# Analysis of Algorithms

Chapter 3

**CPTR 318** 

#### Algorithm

- An algorithm is a clearly specified set of instructions a computer follows to solve a problem
  - □ The number of instructions is finite
  - Each instruction must be executable in a finite amount of time
  - Each instruction must be unambigous

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#### Algorithm Analysis: Technique #1

- Performance could be analyzed by using:
  - Actual Space requirements
    - Instruction and Data space

#### Algorithm Analysis: Technique #2

- Actual Time requirements
  - The above method depends on the particular compiler as well as the specific computer on which the program is run

# Algorithm Analysis: Technique #3

- One way to analyze algorithms is to count all the instructions or steps in the algorithm
- Generally we discuss the algorithm's efficiency as a function of the number of elements to be processed. The general format that we will use is

f(n) = efficiency

#### **Counting Steps**

- If the algorithm does not have loops that depend on the number of elements to be processed then the number of steps is a constant.
  - ${\color{red}\textbf{\_}} \ f(n) = c$
  - c is a constant

#### **Counting Steps**

- A primitive execution consists of assignment, arithmetic, comparison, array access, function call, function return, etc.
- One C++ statement may contain several primitive executable steps

```
x = a + 3;  // Two steps
x = a[i] + 3;  // Three steps
return x > 3;  // Two steps
```

- ++, --, +=, etc. count as two (arithmetic and assignment)
- We will not count non-executable statements, such as declarations

```
counting Steps: Example #1

int f(int x) {
   int c, result;
   c = x + 5;
   if (c > 10)
       result = c;
   or 1

else
   result = x;
   return result;
}
```

#### Counting Steps

- If the algorithm has only sequential instructions and simple counting loops and at least one loop depends on the number of elements to be processed then
  - f(n) = an + b, where a and b are constants
  - Example: Sequential search

```
Counting Steps: Example #2

int f(int n) {
  int i = 1,
    s = 0;
  while (i <= n) {
    n+1
    n+1
```

# **Counting Steps**

- If the algorithm contains in addition to the previous slide a nested counting loop where both loops depend on the number of elements to be processed then
  - $f(n) = an^2 + bn + c$
  - □ Example: Selection Sort
- In general a polynomial efficiency depends on the number of nested loops present:

```
 f(n) = a_m n^m + a_{m-1} n^{m-1} + a_{m-2} n^{m-2} + \dots + a_1 n + a_0
```

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# **Counting Steps**

- Logarithmic loops.
  - These are algorithms whose efficiency contain the log function

```
Example: Binary Search
while ( n > 0 ) {
   Application code ...
   n = n / 2
}
- f(n) = a log<sub>2</sub> n + c
```

#### Best, Worst, Average

- When counting the steps for the efficiency function we have sometimes to consider the best, worst and average cases
  - Example: Sequential search

```
// Returns the index of seek within vec
// Returns -1 if seek is not an element of vec
int find(const vector<int>6 vec, int seek) {
  int n = vec.size();
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    if (vec[i] == seek)
      return i;
  return -1; // Not found
}</pre>
```

#### Algorithm Analysis: Technique #4

- Big-O notation gives a general order of magnitude to compare algorithms.
  - It capture the most dominant term in a function
- It gives us an upper limit to compare the algorithms
- Classify algorithms as belonging to a family of algorithms

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#### **Growth Rates**

n	$f(n) = n^2$	$f(n) = n^2 + 4n + 20$		
10	100	160		
100	10,000	10,420		
10,000	100,000,000	100,040,020		

#### **Big-O Definition**

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O bounds from above

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Therefore  $f(n) = O(n)$ 

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3(n+1) + 2

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3(n+1)+2=(3n+3)+2 (distributive property)

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Induction: Show P(k) \to P(k+1)
3(n+1) + 2 = (3n+3) + 2
= 3n + 2 + 3
\le 5n + 3
\le 5n + 5 (3 \le 5)
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3(n+1) + 2 = (3n+3) + 2
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\le 5n+3
\le 5n+5
= 5(n+1) (distributive property)
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$$=3n+2+3$$

 $\leq 5n + 3$ 

 $\leq 5n + 5$ 

=5(n+1)

#### Examples

• Example 2: Is  $2^{n+2} = O(2^n)$  ?

• Example 3: Is  $3n + 2 = O(n^2)$ ?

