

# Design and Analysis of Algorithms

## Lecture 1

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# What will you learn from this course?

The objective of the course is to learn practices for efficient problem solving in computing.

## ❖ Problem Solving

- How to write a step by step procedure (an algorithm) to solve a given problem
- What are the various paradigms of problem solving in computing
- When to choose which alternate strategy of problem solving

## ❖ Efficiency

- How to evaluate the worst case behavior of an algorithm
- What are the various mathematical tools of algorithm analysis
- How to decide which algorithm is better

## ❖ Dealing with hard problems

- How to figure out if a given problem is easy or hard
- What to do if we are given a hard problem

# Course Overview

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## Asymptotic Notations

- Big O, Big Omega and Big Theta
- Problems on Big O
- Algorithmic Complexity with Asymptotic Notations



# Course Overview

## Recursion

- Linear Search, Greatest Common Divisor
- Factorial, Tail Recursion
- Recurrence Relations, Substitution Method
- Towers of Hanoi





# Course Overview

## Divide and Conquer

- Binary Search
- Master Method
- Tiling a Defective Chessboard
- Merge Sort
- Quick Sort



# Course Overview

## Dynamic Programing

- Fibonacci Numbers
- Rod Cutting
- Matrix Chain Multiplication
- Longest Common Subsequence



# Course Overview

## Greedy Algorithms

- Knapsack Problem
- Minimum Spanning Tree: Kruskal's Algorithm
- Disjoint Sets
- Job Sequencing with Deadlines
- Heap
- Heap Sort
- Priority Queue
- Minimum Spanning Tree: Prim's Algorithm
- Huffman's Codes

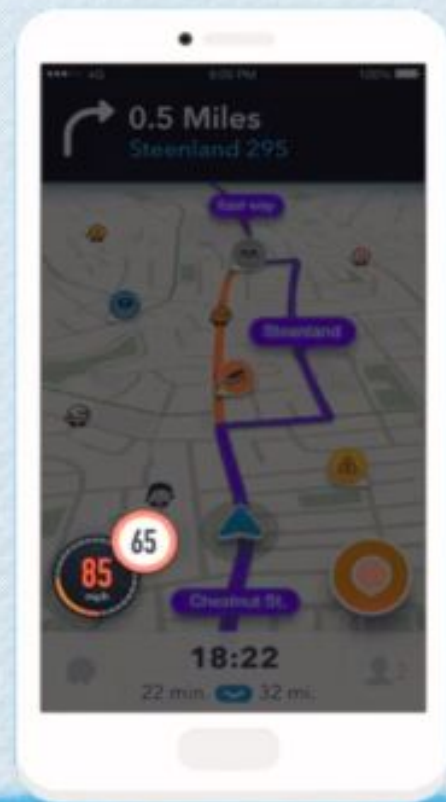




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## Shortest Path Algorithms

- Dijkstra's Algorithm
- Bellman Ford Algorithm
- Topological Sort
- Shortest Path by Topological Sort
- Floyd Warshall Algorithm





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## String Matching

- Brute Force Matcher
- String Matching with Finite Automaton
- Pattern Pre-Processing
- The Knuth Morris Pratt Algorithm



