CS 180
1/5/16

syllabus online
homework assigned every thursday
due every thursday before 8am
7-8 homework 30%
midterm 30%
final 40%
OH T 7-8 am
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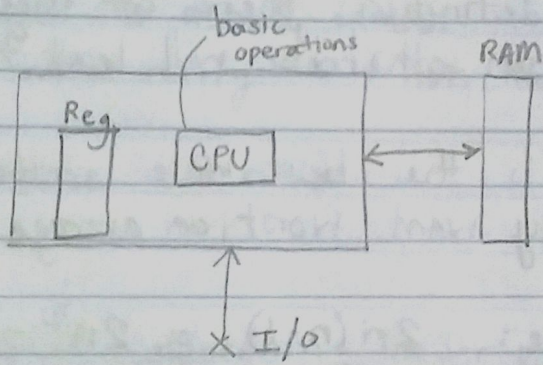
Model of Computation
a model that is universal (UM)
Serial model of computation




limited # of registers

the CPU computes a simple operation

all analysis is function of n

example: add n numbers
$x_1, x_2, \ldots x_n$
- first read all numbers into RAM: takes about 2n unit of time
  ↳ n for reading it, n for writing into RAM
- into CPU: ~n
- adding: ~(n-1)
- output: ~1

runs in ~4n (time complexity)

want to change the order of the runtime

lower bound argument: must read all the numbers so the time complexity is at least ~n

most times we will be using VM not parallel

formal definitions are not approximate

example: Famous
- everyone knows them
- he/she doesn't know anyone

who is famous in the class?

model of computation: pick 2 people
ask if A $\xrightarrow{\text{knows}}$ B $\rightsquigarrow$ 1 unit
needs to ask $2(n-1)$ questions to see if one person is famous
by definition, there can only be one famous person otherwise will lead to contradiction

$2(n-1)$ is the best case
usually want worst or average case

worst case: $2n(n-1) = 2n^2 - 2n$
$\sim 2n^2$
$\sim n^2$

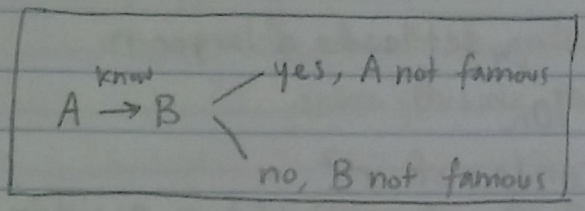
can we improve the algorithm? yes

informally the lower bound seems to be n (no proof)
since we must ask everyone a question otherwise the output may change

the proposed algorithm is an exhaustive search

technique: problem reduction
reduce the number of possibilities

arbitrary ≠ random
random requires/implies effort




one person is eliminated as a famous candidate

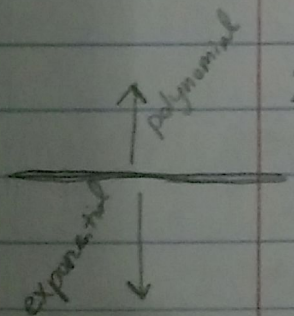
after n-1 questions, we are left with one candidate but we still don't know if that candidate is actually famous
must verify → if not, there is no famous person

runtime $3(n-1)$
$\sim n$

optimal algorithm: lower and upper bound match

## Asymptotic Analysis

| | 10 |
|---|---|
| $n$ | 10 |
| $2n$ | 20 |
| $n^2$ | 100 |
| $2^n$ | 1024 |
| $n!$ | 4mil |



formal: Asymptotic Analysis

$f(n) = O(g(n))$

only care about large $n$

$\forall \; n_0, c$ s.t.

$f(n) \leq cg(n) \quad n \geq n_0$

example: $f(n) = O(n^2)$

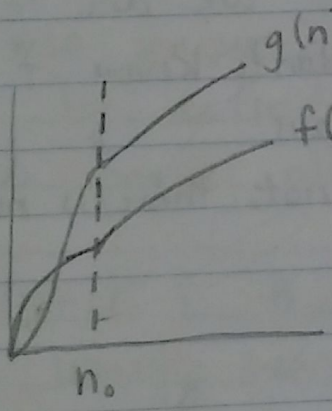
$f(n) = \frac{n^2}{4} < n^2$

set c to a larger n

$f(n) = 5n^2 < 10n^2$

$\log n$ is order of $n^2$

$2^n$ is not order of $n^2$ but $n^2$ is the order of $2^n$




this is why we only care about large $n$ values hence $n \geq n_0$

c must be a constant; cannot be a function of n