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Prove that  $10n^2 + 4n + 2 \neq O(n)$ .

Suppose  $10n^2+4n+2=\mathrm{O}(n)$  then there exists a positive c and a  $n_0$  such that  $10n^2+4n+2\leq cn$ , for all  $n\geq n_0$ . Dividing both sides by n we get  $10n+4+2/n\leq c$  for all  $n\geq n_0$  This is a false statement because as  $n\to\infty$ ,  $10n+4+2/n\to\infty$  which cannot be less than c. Therefore  $10n^2+4n+2\neq \mathrm{O}(n)$ .

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# Helpful Theorems

**Theorem1**: if  $f(n) = a_m n^m + ... a_1 n + a_0$  and  $a_m > 0$  then  $f(n) = O(n^m)$ 

**Theorem2 (Big O ratio theorem):** Let f(n) and g(n) be such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} f(n)/g(n)$  exists. f(n) = O(g(n)) iff  $\lim_{n\to\infty} f(n)/g(n) \le c$  for some finite positive constant c.

#### Example

- Example 1: 3n + 2 = O(n) because as  $n \to \infty$   $(3n + 2)/n \to 3$ .
- Example 2:  $3n^2 + 5 \neq O(n)$  because as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   $(3n^2 + 5)/n \rightarrow \infty$ .

#### **Big-Omega Definition**

 $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$  iff positive constants c and  $n_0$  exist such that:

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 $c_1 = 1$ 
 $c_2 = 25$ 

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$$C_{1} \qquad C_{2} \qquad n_{0}$$

$$1n^{2} \leq n^{2} + 4n + 20 \leq 25n^{2} \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1$$

$$c_{1} = 1$$

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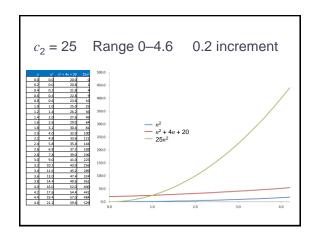
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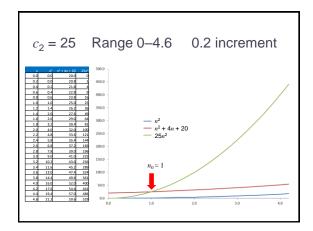
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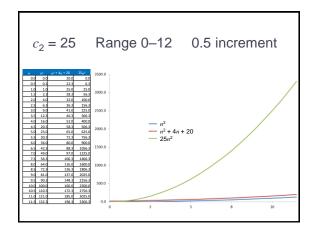
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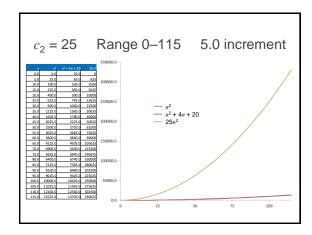
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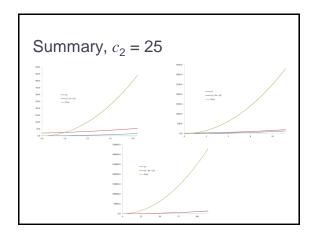
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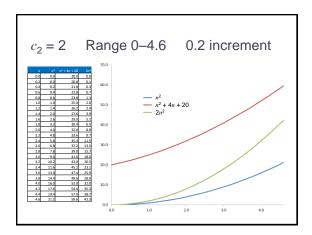


