other
  - Regular Expressions
  - Linear Programming
  - ?

Prerequisite Knowledge

- Python
- Basic Data Structures and Algorithms
  - DSC 30, DSC 40B

(syllabus)

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Lecture 1 | Part 2

Review of Time Complexity Analysis

Time Complexity Analysis

- Determine efficiency of code **without** running it.
- Idea: find a formula for time taken as a function of input size.

Advantages of Time Complexity

1. Doesn’t depend on the computer.
2. Reveals which inputs are slow, which are fast.
3. Tells us how algorithm scales.

Counting Operations

- Abstraction: certain basic operations take **constant time**, no matter how large the input data set is.
- Example: addition of two integers, assigning a variable, etc.
- Idea: count basic operations

Example

```python
def mean(numbers):
    total = 0
    n = len(numbers)
    for x in numbers:
        total += x
    return total / n
```

Theta Notation, Informally

- $\Theta(\cdot)$ forgets constant factors, lower-order terms.

$$5n^3 + 3n^2 + 42 = \Theta(n^3)$$

Theta Notation, Informally

- $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ if $f(n)$ "grows like" $g(n)$.

$$5n^3 + 3n^2 + 42 = \Theta(n^3)$$

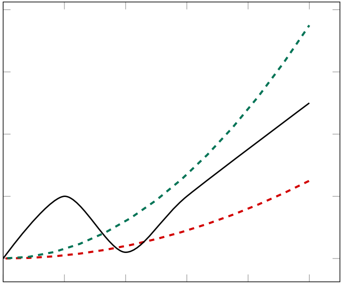
Theta Notation Examples

- $4n^2 + 3n - 20 = \Theta(n^2)$
- $3n + \sin(4\pi n) = \Theta(n)$
- $2^n + 100n = \Theta(2^n)$

Definition

We write $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ if there are positive constants N, c_1 and c_2 such that for all $n \geq N$:

$$c_1 \cdot g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 \cdot g(n)$$



Main Idea

If $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$, then f can be "sandwiched" between copies of g when n is large.

Other Bounds

- $f = \Theta(g)$ means that f is both **upper** and **lower** bounded by factors of g.
- Sometimes we only have (or care about) upper bound or lower bound.
- We have notation for that, too.

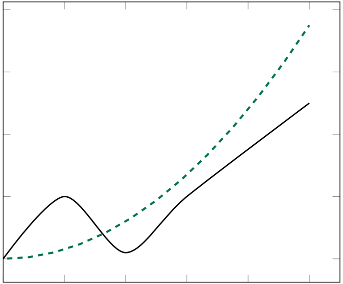
Big-O Notation, Informally

- Sometimes we only care about upper bound.
- $f(n) = O(g(n))$ if $f(n)$ “grows at most as fast” as $g(n)$.
- Examples:
  - $4n^2 = O(n^{100})$
  - $4n^2 = O(n^3)$
  - $4n^2 = O(n^2)$ and $4n^2 = \Theta(n^2)$

Definition

We write $f(n) = O(g(n))$ if there are positive constants N and c such that for all $n \geq N$:

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



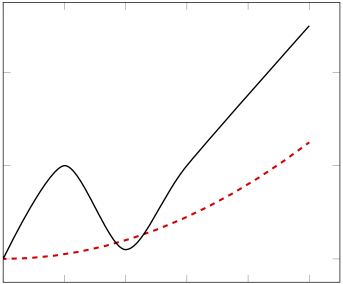
Big-Omega Notation

- Sometimes we only care about lower bound.
- Intuitively: $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ if $f(n)$ “grows at least as fast” as $g(n)$.
- Examples:
  - $4n^{100} = \Omega(n^5)$
  - $4n^2 = \Omega(n)$
  - $4n^2 = \Omega(n^2)$ and $4n^2 = \Theta(n^2)$

Definition

We write $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ if there are positive constants N and c such that for all $n \geq N$:

$$c_1 \cdot g(n) \leq f(n)$$



Sums of Theta

- If $f_1(n) = \Theta(g_1(n))$ and $f_2(n) = \Theta(g_2(n))$, then

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(n) + f_2(n) &= \Theta(g_1(n) + g_2(n)) \\ &= \Theta(\max(g_1(n), g_2(n))) \end{aligned}$$

- Useful for sequential code.

Products of Theta

- If $f_1(n) = \Theta(g_1(n))$ and $f_2(n) = \Theta(g_2(n))$, then

$$f_1(n) \cdot f_2(n) = \Theta(g_1(n) \cdot g_2(n))$$

Example

```
def foo(n):
    for i in range(3*n + 4, 5n**2 - 2*n + 5):
        for j in range(500*n, n**3):
            print(i, j)
```

Linear Search

- **Given**: an array `arr` of numbers and a target `t`.
- **Find**: the index of `t` in `arr`, or `None` if it is missing.

```python
def linear_search(arr, t):
    for i, x in enumerate(arr):
        if x == t:
            return i
    return None
```

Exercise

What is the time complexity of `linear_search`?

The Best Case

- When `t` is the very first element.
- The loop exits after one iteration.
- $\Theta(1)$ time?

