

# Algorithm Complexity II

## Big O, $\Omega$ , $\Theta$ Notations

ivanovitch.silva@ufrn.br  
@ivanovitchm



# Big O

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

$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \leq cg(n)$$

**Meaning** :  $f(n)$  is  $O(g(n))$   
if there exist two constants **c** and  **$n_0$**  such that for every  $n$  greater than or equal to  $n_0$ ,  $f(n)$  is smaller than or equal to  $cg(n)$ .

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

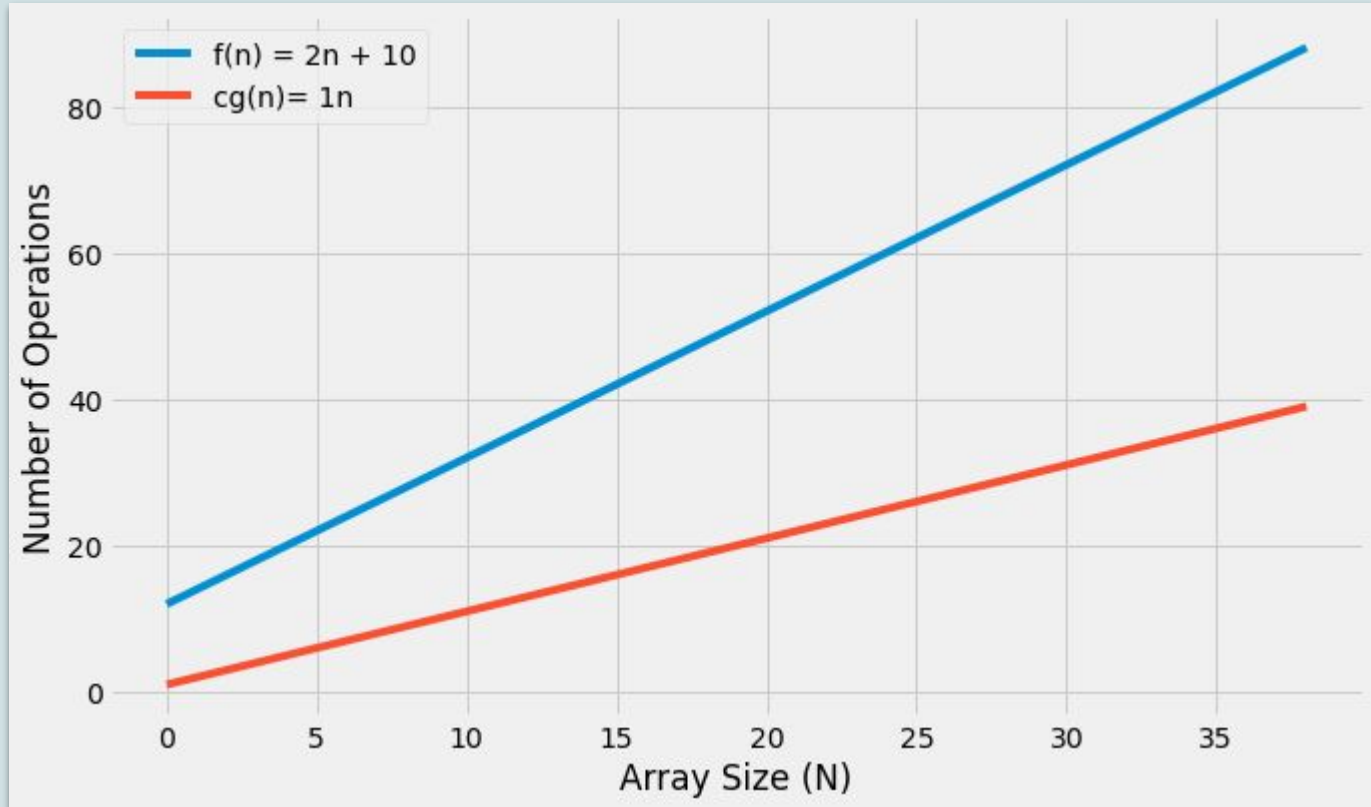
$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \leq cg(n)$$

