

# Algorithm Analysis

## Definition 2.1

$T(N) = O(f(N))$  if there are positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $T(N) \leq cf(N)$  when  $N \geq n_0$ .

$O(f(N))$  indicates the growth rate of worst/upper bound on time taken as the given input size of  $N$  increases.  $f(N)$  here is the total cost of whole algorithm calculated for line by line execution and  $c * f(N)$  is a approximation of this cost that will always be a little worse or more upper bounded hence satisfying the overall use as a growth rate approximation for worst time only when the  $N$  is larger than  $n_0$ .

```
int sum(int n) {
    int partialSum;
    partialSum = 0;
    for (int i = 1; i <= n; ++i) {
        partialSum += i * i * i;
    }
    return partialSum;
}

Full Cost Breakdown
1. Initialization of partialSum:
   • Cost: 1 unit.
2. Loop initialization (int i = 1;):
   • Cost: 1 unit.
3. Loop condition (i <= n):
   • This is checked  $N + 1$  times.
   • Cost:  $N + 1$  units.
4. Loop increment (++i):
   • This increment happens  $N$  times.
   • Cost:  $N$  units.
5. Loop body (partialSum += i * i * i;):
   • Each iteration involves two multiplications, one addition, and one assignment.
   • Cost per iteration: 4 units.
   • Total for  $N$  iterations:  $4N$  units.
6. Return statement (return partialSum;):
   • Cost: 1 unit.
```

The above function has a total worst time cost of  $O(6N + 4)$ .  $6N+4$  will always be less than  $7N$  for  $N$  larger than 4 giving  $c = 7$  and  $n_0 = 4$ .  $c = 8$  &  $n_0 = 2$  also satisfies the above function but the tightest approximation is preferred for a good estimate of growth rate. There is a little-o notation, same as big O, but in that all  $c$  values must be satisfied. ( $6N \rightarrow o\{N^2\}$ )

Ultimately insignificant terms and constants can be ignored as they are overwhelmed by parts in formula that will grow on a significantly faster speed, in this case whether our approximation is  $7N$  or  $8N$ , the final answer is  $O(N)$  as the 7 or 8 doesn't really matter in determining how fast the algorithm process time for worst case increase with increase in  $N$ .

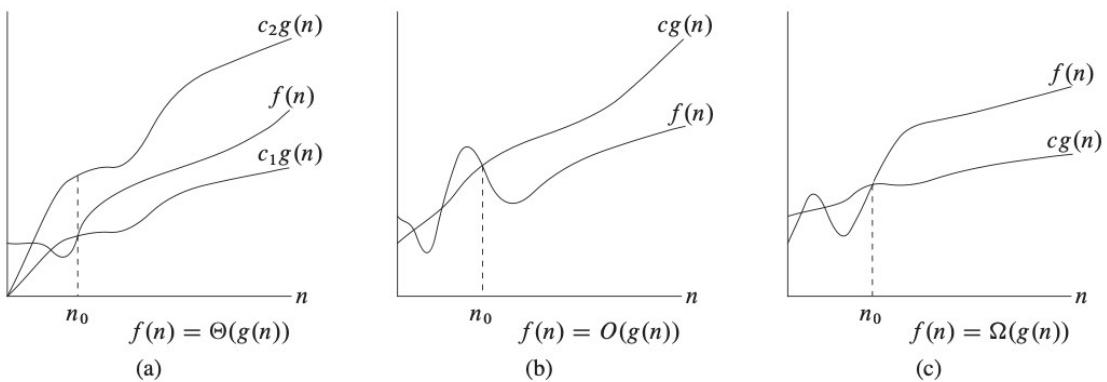
Similarly  $O(N^2 + N)$  would just be  $O(N^2)$  due to  $N^2$  growth being far more significant than  $N$ .

