

③ Big-Theta (or) Θ -notation

A function $t(n)$ is said to be in $\Theta(g(n))$, if $t(n)$ is bounded ^{both} above and below by some positive constant multiples of $g(n)$ for all large 'n' i.e.; there exists some positive constants ' c_1 ' and ' c_2 ' and some non-negative integer ' n_0 ' such that

$$c_2 g(n) \leq t(n) \leq c_1 g(n) \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{t(n) \in \Theta(g(n))}$$

(eg) $t(n) = \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$
 $g(n) = n^2$

$$\frac{1}{2}n(n-1) = \frac{1}{2}n^2 - \frac{1}{2}n \leq \frac{1}{2}n^2, \quad n \geq 0$$

$$\boxed{t(n) \leq c_1 g(n)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}n(n-1) \in O(n^2) \quad \text{where}$$

$c_1 = \frac{1}{2}$
 $n_0 = 0$

$$\frac{1}{2}n(n-1) = \frac{1}{2}n^2 - \frac{1}{2}n \geq \frac{1}{2}n^2 - \frac{1}{2}n \cdot \frac{1}{2}n \quad n \geq 2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}n^2 - \frac{1}{2}n \geq \frac{1}{4}n^2$$

$$t(n) \geq c_2 g(n)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}n(n-1) \in \Omega(n^2) \quad \text{where}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$n_0 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow t(n) \in \Theta(g(n)) \quad \text{where } c_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$n \geq 2$$

Hence Proved by definition

Using limits to compare orders of growth:-

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t'(n)}{g'(n)} \Rightarrow \text{L'Hôpital's rule}$$

3 principal cases

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t(n)}{g(n)} = \begin{cases} 0 & \Rightarrow t(n) \text{ has a smaller order of growth than } g(n) \\ c & \Rightarrow t(n) \text{ has the same order of growth as } g(n) \\ \infty & \Rightarrow t(n) \text{ has a larger order of growth than } g(n) \end{cases}$$

'c' \rightarrow some constant

(eg1) $t(n) = \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$
 $g(n) = n^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t(n)}{g(n)} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)}{n^2} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{2}(n-1)}{n} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{2}n(n-1) \in \Theta(n^2)} \quad \text{Hence Proved using limits}$$

(eg2) $t(n) = \log_2 n$

$$g(n) = \sqrt{n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_2 n}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_2 e \log_e n}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\left[\because \log_a n = \log_a b \log_b n \right]$$

$$= \log_2 e \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Applying L'Hôpital's rule,

$$= \log_2 e \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln n)'}{(\sqrt{n})'}$$

$$= \log_2 e \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}}$$

$$= \log_2 e \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

$$= 2 \log_2 e \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\log_2 n \in O(\sqrt{n})$$

Hence Proved using limits

eg3

$$t(n) = n!$$

$$g(n) = 2^n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{2^n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n}{2^n} \quad \left(\text{Using Stirling's formula}\right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{2e}\right)^n = \infty$$

$$n! \in \Omega(2^n)$$

Hence Proved using limits

Stirling's Formula

$$n! \approx \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$$

Properties of Orders of Growth:

① If $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ then $g(n) \in \Omega(f(n))$

② If $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ and $g(n) \in O(h(n))$ then
 $f(n) \in O(h(n))$

③ If $f_1(n) \in O(g_1(n))$ and $f_2(n) \in O(g_2(n))$ then
 $f_1(n) + f_2(n) \in O(\max\{g_1(n), g_2(n)\})$

Important Formulas

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \sum_{i=l}^u 1 = u - l + 1 \quad \text{where } l \leq u$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \sum_{i=0}^n i = \sum_{i=1}^n i$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \sum_{i=l}^u c a_i = c \sum_{i=l}^u a_i$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \sum_{i=l}^u (a_i \pm b_i) = \sum_{i=l}^u a_i \pm \sum_{i=l}^u b_i$$

MATHEMATICAL ANALYSIS OF NON-RECURSIVE ALGORITHMS:

ALGORITHM MaxElement ($A[0 \dots n-1]$)

max \leftarrow A[0]

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to $n-1$ do

 if $A[i] > \text{max}$

 max \leftarrow A[i]

return max

Input Size $\rightarrow n$

Basic Operation \rightarrow Key Comparison

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} 1 = n-1 - \cancel{1} + \cancel{1}$$

$$= n-1 \in \Theta(n)$$