$$g(n) = n$$

$$c = 1$$

$$cg(n) = 1n$$



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

$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

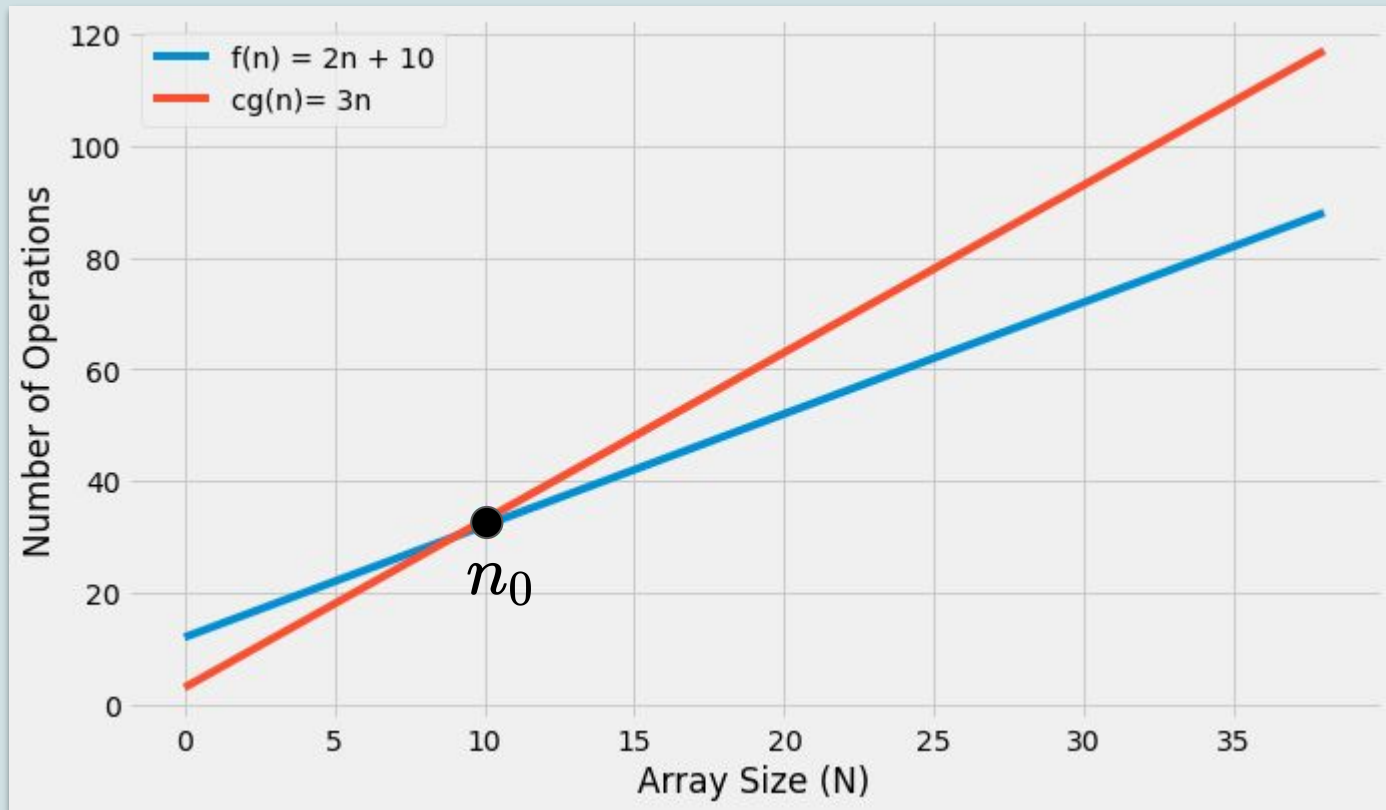
$$f(n) \leq cg(n)$$

$g(n)$  is an upper bound of  $f(n)$

$$g(n) = n$$

$$c = 3$$

$$cg(n) = 3n$$



