

# intro to mathematics in software engineering

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# objectives

scary looking functions

math related software engineering concepts

translate math to programming

# fundamentals of mathematical and function notation

$$f(x) = x^2$$

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$$a \cdot f(x)$$

$$f(x/b)$$

$$f(x - c)$$

$$f(x) + d$$

# fundamentals of mathematical and function notation

$a \cdot f(x) \Rightarrow$  multiplies the y-value by  $a$

$f(x/b) \Rightarrow$  multiplies the x-value by  $b$

$f(x - c) \Rightarrow$  shifts graph  $c$  units to the right

$f(x) + d \Rightarrow$  shifts graph  $d$  units upward

breaking down a scary looking function

$$g(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2\pi(2n-1)ft)}{2n-1}$$

(where  $t$  = time,  $f$  = frequency,  $n$  = iterations)

breaking down a scary looking function

$$g(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2\pi(2n-1)ft)}{2n-1}$$

we are dealing with a function built from multiple  
smaller functions added together

breaking down a scary looking function

$$g(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2\pi(2n-1)ft)}{2n-1}$$

the *sin* on the inside suggests we are dealing with  
waves or oscillations



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$$g(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2\pi(2n-1)ft)}{2n-1}$$

denominator  $2n-1$  hints that terms get smaller as  $n$  increases - later terms have less influence

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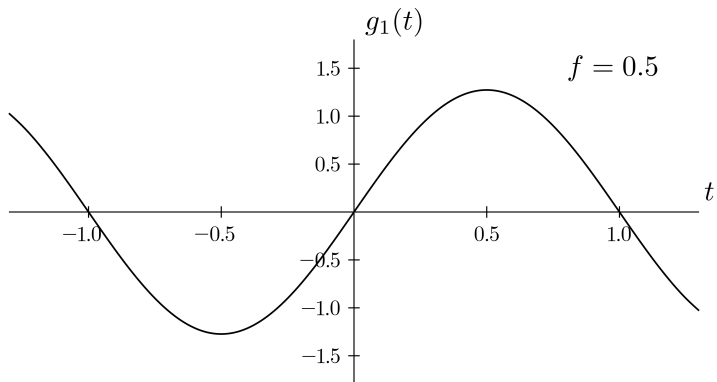
$$g_1(t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\sin(2\pi(2(1) - 1)ft)}{2(1) - 1}$$

$$= \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\sin(2\pi(1)ft)}{1}$$

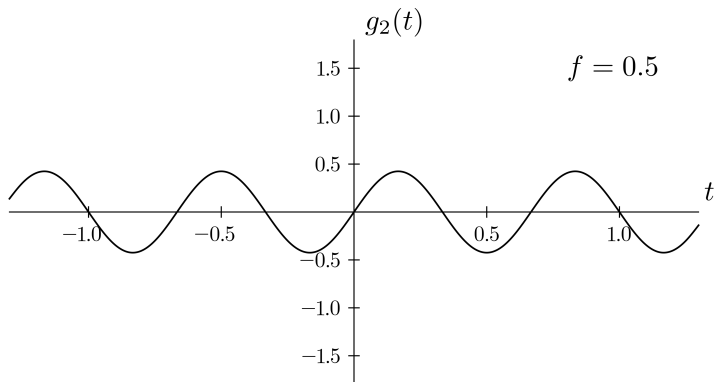
$$= \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \sin(2\pi ft)$$