As for cost calculation, basic operations like assignment take constant  $O(1)$  cost and Loops usually take  $O(N^k)$  time based on  $k$ -nesting of loops present. If we are dividing the input size in  $k$  parts, the division itself takes  $O(\log_k N)$  cost while whatever work is done at every level of division will be multiplied into  $O(\log_k N)$ . For example Merge Sort divides array in 2 parts endlessly until base case of one subpart is left for  $O(\log_2 N)$  then sorts them at all levels for  $O(N)$  work, giving time complexity  $O(N \log_2 N)$ .

### Definition 2.2

$T(N) = \Omega(g(N))$  if there are positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $T(N) \geq cg(N)$  when  $N \geq n_0$ .

Similarly we can approximate for Best Time case or lower bound time while The Average Time case will be between  $c1*g(N)$  and  $c2*g(N)$  for a certain  $n_0$



### Recurrence Tree & Master Theorem

Recurrence Tree

$T(n) = 3T(n/4) + \Theta(n^2)$

This problem means  $T(n)$  is divided into subproblems of size  $T(n/4)$  & 3 of these problems are further used.

The division and merging of these 3 subproblems take  $Cn^2$  cost ( $\Theta(n^2)$ )

We will assume  $n$  is some multiple of 4 for convenience.

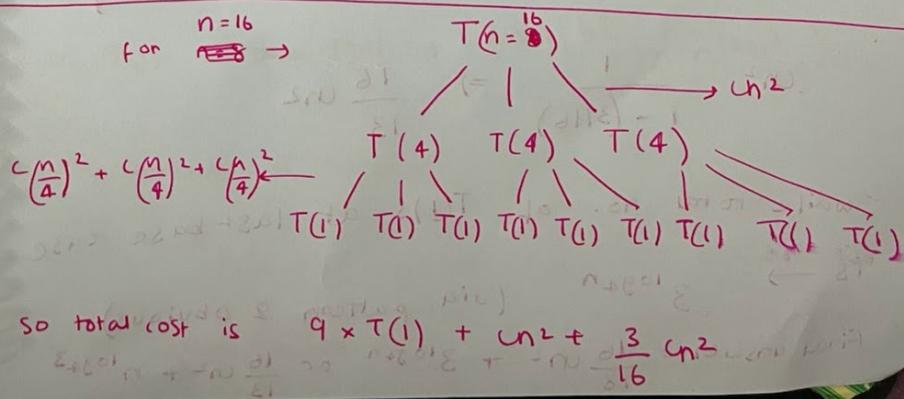
lets say  $n=4$

$T(n=4) = 3T(n/4=1) + Cn^2$

$T(n/4=1) = 3T(n/16=1) + C(n/4)^2$

so total cost is  $3 \times T(1) + Cn^2$

$\boxed{\text{Base case}} = \boxed{\text{merge}}$



if we see the pattern

the latest divide / merge will take  $(\log n) T(1) + (\log n) T(1) = O(\log n)$

where height for dividing by 4 until base case is  $\log_4 n$

$$\rightarrow \log_4 n$$

so total divide merge cost

$$= n^2 \text{ per level}$$

$$cn^2 + \frac{3}{16} cn^2 + \frac{3^2}{16} cn^2 + \dots + \frac{3^{\log_4 n}}{16} cn^2$$

$$cn^2 \left( \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^0 + \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^1 + \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^{\log_4 n} \right)$$

it's okay to assume a G.P will go to infinity

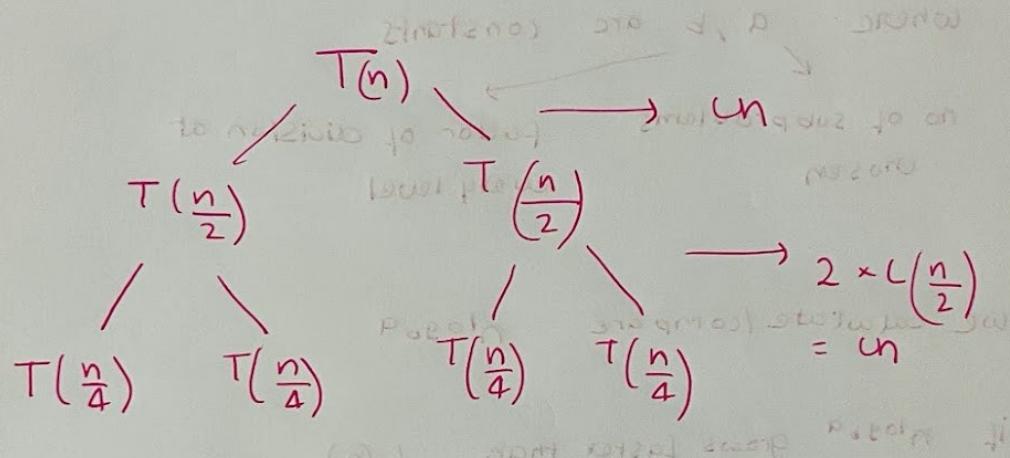
$$cn^2 \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)} = \frac{16}{13} cn^2$$