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

$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \leq cg(n)$$

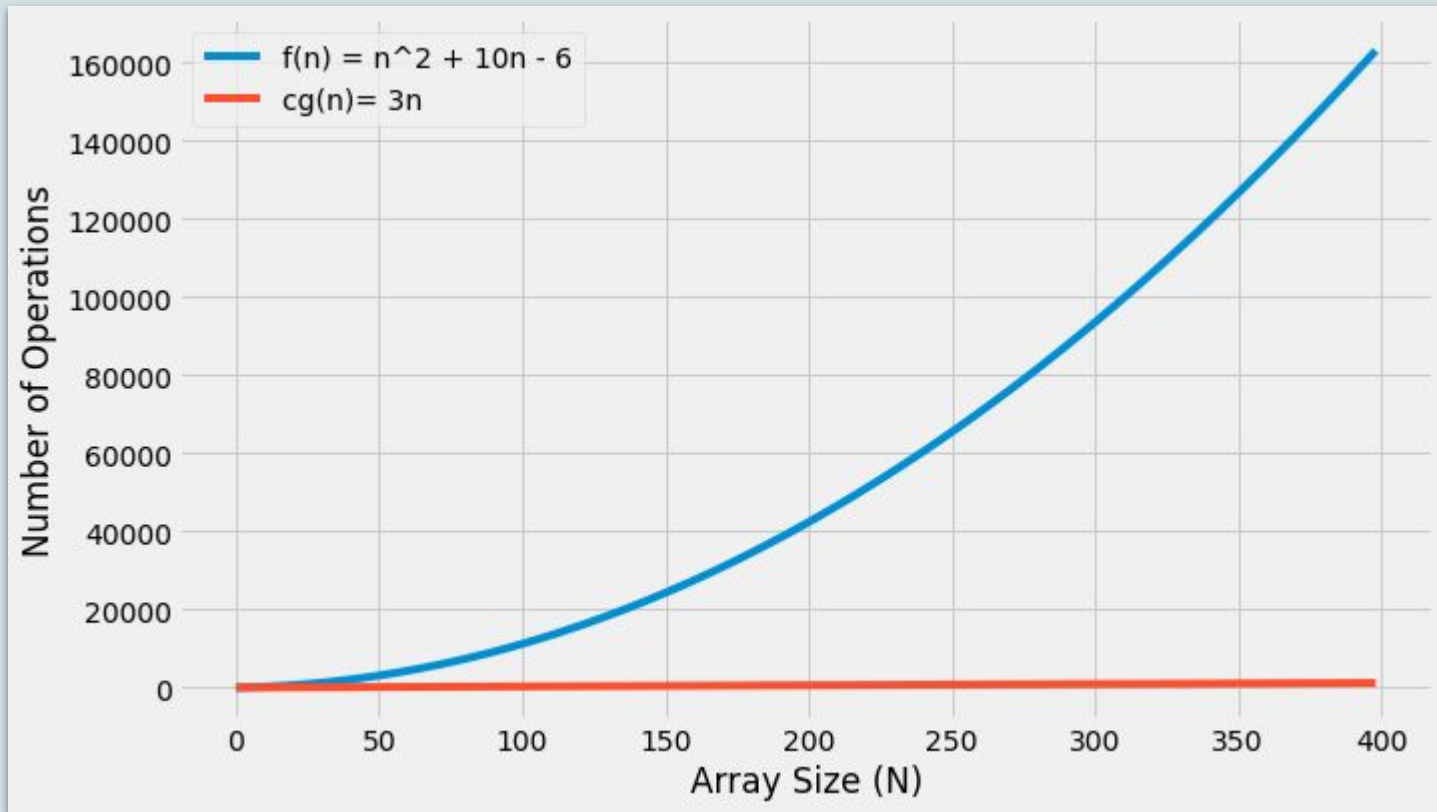
$$f(n) = n^2 + 10n - 6$$

$$f(n) = O(n)?$$

$$g(n) = n$$

$$c = 3$$

$$cg(n) = 3n$$



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

$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \leq cg(n)$$