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## Backtracking

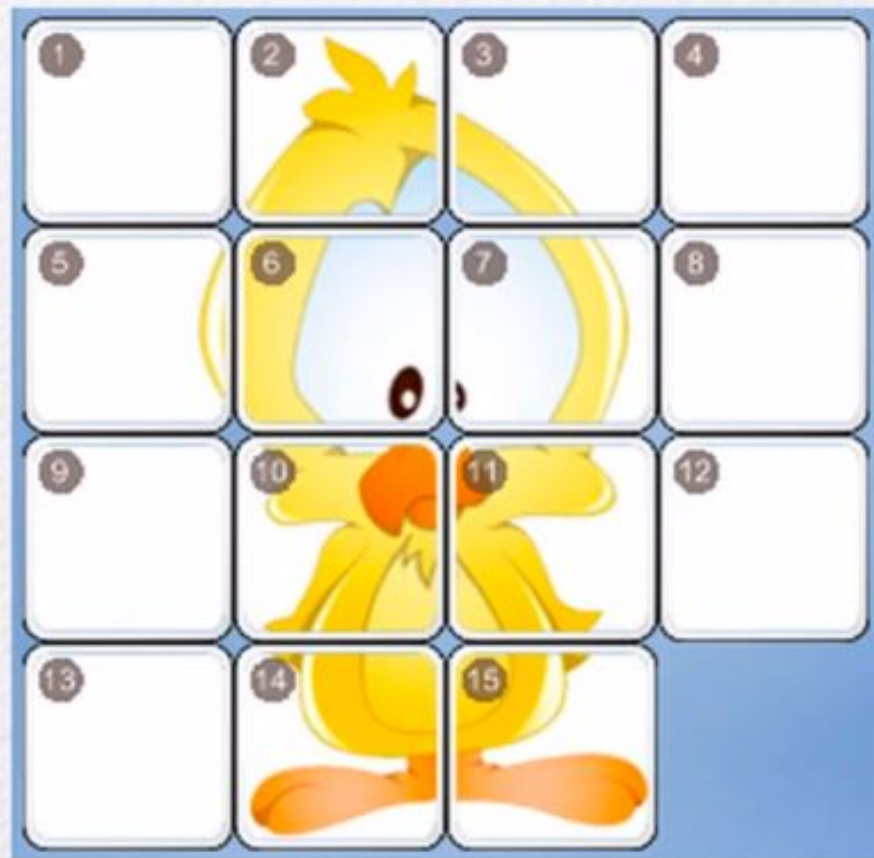
- Rat in Maze
- n-Queens Algorithm
- Graph Coloring
- Hamiltonian Cycles
- Subset Sum



# Course Overview

## Branch & Bound

- Introduction to Branch and Bound
- 0/1 Knapsack Problem
- The 15 Puzzle Problem
- Solvability of 15 Puzzles

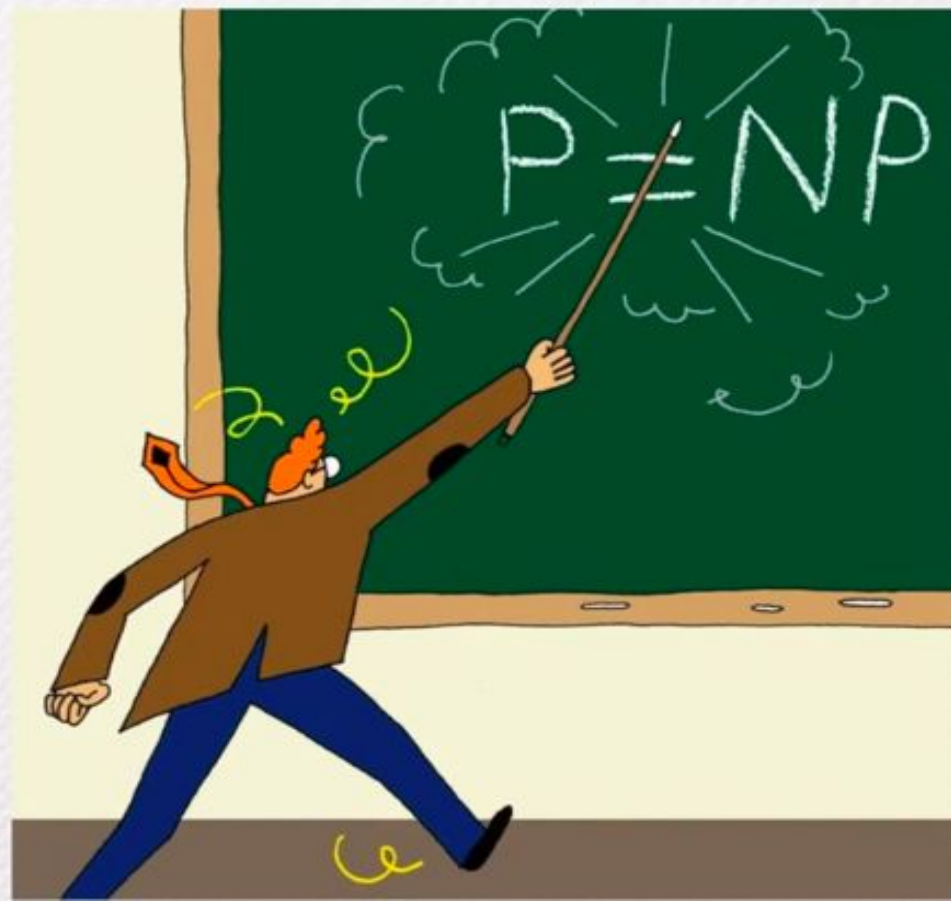




# Course Overview

NP Completeness

Approximation Algorithms





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*Thank You!!!*

# Introduction to Algorithms

# Why should we know about algorithms?

Algorithms are everywhere!!!