The Worst Case

- When `t` is not in the array at all.
- The loop exits after n iterations.
- $\Theta(n)$ time?

Time Complexity

- `linear_search` can take vastly different amounts of time on two inputs of the **same size**.
    - Depends on **actual elements** as well as size.
- There is no single, overall time complexity here.
- Instead we'll report **best** and **worst** case time complexities.

Best Case Time Complexity

- How does the time taken in the **best case** grow as the input gets larger?

Definition

Define $T_{\text{best}}(n)$ to be the **least** time taken by the algorithm on any input of size n.

The asymptotic growth of $T_{\text{best}}(n)$ is the algorithm's **best case time complexity**.

Best Case

- In `linear_search`'s **best case**, $T_{\text{best}}(n) = c$, no matter how large the array is.
- The **best case time complexity** is $\Theta(1)$.

Worst Case Time Complexity

- How does the time taken in the **worst case** grow as the input gets larger?

Definition

Define $T_{\text{worst}}(n)$ to be the **most** time taken by the algorithm on any input of size n.

The asymptotic growth of $T_{\text{worst}}(n)$ is the algorithm's **worst case time complexity**.

Worst Case

- In the worst case, `linear_search` iterates through the entire array.
- The **worst case time complexity** is $\Theta(n)$.

Faux Pas

- Asymptotic time complexity is not a **complete** measure of efficiency.
- $\Theta(n)$ is not always better than $\Theta(n^2)$.
- Why?

Faux Pas

- **Why?** Asymptotic notation "hides the constants".
- $T_1(n) = 1{,}000{,}000n = \Theta(n)$
- $T_2(n) = 0.00001n^2 = \Theta(n^2)$
- But $T_1(n)$ is **worse** for all but really large n.

Main Idea

Asymptotic time complexity is not the **only** way to measure efficiency, and it can be misleading.

Sometimes even a $\Theta(2^n)$ algorithm is better than a $\Theta(n)$ algorithm, if the data size is small.

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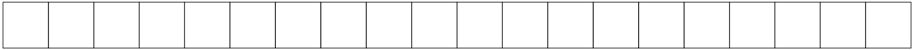
Lecture 1 | Part 3

Arrays and Linked Lists

Memory

- To access a value, we must know its **address**.



Sequences

- How do we store an **ordered sequence**?
  - e.g.: 55, 22, 12, 66, 60
- Array? Linked list?

Arrays

- Store elements **contiguously**.
  - e.g.: 55, 22, 12, 66, 60

- NumPy arrays are… arrays.

Allocation

- Memory is shared resource.
- A chunk of memory of fixed size has to be reserved (**allocated**) for the array.
- The size has to be known beforehand.

Arrays

- To access an element, we need its address.
- **Key:** Addresses are easily calculated.
  - For kth element: address of first + ($k \times 64$ bits)
- Therefore, arrays support $\Theta(1)$-time access.

Downsides of Arrays

- Homogeneous; every element must be same size.
- To **resize** the array, a totally new chunk of memory has to be found; old values copied over[1].

[1]In worst case: see `realloc`

Array Time Complexities

- Retrieve kth element: $\Theta(1)$ (**good**).
- Append element at end: $\Theta(n)$ (**bad**)[2].
- Insert/remove in middle: $\Theta(n)$ (**bad**).
- Allocation: $\Theta(n)$ if initialized,[3] else $\Theta(1)$

[2] At least on average. See: `realloc`

[3] On Linux this is done lazily, as can be seen by timing `np.zeros`

Aside: np.append

```
>>> arr = np.array([1, 2, 3])
>>> np.append(arr, 4) # takes Theta(n) time!
array([1, 2, 3, 4])
```

Aside: `np.append`

```
results = np.array([])
for i in np.arange(100):
    result = run_simulation()
    results = np.append(results, result)
```

Aside: np.append

- This was **bad** code!
- We allocate/copy a **quadratic** number of elements:

$$\underbrace{1}_{\text{1st iter}} + \underbrace{2}_{\text{2nd iter}} + \underbrace{3}_{\text{3rd iter}} + \ldots + \underbrace{100}_{\text{last iter}} = \frac{100 \times 101}{2} = 5050$$

Aside: `np.append`

- Better: pre-allocate.

```
results = np.empty(100)
for i in np.arange(100):
    results[i] = run_simulation()
```

(Doubly) Linked Lists

- Scatter elements throughout memory.
- For each, store address of next/previous.

Linked Lists

- Each element has an **address**.
- Keep track of the address of first/last elements.
- Have to **find** address of middle elements by looping.

Linked List Time Complexities

- Retrieve kth element:
  - $\Theta(k)$ if you don't know address (**bad**)[4]
  - $\Theta(1)$ if you do
- Append/pop element at start/end: $\Theta(1)$ (**good**).
- Insert/remove kth element:
  - $\Theta(k)$ if you don't know address (**bad**)
  - $\Theta(1)$ if you do
- Allocation not needed! (**good**)

[4] assumes search starts from beginning

Tradeoffs

- Arrays are better for numerical algorithms.
  - Arrays have good cache performance.
- Linked lists are better for stacks and queues.

Main Idea

Different data structures optimize for different operations.