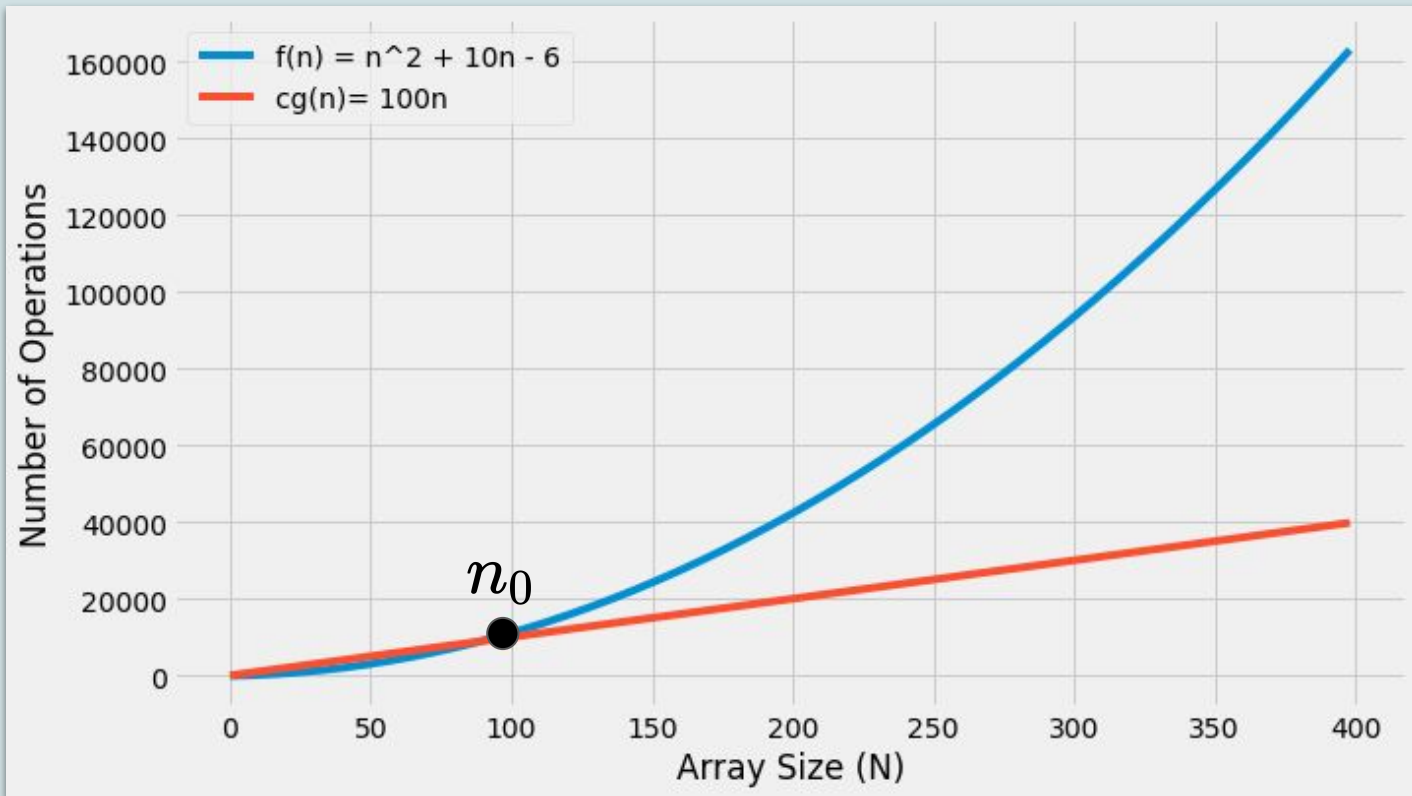
$$g(n) = n$$

$$c = 100$$

$$cg(n) = 100n$$

$$f(n) = n^2 + 10n - 6$$

$$f(n) = O(n)?$$



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

$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \leq cg(n)$$

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