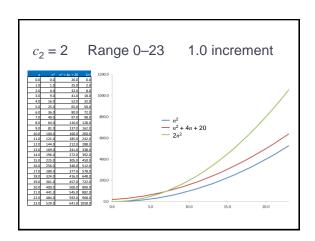


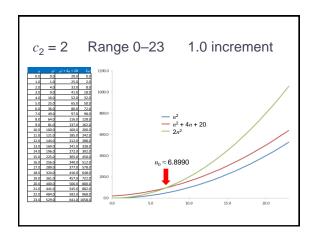


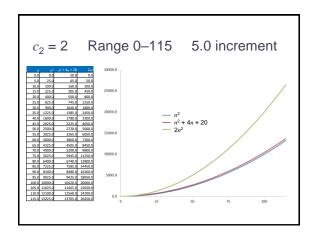


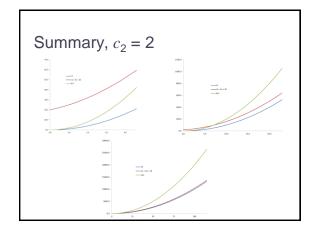


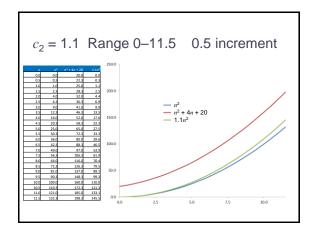


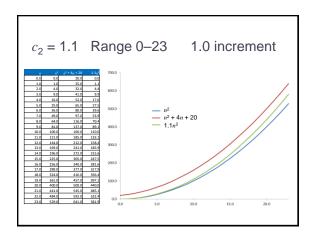


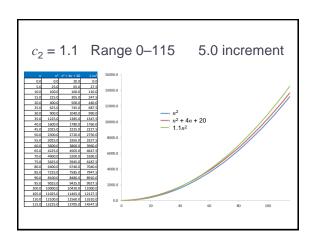


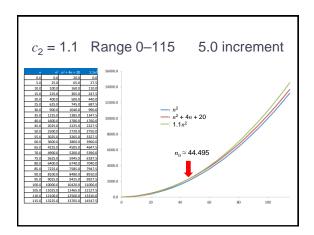


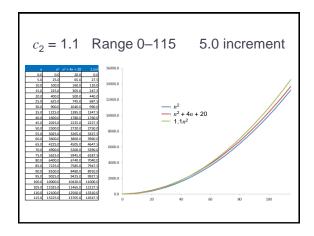


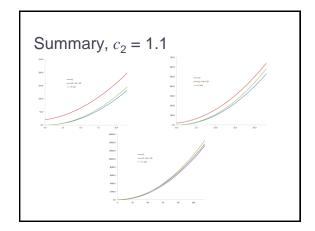


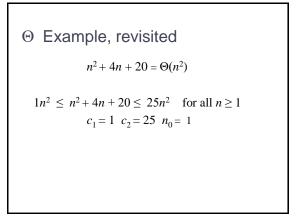












#### Θ Example, revisited

$$n^2 + 4n + 20 = \Theta(n^2)$$

$$1n^2 \le n^2 + 4n + 20 \le 25n^2$$
 for all  $n \ge 1$   
 $c_1 = 1$   $c_2 = 25$   $n_0 = 1$ 

$$1n^2 \le n^2 + 4n + 20 \le 1.1n^2$$
 for all  $n \ge 44.5$   
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  $c_2 = 1.1$   $n_0 = 44.5$ 

$$c_1 = 1$$
  $c_2 = 1.0001$   $n_0 = 40,005$ 

#### Example

- Example 1: Prove that  $f(n) = 3n + 2 = \Theta(n)$  We have already shown that f(n) = O(n).
- We just need to prove that f(n) is  $\Omega(n)$ . That is to show that  $cg(n) \le f(n)$   $n \ge n_0$ .
- This is easy because  $n \le 3n + 2$  for all  $n \ge 0$
- Example 2: Prove that  $3n + 3 \neq \Theta(n^2)$

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#### More Helpful Theorems

**Theorem**: if  $f(n) = a_m n^m + ... a_1 n + a_0$ and  $a_m > 0$ then  $f(n) = \Theta(n^m)$ 

**Theorem (Ratio for**  $\Theta$ ): Let f(n) and g(n) be such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} f(n)/g(n)$  and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} g(n)/f(n)$  exist then  $f(n)=\Theta\left(g(n)\right)$  iff  $\lim_{n\to\infty} f(n)/g(n) \le c$  and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} g(n)/f(n) \le c$  for some finite positive constant c.

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# Polynomial Functions and $\Theta$

#### Theorem:

If 
$$f(n) = a_m n^m + ... a_1 n + a_0$$
 and  $a_m > 0$ ,  
then  $f(n) = \Theta(n^m)$ .

#### Ratio Theorem for O

Let

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = c$$

where c is a constant or  $\infty$ .

- If  $0 \le c < \infty$ , then f(n) = O(g(n))
- If  $0 < c \le \infty$ , then  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$
- If  $0 < c < \infty$ , then  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$

# Example

■  $3n + 2 = \Theta(n)$ because as  $n \to \infty$  (3n + 2)/n = 3and as  $n \to \infty$   $n/(3n + 2) = 1/3 \le 3$ .