write total no. of  $T(1)$ s at last base case

$$\text{is } \rightarrow 3^{\log_4 n} \text{ (via pattern 2 obvious)}$$

$$\text{Final answer: } \frac{16}{13} cn^2 + 3^{\log_4 n} \text{ or } \frac{16}{13} cn^2 + n^{\log_4 3}$$

this is peculiar case where cost itself (for div/merge) changes every level we go down, as its a exponent of input size ' $N$ ' if it was same for every level, when div/merge cost has exponent 'one' for ' $N$ ', like mergesort



## Master Theorem

for recurrence relations of form

$$T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n)$$

where  $a, b$  are constants

no of subproblems  
unseen

factor of division at  
every level

$\left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^{\log_b a}$   
we calculate / compare  $n^{\log_b a}$

if  $n^{\log_b a}$  grows faster than  $f(n)$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$$

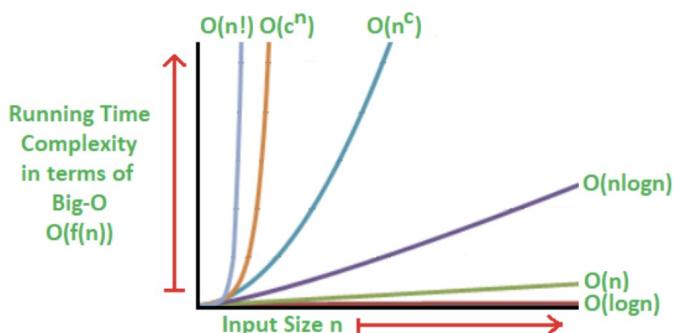
if  $f(n)$  grows faster than  $(n^{\log_b a}) \times n^{\delta}$

$$T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$$

if equal growth rate

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \cdot \log n)$$

growth rates of some functions for order of significance in worst time calculation



## Sorting Methods

**Insertion Sort  $O(n^2)$  for nearly sorted arrays or small datasets**

```
void insertionSort(std::vector<int>& arr, int size){  
    for(int i=1; i<size; i++){  
        int key = arr[i];  
        int j = i - 1;  
        while(j >= 0 && arr[j] > key){  
            arr[j+1] = arr[j];  
            j--;  
        }  
        arr[j+1] = key;  
    }  
}
```

**Selection Sort  $O(n^2)$  for small arrays when memory is limited**

```
using namespace std;  
void selectionSort(vector<int>& arr,int size){  
    for(int i=0;i<size-1;i++){  
        int minval = i;  
        for(int j=i+1;j<size;j++){  
            if(arr[j]<arr[minval]){  
                minval =j;  
            }  
        }  
  
        if(minval!=i){  
            arr[i]=arr[i]+arr[minval];  
            arr[minval]=arr[i]-arr[minval];  
            arr[i]=arr[i]-arr[minval];  
        }  
    }  
}
```