Today various algorithms shape how we



connect with people



find our way



eat what we love



buy what we need

The list goes on...



get married

# What is an Algorithm?

It's got to terminate,  
can't write an  
endless novel here

Should be well defined,  
no nonsense like "call  
me a taxi, please"

An **algorithm** is a

finite sequence

of

unambiguous instructions

for

solving a problem

i.e.

to obtain the required output

for a legitimate input

in a finite amount of time.

Don't make me  
wait honey!



# Algorithm vs. Program

An **algorithm** takes the input to a problem (function) and transforms it to the output.

— A mapping of input to output.

A computer **program** is an instance, or concrete representation, of an algorithm in some programming language.



One problem can have many algorithms.

# An Algorithm may be written in many ways

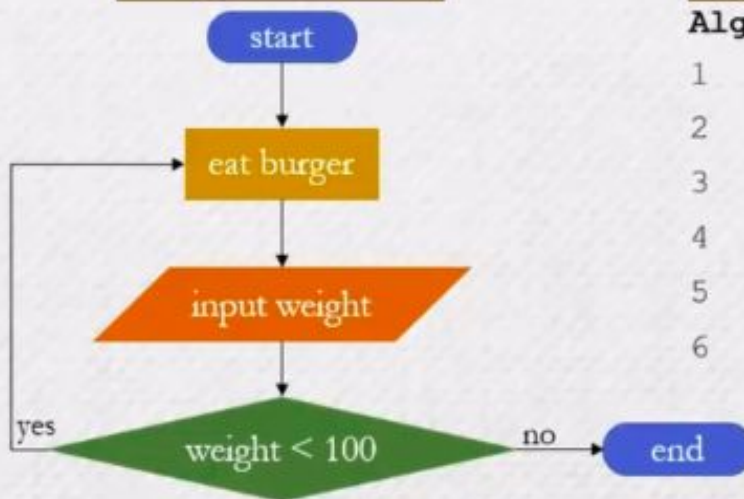


Jimmy is wondering whether to eat another burger.  
Here is an algorithm expressed in three different ways  
Which helps him to make his decision.

## in English

Step1: start  
Step2: eat the next burger  
Step3: check weight  
Step4: if weight is less than 100 Kg  
          then go to Step2  
Step5: end

## using Flow Charts



## by Pseudo Code

**Algorithm** eatBurger

```
1  while ( NOT burgers.empty() )
2      food = burgers.next()
3      eat(food)
4      input weight
5      if (weight ≥ 100)
6          break
```

# Overview of the Course



## Tools for Analysis

- ☐ Asymptotic Notations
- ☐ Recurrence Relations



## Tools for Design

- ☐ Divide and Conquer
- ☐ Dynamic Programming
- ☐ Greedy Algorithms
- ☐ Backtracking
- ☐ Branch and Bound



## Understanding the limitations

- ☐ Theory of NP Completeness

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# Asymptotic Notations 1

# Efficiency of an Algorithm



How to Measure Efficiency?

Empirical comparison (run programs)

- Empirical comparison is difficult to do “fairly” and is time consuming.

