

# An Introduction to Algorithms

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Intro



Complexity



Data Structure



Trees



Dynamic  
Programming



Sorting



Hash Functions



Greedy Algorithm



Misc Graph/Tree  
Algorithms



Advanced Topics

# The problem of sorting

*Input:* sequence  $\langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle$  of numbers.

*Output:* permutation  $\langle a'_1, a'_2, \dots, a'_n \rangle$  Such that  $a'_1 \leq a'_2 \leq \dots \leq a'_n$ .

Example:

*Input:* 8 2 4 9 3 6

*Output:* 2 3 4 6 8 9

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*Done!*

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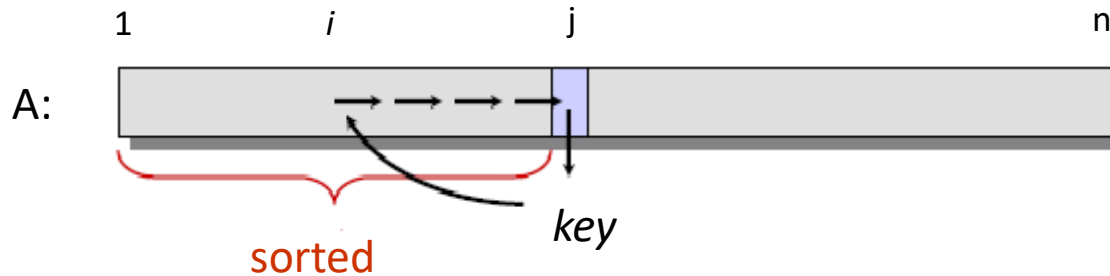
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# Running time

- The running time depends on the input: an already sorted sequence is easier to sort.
- Parameterize the running time by the size of the input, since short sequences are easier to sort than long ones.
- Generally, we seek upper bounds on the running time, because everybody likes a guarantee.

# Kinds of analyses

Worst-case: (usually)

- $T(n)$  = maximum time of algorithm on any input of size  $n$ .

Average-case: (sometimes)

- $T(n)$  = expected time of algorithm over all inputs of size  $n$ .
- Need assumption of statistical distribution of inputs.

Best-case:

- Cheat with a slow algorithm that works fast on *some* input.

# Machine-independent time

*What is insertion sort's worst-case time?*

- It depends on the speed of our computer:
  - relative speed (on the same machine),
  - absolute speed (on different machines).

## BIG IDEA:

- Ignore machine-dependent constants.
- Look at **growth** of  $T(n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

“Asymptotic Analysis”

# $\Theta$ -notation

## Math:

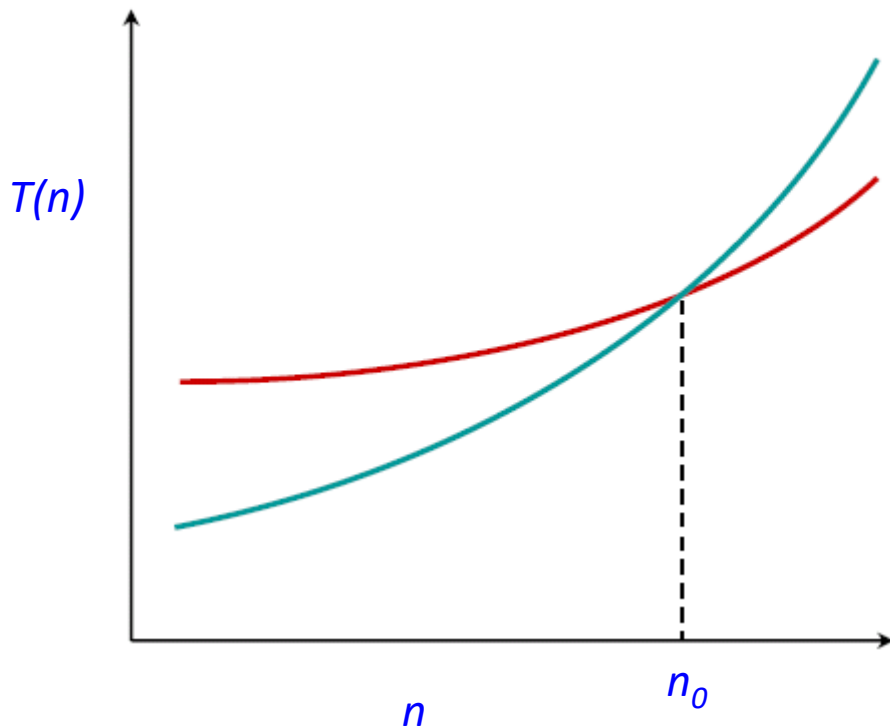
$\Theta(g(n)) = \{ f(n) : \text{there exist positive constants } c_1, c_2, \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that } 0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0 \}$