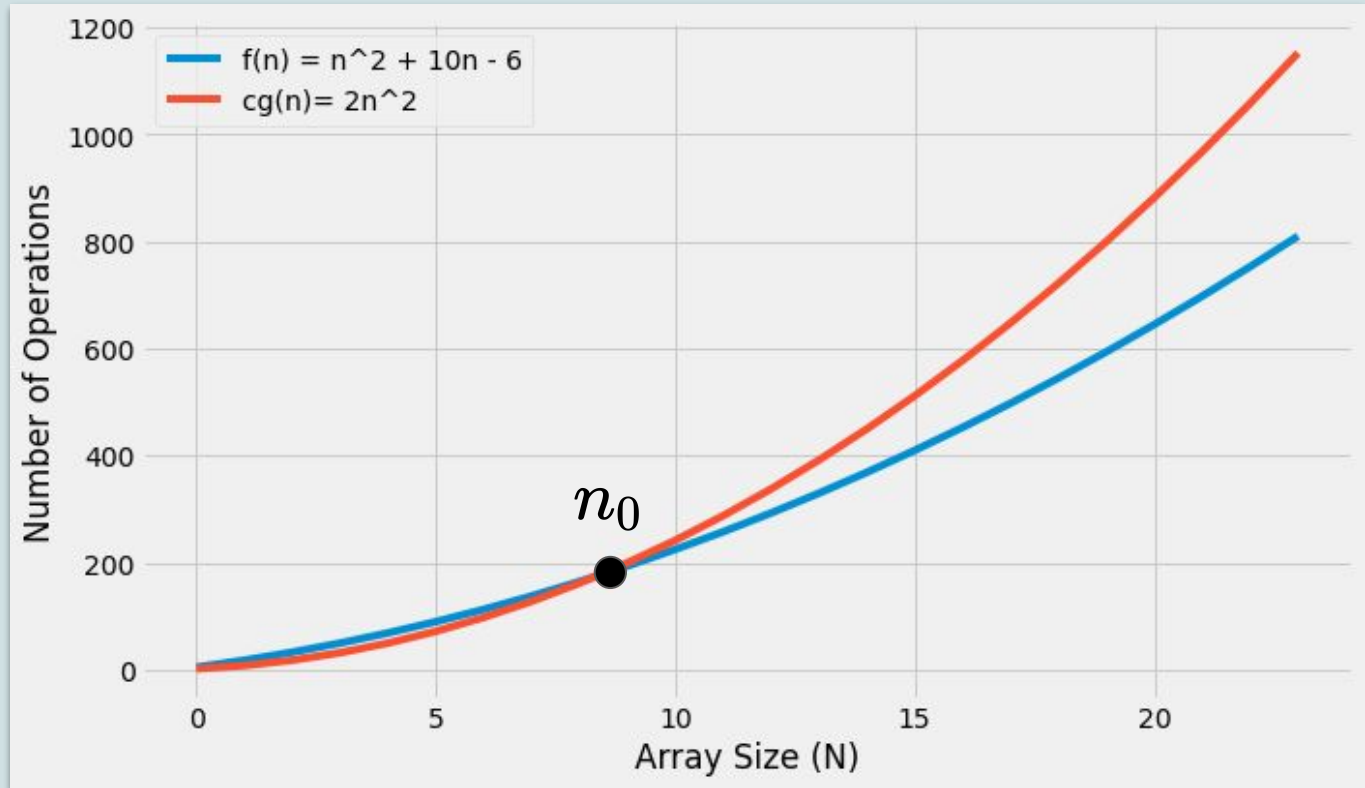
$$c = 2$$

$$cg(n) = 2n^2$$

$n^2$  is a upper bound of  $f(n)$

$$f(n) = n^2 + 10n - 6$$

$$f(n) = O(n^2)?$$



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

$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \leq cg(n)$$

$$g(n) = n!$$