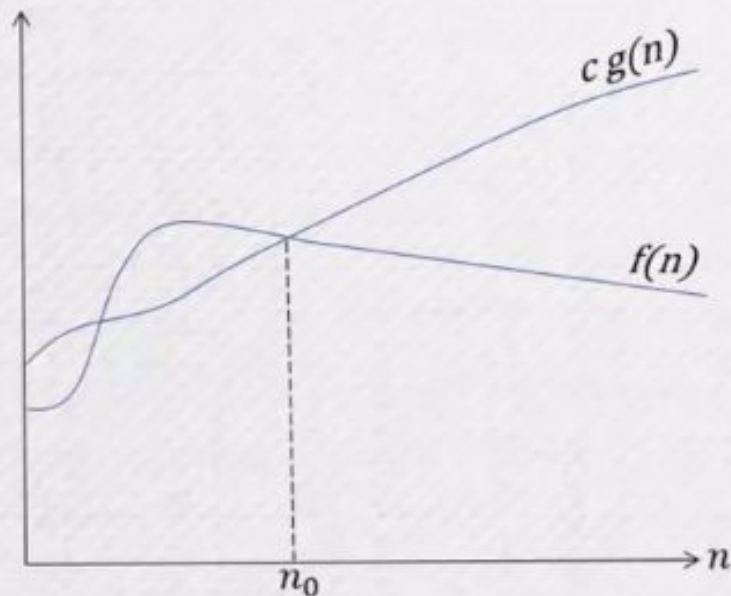
# Asymptotic Efficiency

- Asymptotic Notations tell us about relative growth of functions and are used to measure the efficiency of an algorithm.
- Parameterize the running time by the size of the input.
  - $T(n)$  = time required by an algorithm on any input of size  $n$ .
- The key measures of computational complexity are:
  - Big O  $[O]$  notation,
  - Big Theta  $[\Theta]$  notation and
  - Big Omega  $[\Omega]$  notation.

# Big O

Let  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  be two functions of  $n$ , and  $c$  and  $n_0$  be positive constants. Then

$$f(n) \text{ is } O(g(n)) \text{ iff } \exists c, n_0 > 0 \mid f(n) \leq cg(n), \forall n \geq n_0$$



e.g. ❶  $f(n) = 5n + 3$

Then,  $f(n) \leq 5n + n, \forall n \geq 3$

i.e.  $f(n) \leq 6n, \forall n \geq 3$

$\therefore f(n)$  is  $O(n)$  [here  $c = 6, n_0 = 3$ ]

e.g. ❷  $f(n) = 3n^2 + 2n$

Then,  $f(n) \leq 3n^2 + n^2, \forall n \geq 2$

i.e.  $f(n) \leq 4n^2, \forall n \geq 2$

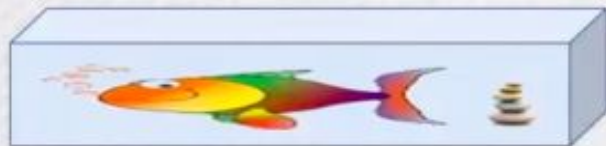
$\therefore f(n)$  is  $O(n^2)$  [here  $c = 4, n_0 = 2$ ]



# Implication of Big O Notation

$f(n)$  is  $O(g(n))$  means that rate of growth of  $f(n)$  is slower than or equal to  $g(n)$

$f(n) = 5n + 3$   
means  $f(n)$  is  $O(n)$



Big O of a function does not depend on the constant terms

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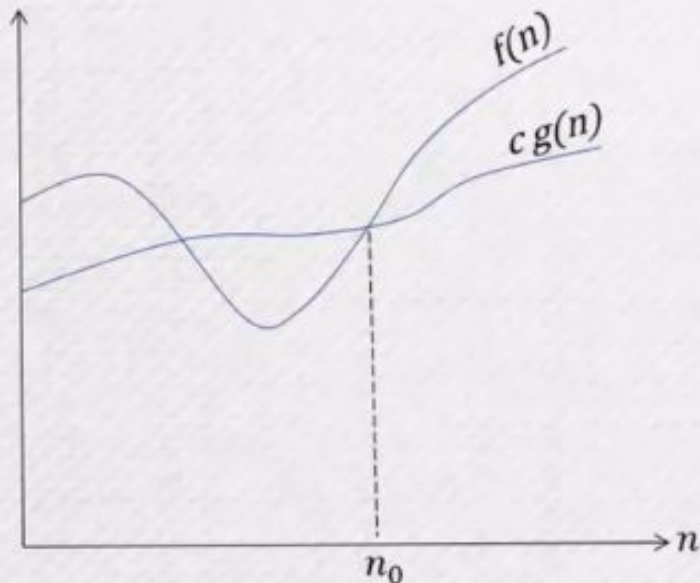