## Engineering:

- Drop low-order terms; ignore leading constants.
- Example:  $3n^3 + 90n^2 - 5n + 6046 = \Theta(n^3)$

# Asymptotic performance

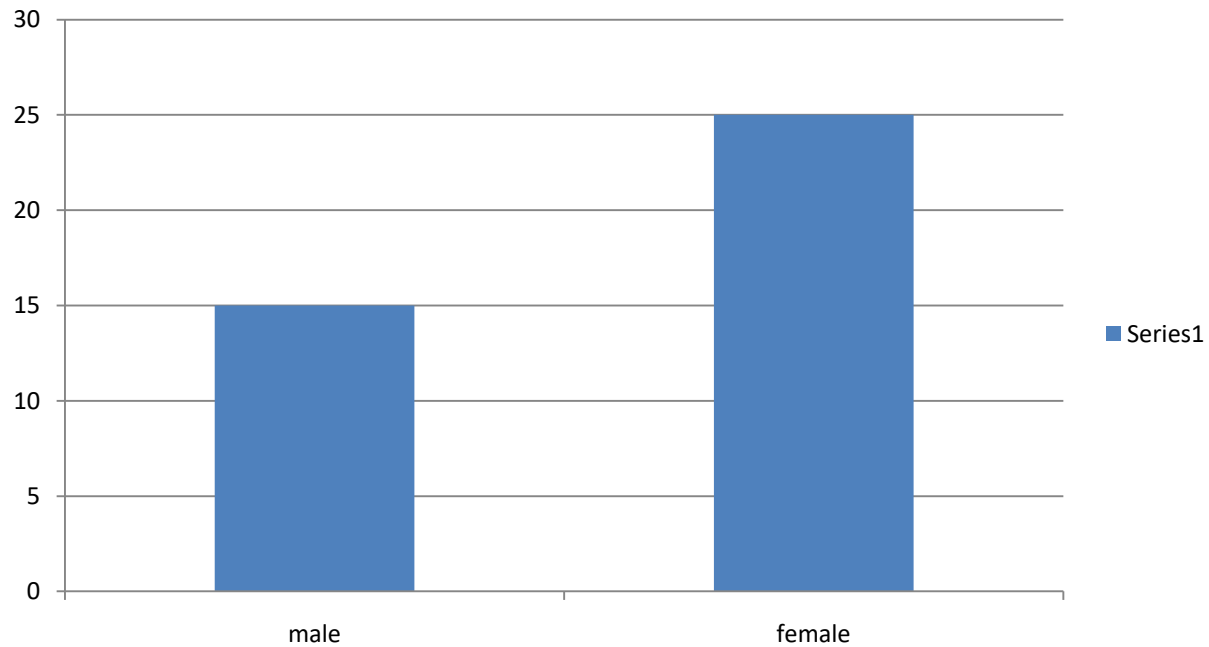
When  $n$  gets large enough, a  $\Theta(n^2)$  algorithm **always** beats a  $\Theta(n^3)$  algorithm.