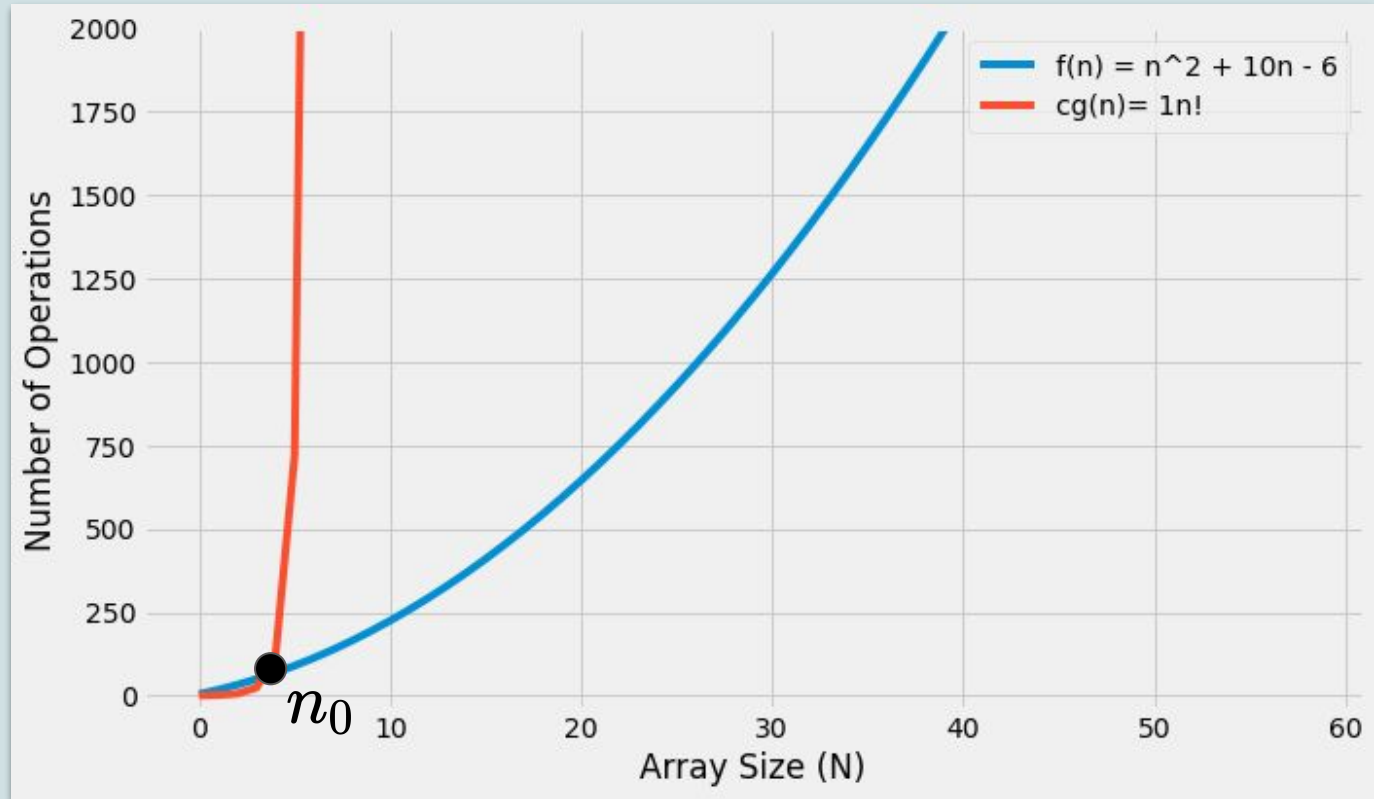
$$c = 1$$

$$cg(n) = 1n!$$

$n!$  is also an upper bound of  $f(n)$

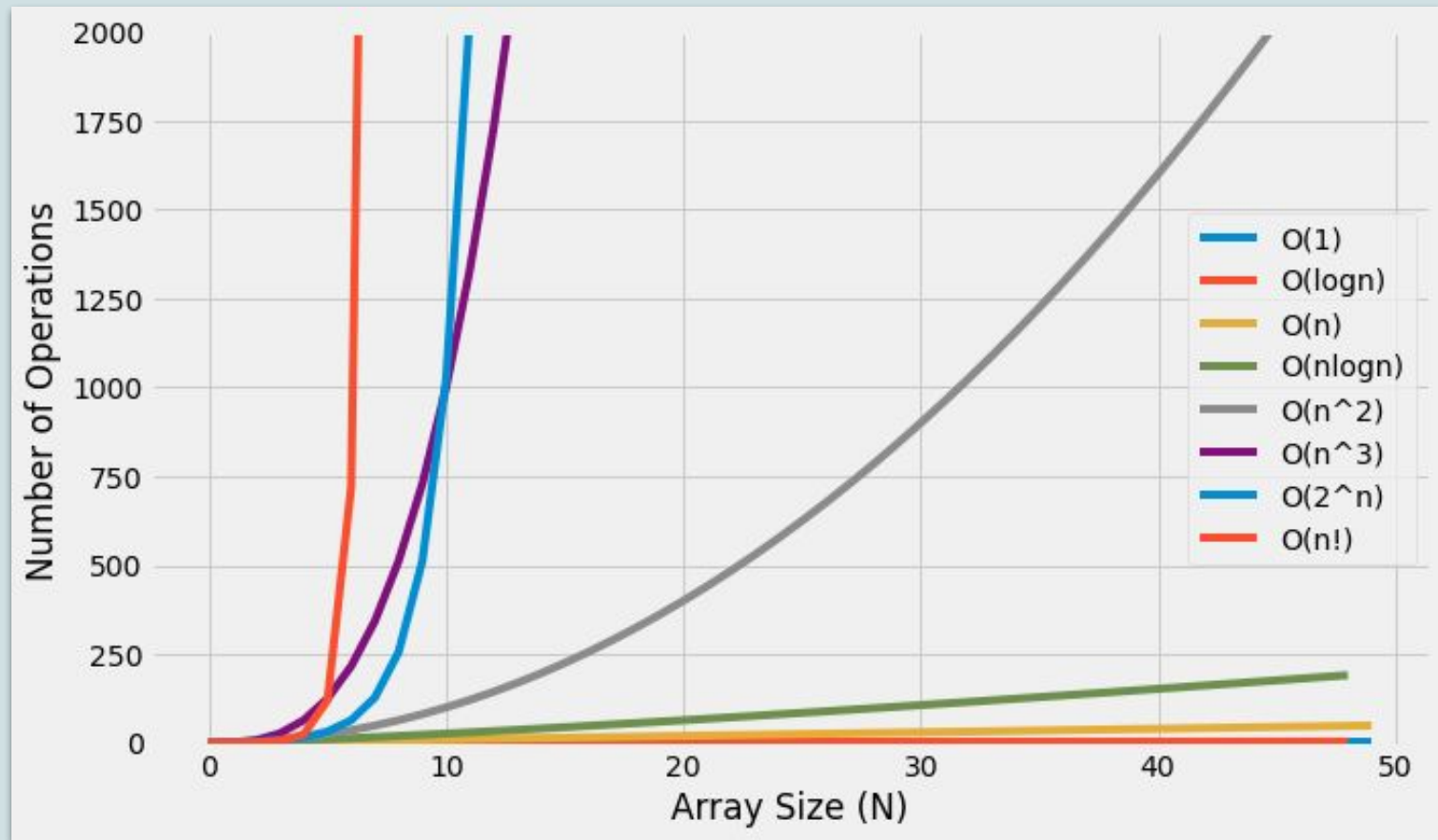
$$f(n) = n^2 + 10n - 6$$

$$f(n) = O(n!)?$$





$n^2$  and  $n!$  are both upper  
bounds of  $f(n)=n^2+10n-6$ ,  
but the **tight** one is  $n^2$



$$O(1) < O(\log n) < O(n) < O(n \log n) < O(n^2) < O(2^n) < O(n!)$$

# Big $\Omega$

$$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \geq cg(n)$$

**Meaning** :  $f(n)$  is  $O(g(n))$  if there exist two constants **c** and  **$n_0$**  such that for every  $n$  greater than or equal to  $n_0$ ,  $f(n)$  is **greater than or equal to**  $cg(n)$ .