Big O of a function with multiple terms depends on the fastest growing term

# Big $\Omega$

Let  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  be two functions of  $n$ , and  $c$  and  $n_0$  be positive constants. Then

$$f(n) \text{ is } \Omega(g(n)) \text{ iff } \exists c, n_0 > 0 \mid f(n) \geq cg(n), \forall n \geq n_0$$



e.g. ❶  $f(n) = 5n + 3$

Then,  $f(n) \geq 5n, \forall n \geq 1$

$\therefore f(n)$  is  $\Omega(n)$  [here  $c = 5, n_0 = 1$ ]

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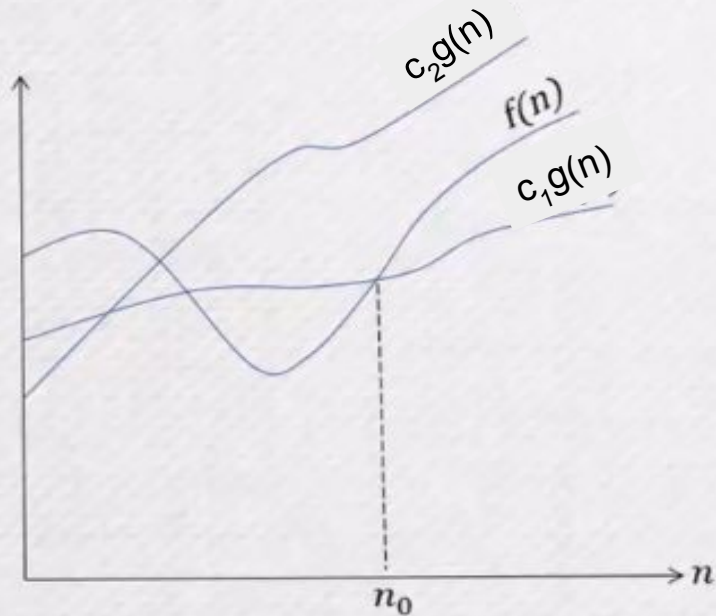
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$\therefore f(n)$  is  $\Omega(n^2)$  [here  $c = 3, n_0 = 1$ ]

# Big $\theta$

Let  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  be two functions of  $n$ , and  $c_1, c_2$  and  $n_0$  be positive constants. Then

$$f(n) \text{ is } \theta(g(n)) \text{ iff } \exists c_1, c_2, n_0 > 0 \mid c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n), \forall n \geq n_0$$



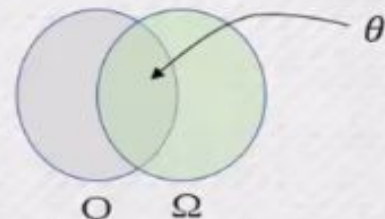
e.g. ①  $f(n) = 5n + 3$

Then,  $f(n) \geq 5n, \forall n \geq 1$

Again,  $f(n) \leq 5n + n, \forall n \geq 3$

i.e.  $f(n) \leq 6n, \forall n \geq 3$

$\therefore f(n)$  is  $\theta(n)$  [here  $c_1 = 5, c_2 = 6, n_0 = 3$ ]



$$\theta = O \cap \Omega$$

# Asymptotically Tight vs. Loose

$O$  and  $\Omega$  give us asymptotically **tight** bounds.

*small  $o$  and  $\omega$  give us asymptotically **loose** bounds.*

*Let  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  be two functions of  $n$ , and  $c$  and  $n_0$  be positive constants. Then*

*$f(n)$  is  $o(g(n))$  iff  $\exists c, n_0 > 0 \mid f(n) < cg(n), \forall n \geq n_0$*

*$f(n)$  is  $\omega(g(n))$  iff  $\exists c, n_0 > 0 \mid f(n) > cg(n), \forall n \geq n_0$*



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# Asymptotic Notations 2

# Some interesting facts about Big O

## 1 Any constant is $O(1)$

Let  $f(n) = c$ , where  $c$  is a constant

Let  $d \geq c$  be another constant

Then  $f(n) \leq d \cdot 1 \quad \forall n \geq 1$

$\therefore f(n)$  is  $O(1)$

## 3 $O(1)$ is same as $O(2)$

Let  $f(n)$  be  $O(1)$

Then  $f(n) \leq c \cdot 1 \quad \forall n \geq 1$

Where  $c$  is a constant

Let  $d = c/2$  be another constant

So  $f(n) \leq c \quad \forall n \geq 1$

$\Rightarrow f(n) \leq c/2 * 2 \quad \forall n \geq 1$

$\Rightarrow f(n) \leq d * 2 \quad \forall n \geq 1$

Hence  
 $f(n)$  is  $O(2)$

## 2 Any function is $O$ of itself

Let  $f(n)$  be a function of  $n$

Let  $c \geq 1$  be a constant

Then  $f(n) \leq c \cdot f(n) \quad \forall n \geq 1$

$\therefore f(n)$  is  $O(f(n))$

## 4 Writing $f(n) = O(g(n))$ is NOT correct

Since  $n \leq 1 \cdot n^2 \quad \forall n \geq 1$

$\Rightarrow n$  is  $O(n^2)$  ... (i)