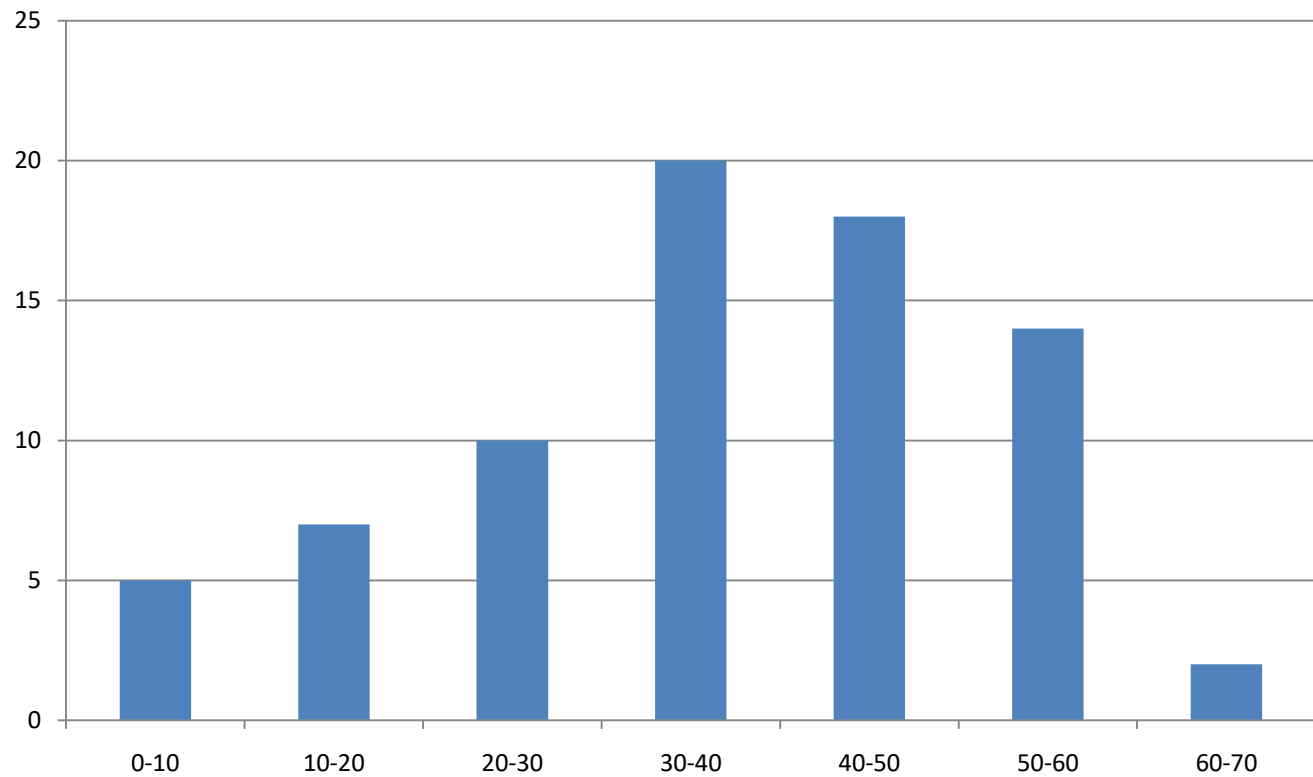
- We shouldn't ignore asymptotically slower algorithms, however.
- Real-world design situations often call for a careful balancing of engineering objectives.
- Asymptotic analysis is a useful tool to help to structure our thinking.



# (Distribution)



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# (Distribution) Work At Home

- Work At home
  - Make the group of 2
  - Deadline: Next Session, Saturday Mehr 17th.
- What is the distribution in the nature?
- Give at least one example?

# Quiz 1

- What are the correct intermediate steps of the following data set when it is being sorted with the Insertion sort? 15,20,10,18
- **A.** 15,20,10,18 -- 10,15,20,18 -- 10,15,18,20 -- 10,15,18,20
- **B.** 15,18,10,20 -- 10,18,15,20 -- 10,15,18,20 -- 10,15,18,20
- **C.** 15,10,20,18 -- 15,10,18,20 -- 10,15,18,20
- **D.** 10, 20,15,18 -- 10,15,20,18 -- 10,15,18,20

## Quiz 2

- Consider the array  $A[] = \{6, 4, 8, 1, 3\}$  apply the insertion sort to sort the array . Consider the cost associated with each sort is 25 Rials, what is the total cost of the insertion sort when element 1 reaches the first position of the array ?

# Quiz 3

- In the worst case what is the number of comparisons to order an array of 5 elements using the insertion sort?