# Little o Definition

$$f(n) = o(g(n))$$
 iff  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  and 
$$f(n) \neq \Theta(g(n))$$

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$$n^2 + 4n + 20 = O(n^2)$$
 and  $n^2 + 4n + 20 = \Theta(n^2)$ , so  $n^2 + 4n + 20 \neq o(n^2)$ 

#### Little o Definition

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 iff  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  and  $f(n) \neq \Theta(g(n))$ 

$$5n + 3 = O(n^2)$$
 but  $5n + 3 \neq O(n^2)$ , so  $5n + 3 = o(n^2)$ 

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# Meaning of the various growth functions

Mathematical Expression	Relative Rates of Growth		
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$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$	f(n) = g(n)		
f(n) = o(g(n))	f(n) < g(n)		

# Common asymptotic functions

- In order of magnitude
  - 1.
  - log n
  - 3. **I**
  - 4.  $n \log n$
  - 5. n<sup>2</sup>
  - 7.  $2^n$
  - 8. n!

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- 1. Array or vector access
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# Common asymptotic functions

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- Array or vector access
- 2.  $\log n$  Binary search
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#### Common asymptotic functions

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- 2.  $\log n$  Binary search
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#### Common asymptotic functions

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Tractable

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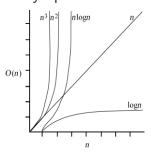
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# Graph of Asymptotic functions



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# Example

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Suppose  $f(n) = \Theta(2^n)$ . Then there exists positive constant c such that

$$c \cdot 2^n \le 3n^2 + 5n + 10$$
, for all  $n \ge n_0$ 

So  $c \cdot 2^n - 3n^2 - 5n \le 10$ 

**Execution Time Comparison** 

 A particular algorithm can solve a problem of input size 1,000 in 20 milliseconds. Estimate the size of the problem the algorithm can solve in 1 minute if the algorithm's asymptotic complexity is

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$$\rightarrow n \approx 54,772$$

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$$\frac{\log_2^2 1,000}{20} = \frac{\log_2 n}{60,000} \to 20 \log_2 n \approx 597,947$$

$$\to \log_2 n \approx 29,897$$

$$\to n \approx 2^{29,897} \approx 7.8 \times 10^{8,999}$$

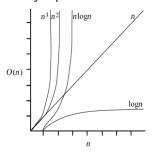
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# Graph of Asymptotic functions



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$$\approx 0.301$$

Execution on a computer that executes 1 billion instructions per second

n	f(n) = n	$f(n) = \log_2 n$	$f(n) = n \log_2 n$	$f(n)=n^2$	$f(n)=2^n$
10	0.01 µs	0.003 µs	0.033 µs	0.1 µs	1 µs
50	0.05 µs	0.006 µs	0.282 µs	2.5 µs	13 days
100	0.10 µs	0.007 µs	0.664 µs	10 µs	4 ×10 <sup>13</sup> years

#### Binary Search

#### Example from book

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Sec. 3.5 Calculating the Running Time for a Program

// Return the position of an element in sorted array "A" of

// size "n" with value "K". If "K" is not in "A", return

// the value "n".

int binary(int A[], int n, int K) {

int l = -1;

int r = n;  // 1 and r are beyond array bounds

while (l+1 != x) { // Stop when 1 and r meet

int i = (l+r)/2; // Check middle of remaining subarray

if (K = A[i]) r = 1;  // In left half

if (K = A[i]) return i; // Found it

if (K > A[i]) l = 1;  // In right half

}

return n; // Search value not in A
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Figure 3.5 Implementation for binary search.

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   int lf = -1:
    int rt = n:
                        // 1f and rt are beyond array bounds
    while (lf + 1 != rt) { // Stop when lf and rt meet
       int mid = 1f + (rt - 1f)/2; // Compute middle index
       if (K < A[mid])</pre>
           rt = mid;
                              // In left half
       if (K == A[mid])
                              // Found it
           return mid;
        if (K > A[mid])
           lf = mid;
                               // In right half
                               // Search value not in A
    return n;
```

#### Limitations of Asymptotic Analysis

- Its use is not appropriate for small amounts of input
  - For small amounts of input, use the simplest algorithm
- The constants involved with asymptotic analysis may be too large to be practical
- Average-case analysis is almost always much more difficult than worst-case or best analysis to compute