By 2  $n^2$  is  $O(n^2)$  ... (ii)

If we write  $n = O(n^2)$  and  $n^2 = O(n^2)$

Then that will imply  $n = n^2$

Which is mathematically incorrect

# Some interesting facts about Big O

## 5 Big O is Transitive

i.e. if  $f_1(n)$  is  $O(f_2(n))$  and  $f_2(n)$  is  $O(f_3(n))$  then  $f_1(n)$  is  $O(f_3(n))$

$f_1(n)$  is  $O(f_2(n))$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f_1(n)}{f_2(n)} \leq c$$

$$\forall n \geq n_1$$

$f_2(n)$  is  $O(f_3(n))$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f_2(n)}{f_3(n)} \leq d$$

$$\forall n \geq n_2$$

So,

$$\frac{f_1(n)}{f_3(n)} = \frac{f_1(n)}{f_2(n)} * \frac{f_2(n)}{f_3(n)} \leq c * d$$

$$\forall n \geq \max(n_1, n_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow f_1(n) \leq c * d * f_3(n)$$

$$\forall n \geq \max(n_1, n_2)$$

$\therefore f_1(n)$  is  $O(f_3(n))$



# Some interesting facts about Big O

## ⑥ Big O is Multiplicative

i.e. if  $f_1(n)$  is  $O(g(n))$  and  $f_2(n)$  is  $O(h(n))$  then  $f_1(n) * f_2(n)$  is  $O(g(n) * h(n))$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{f_2(n)}{h(n)} \leq d$$

$$\forall n \geq n_2$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{f_1(n)}{g(n)} * \frac{f_2(n)}{h(n)} \leq c * d$$

$$\forall n \geq \max(n_1, n_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow f_1(n) * f_2(n) \leq c * d * (g(n) * h(n))$$

$$\forall n \geq \max(n_1, n_2)$$

$$\therefore f_1(n) * f_2(n) \text{ is } O(g(n) * h(n))$$

# Some interesting facts about Big O

## 7 All logs grow at the same rate

i.e.  $\log_a n$  is  $O(\log_b n)$  and  $\log_b n$  is  $O(\log_a n)$

$$\log_a n = \log_a b * \log_b n$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_a n = c * \log_b n$$

Where  $c = \log_a b$  is a constant

Let  $c \leq d$  be another constant

$$\text{Then } \log_a n \leq d * \log_b n$$

$$\forall n \geq 1$$

$$\therefore \log_a n \text{ is } O(\log_b n)$$

Similarly it can be shown that  $\log_b n$  is  $O(\log_a n)$

# Some interesting facts about Big O

- ⑧ If  $f(n)$  is a polynomial, then  $f(n)$  is  $O$  of the highest power of  $n$  in  $f(n)$

Let  $f(n) = a_m n^m + a_{m-1} n^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 n + a_0, m \geq 1$



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$$\text{Then } f(n) \leq a_m n^m + a_{m-1} n^m + \dots + a_1 n^m + a_0 n^m, \forall n \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(n) \leq (a_m + a_{m-1} + \dots + a_1 + a_0) n^m, \forall n \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(n) \leq c * n^m, \forall n \geq 1$$

Where  $c = (a_m + a_{m-1} + \dots + a_1 + a_0)$  is a constant

$$\therefore f(n) \text{ is } O(n^m)$$

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$$1 \leq 2 \leq 4 \leq 8 \leq 16 \leq 16$$

$$\leq \log_2 n \leq n \leq n \log_2 n \leq n^2 \leq 2^n$$

$$\forall n \geq \underline{4}$$

is  $O(\log_2 n)$  is  $O(n)$  is  $O(n \log_2 n)$  is  $O(n^2)$  is  $O(2^n)$

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$$\begin{aligned} n! &= n * (n-1) * (n-2) * \dots * 2 * 1 \\ \Rightarrow n! &\leq n * n * n * \dots * n * n, \quad \forall n \geq 1 \\ \Rightarrow n! &\leq n^n, \quad \forall n \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore n!$  is  $O(n^n)$