**Bubble Sort  $O(n^2)$  for teaching purpose only**

```
using namespace std;  
void bubbleSort(vector<int>& v) {  
    int n = v.size();  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < n - 1; i++) {  
  
        for (int j = 0; j < n - i - 1; j++) {  
  
            if (v[j] > v[j + 1])  
                swap(v[j], v[j + 1]);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

## Merge Sort O(n logn) for large data sets

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>

void merge(std::vector<int>& arr, int left, int mid, int right){
    int n1 = mid - left + 1;
    int n2 = right - mid;

    std::vector<int> L(n1), R(n2);

    for(int i=0; i<n1; i++){
        L[i]=arr[left+i];
    }
    for(int i=0; i<n2; i++){
        R[i]=arr[mid+i+1];
    }

    int i=0,j=0,k=left;

    while(i<n1 && j<n2){
        if(L[i]<=R[j]) {arr[k]=L[i];i++;}
        else{arr[k]=R[j];j++;}
        k++;
    }

    while(i<n1){arr[k]=L[i];i++;k++;}
    while(j<n2){arr[k]=R[j];j++;k++;}
}

void mergeSort(std::vector<int>& arr, int left, int right){
    if (left >= right) return;
    int mid = left + (right-left)/2;

    mergeSort(arr, left, mid);
    mergeSort(arr, mid+1, right);
    merge(arr, left, mid, right);
}
```

**Quick Sort  $O(n^2)$  but on avg gives  $O(n \log n)$ , averagely faster than merge sort (better cache)**

```
✓ #include <iostream>
#include <vector>

✓ int partition(std::vector<int> &vec, int low, int high) {
    int pivot = vec[high];
    int i = (low - 1);

    ✓ for (int j = low; j <= high - 1; j++) {
        ✓ if (vec[j] <= pivot) {
            ✓ i++;
            ✓ std::swap(vec[i], vec[j]);
        }
    }

    ✓ std::swap(vec[i + 1], vec[high]);
    return (i + 1);
}

✓ void quickSort(std::vector<int> &vec, int low, int high) {
    ✓ if (low < high) {
        ✓ int pi = partition(vec, low, high);
        ✓ quickSort(vec, low, pi - 1);
        ✓ quickSort(vec, pi + 1, high);
    }
}
```

**Counting Sort  $O(n+range)$  good for sorting small ranged values**

```

#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using namespace std;

void countingSort(vector<int>& arr) {
    if (arr.empty()) return;

    // Find the maximum value in the array
    int maxVal = *max_element(arr.begin(), arr.end());

    // Create a frequency array (size: maxVal + 1)
    vector<int> count(maxVal + 1, 0);

    // Count occurrences of each element
    for (int num : arr) {
        count[num]++;
    }

    // Reconstruct the sorted array
    int index = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i <= maxVal; i++) {
        while (count[i] > 0) {
            arr[index++] = i;
            count[i]--;
        }
    }
}

```

## Searching Methods

- **Unsorted array?** → Linear Search
- **Sorted array?** → Binary Search
- **Finding first/last occurrence?** → Lower/Upper Bound Binary Search
- **Unimodal array (peak search)?** → Ternary Search
- **Large datasets?** → Jump Search or Fibonacci Search
- **Infinite array?** → Exponential Search
- **Uniformly distributed data?** → Interpolation Search

### Linear Search

```

#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>

int main() {
    std::vector<int> v = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11};
    int key = 8;

    auto it = std::find(v.begin(), v.end(), key);

    if (it != v.end())
        std::cout << key << " Found at Position: " << it - v.begin() + 1;
    else
        std::cout << key << " NOT found.';

    return 0;
}

```

## Iterative Binary Search

```
#include <iostream>

int binarySearch(int arr[], int low, int high, int x) {
    while (low <= high) {
        int mid = low + (high - low) / 2;
        if (arr[mid] == x) return mid;
        if (arr[mid] < x) low = mid + 1;
        else high = mid - 1;
    }
    return -1;
}
```

## Recursive Binary Search

```
#include <iostream>

int binarySearch(int arr[], int low, int high, int x) {
    if (high >= low) {
        int mid = low + (high - low) / 2;
        if (arr[mid] == x) return mid;
        if (arr[mid] > x) return binarySearch(arr, low, mid - 1, x);
        return binarySearch(arr, mid + 1, high, x);
    }
    return -1;
}
```