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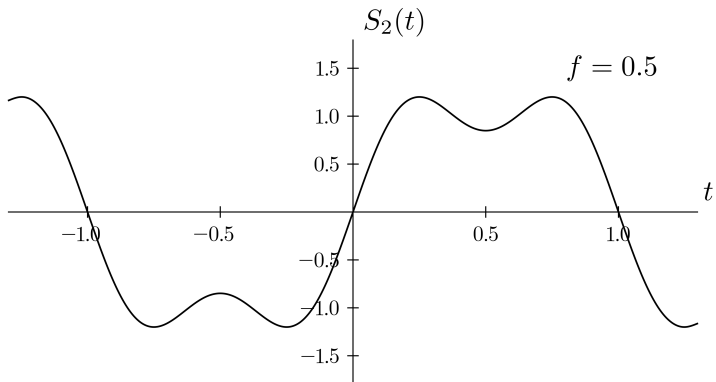
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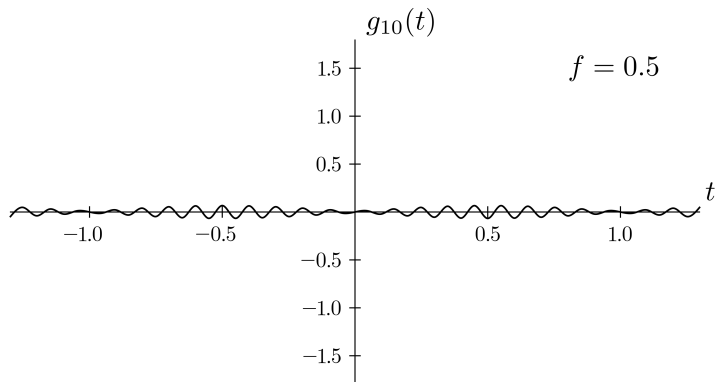
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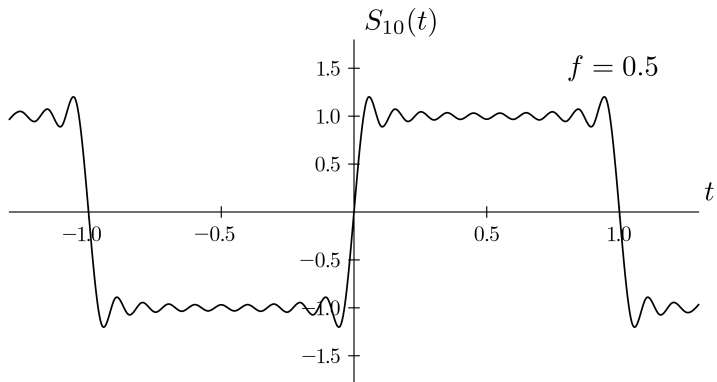
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# breaking down a scary looking function



breaking down a scary looking function



vectors (not the math kind), i.e. arrays

set of pairs  $\Rightarrow$  index and value

elements (pairs) are conventionally of same memory size

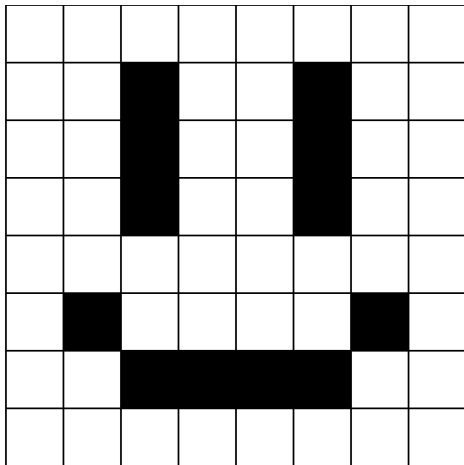


vectors (not the math kind), i.e. arrays



```
one_d_array = [0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1]
```

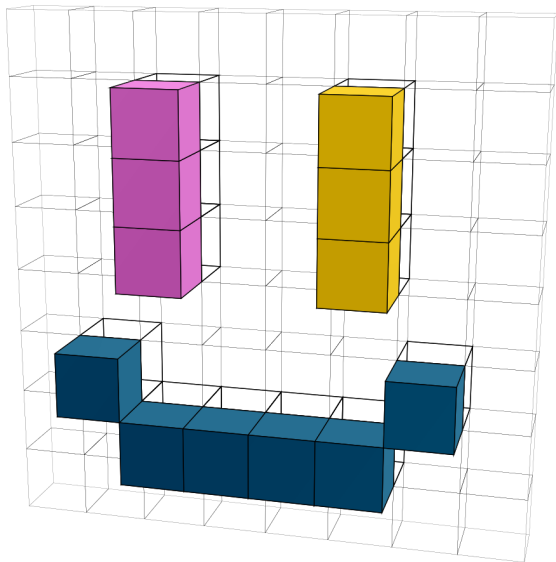
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```
two_d_array = [  
    [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],  
    [0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0],  
    [0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0],  
    [0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0],  
    [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],  
    [0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0],  
    [0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0],  
    [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]  
]
```

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# binary tree

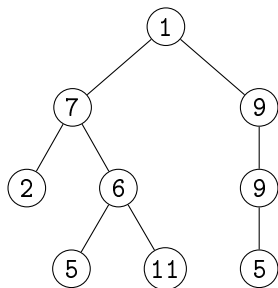
data structure expressed as a figurative tree

one root node

nodes can only have one parent node and at most  
two children nodes (left and right)

foundation for more complex data structures

# binary tree



an unbalanced and unsorted binary tree

height = 3 i.e., the number of edges from farthest node to root node (1)

size = 9, i.e., total number of nodes

# binary tree traversal using dfs

depth first search

starts at root, goes down as far as it can,  
backtracks, explores, etc.

to implement we need to create a) the structure  
and b) the algorithm

# binary tree traversal using dfs - the structure