11  $\log_2 n!$  is  $O(n \log_2 n)$



# Some interesting facts about Big O

## 10 $n!$ is $O(n^n)$

$$n! = n * (n - 1) * (n - 2) * \dots * 2 * 1$$

$$\Rightarrow n! \leq n * n * n * \dots * n * n, \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow n! \leq n^n, \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

$$\therefore n! \text{ is } O(n^n)$$

## 11 $\log_2 n!$ is $O(n \log_2 n)$

$$\text{By 10 } n! \leq n^n \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

$$\text{so } \log_2 n! \leq n \log_2 n \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

$$\therefore \log_2 n! \text{ is } O(n \log_2 n)$$

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# Asymptotic Notations 3

Algorithmic Complexity with Asymptotic Notation

# Analyzing an Algorithm Asymptotically

- The running time of an algorithm  $T(n)$  on input of size  $n$ , is the number of times the instructions in the algorithm are executed.

**Algorithm** findMean

```
1  input n
2  sum = 0
3  i = 0
4  while (i < n)
5      input number
6      sum = sum + number
7      i = i + 1
8  mean = sum / n
```

*Statement    Number of times executed*

1-3	1
4	$n+1$
5-7	$n$
8	1

- The computing time for this algorithm in terms on input size  $n$  is:  $T(n) = 4n + 5$ .
- Hence the Computational Complexity is  $O(n)$  and  $\Omega(n)$ , i.e.  $\Theta(n)$



# Asymptotic Upper and Lower Bounds

- Big  $O$  [  $f(n) \leq cg(n)$  ] defines an *asymptotic upper* bound i.e. the *worst case* growth of our algorithm
- Big  $\Omega$  [  $f(n) \geq cg(n)$  ] defines an *asymptotic lower* bound i.e. the *best case* growth of our algorithm
- Big  $\Theta$  [  $c_1g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2g(n)$  ] defines both an *asymptotic lower* and an *asymptotic upper* bound i.e. the *best and worst case* growth of our algorithm

# Examples

## 1 Sequence of statements

```
b = 1           // constant cost  
b = b + 3       // constant cost  
a = b           // constant cost
```

$O(1)$   
 $\Omega(1)$   
 $\Theta(1)$

## 2 A single loop

```
for (j = 1 to n)  
{  
    print "j = ", j  
}
```

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# Examples

## 3 Two Nested Loops

```
sum = 0
for (i = 1 to n)
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        sum++;
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## 4 Three Nested Loops

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for (i = 1 to n)
    for (j = 1 to n)
        for (k = 1 to n)
            print "Algorithms rock!!!"
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## 4 Three Nested Loops

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for (i = 1 to n)
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```

$O(n^3)$   
 $\Omega(n^3)$   
 $\Theta(n^3)$

# Examples

## 5 Loops in Sequence

```
for (i = 1 to n)
    print "i = ", i
for (j = 1 to n)
    print "j = ", j
```

# Examples

## 5 Loops in Sequence

```
n { for (i = 1 to n)
      print "i = ", i
n { for (j = 1 to n)
      print "j = ", j
```

$O(n)$   
 $\Omega(n)$   
 $\Theta(n)$

## 6 Nested and Single Loop in Sequence

```
for (i = 1 to n)
  for (j = 1 to n)
    print "Working together is cool"

for (k = 1 to n)
  print "I prefer to go solo"
```



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```

$O(n^2)$   
 $\Omega(n^2)$   
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# Examples

## 7 Another single loop

```
for (j = 1 to n * n)
{
    print "j = ", j
}
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## 8 One more loop

```
n = 100000
for (j = 1 to n)
{
    print "looks are deceptive"
}
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# Examples

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# Examples

## 9 Loop with break

```
for (j = 1 to n)
{
    if (sum > 0)
        break
}
```

# Examples

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- *Edsger Dijkstra.*

*Thank You!!!*



Next week...

# Recursion