```
1 class Node:
2     def __init__(self, val):
3         self.data = val
4         self.left = None
5         self.right = None
6
7     def connect(parent, left=None, right=None):
8         parent.left = left
9         parent.right = right
```

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# binary tree traversal using dfs - the structure

```
1      firstNode = Node(1)
2      secondNode = Node(7)
3      thirdNode = Node(9)
4
5      connect(firstNode, secondNode, thirdNode)
6
```

# binary tree traversal using dfs - the algorithm

```
1      def depth_first_search(root, value):
2          if root is None:
3              return False
4          root.visited = True
5
6          if root.data == value:
7              return True
8
9          l_res = depth_first_search(root.left, value)
10         r_res = depth_first_search(root.right, value)
11
12         return l_res or r_res
13
```

# matrices

math implementation of arrays, in a way  
2d/3d transformations in graphics (scaling,  
rotation, translation)

$P = (1, 2)$  can also be expressed as  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_m = M \cdot P = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 \\ 4 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_m = (7, 6)$$

# big o

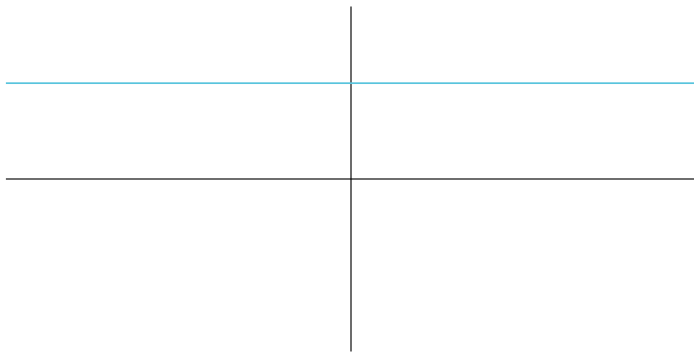
o stands for ordnung, order of approximation  
how different algorithms scale and grow in terms  
of complexity  
time / input  $\Rightarrow$  output  
ignores terms but the one that "grows" the  
quickest

big o

constant  $O(1)$

same amount of time, no matter the size of the  
input

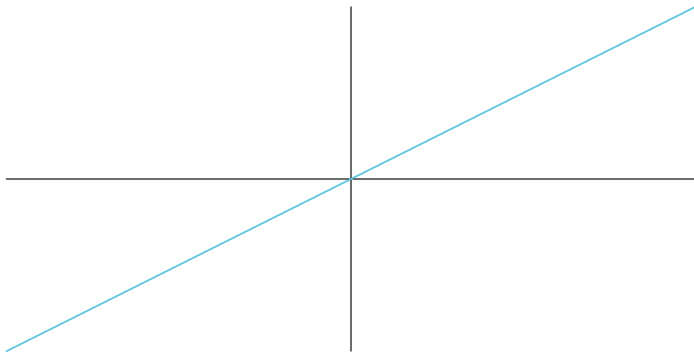
looking up value at index



big o

linear  $O(n)$

grows linearly with the size of the input  
traversing a binary tree ;)

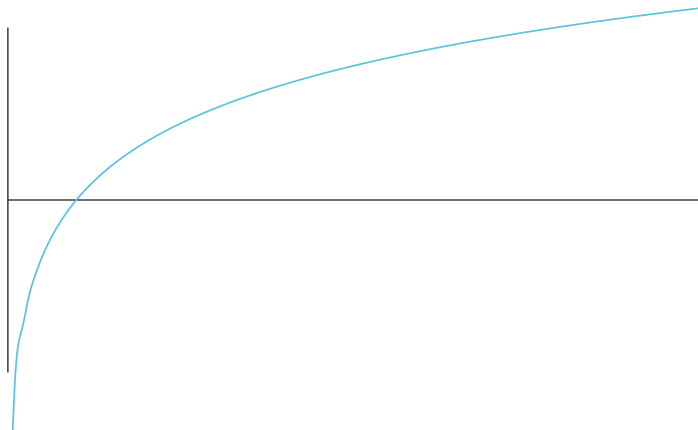


big o

logarithmic  $O(\log n)$

proportional to the logarithm of the input size

binary search algorithm



big o

quadratic  $O(n^2)$

proportional to the square of the input

for example bubble sort