$$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \geq cg(n)$$

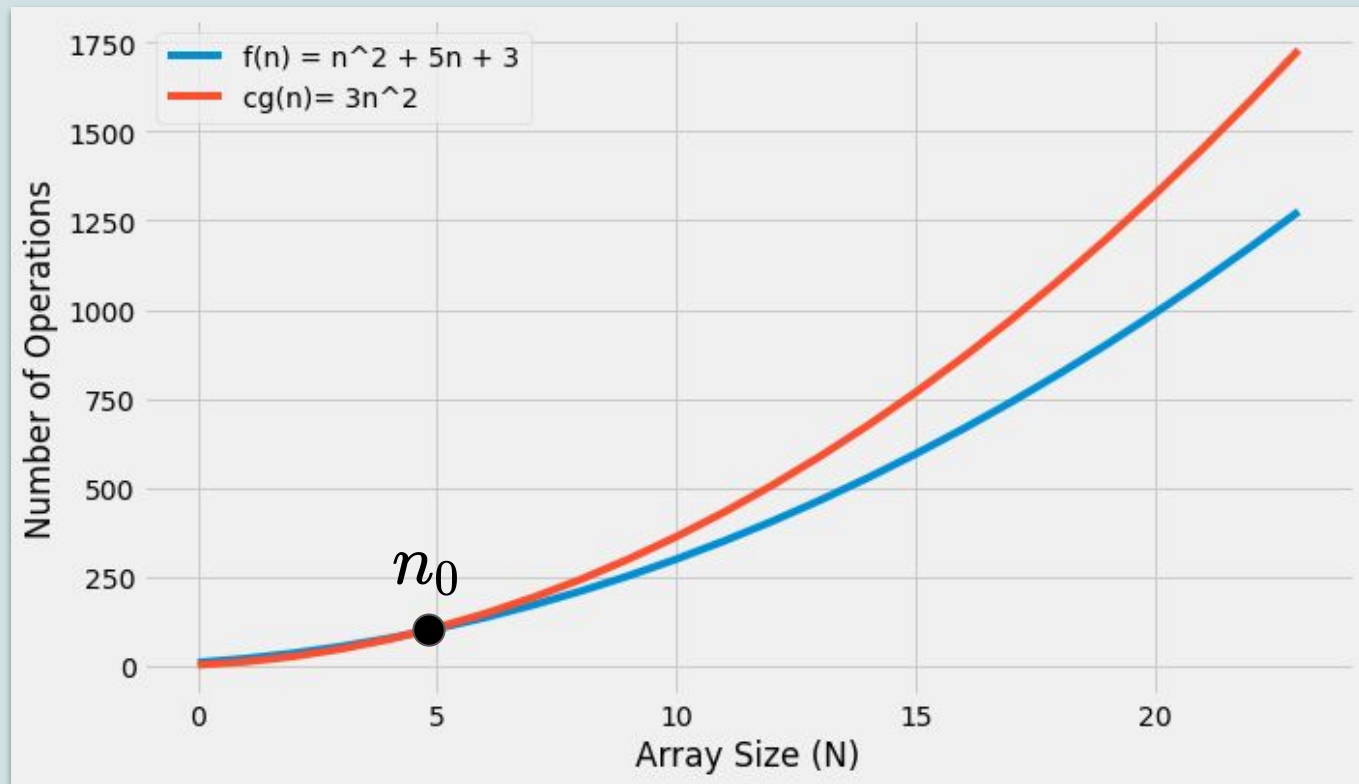
$$f(n) = 2n^2 + 5n + 3$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(n^2)?$$

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

$$c = 3$$

$$cg(n) = 3n^2$$



$$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \geq cg(n)$$

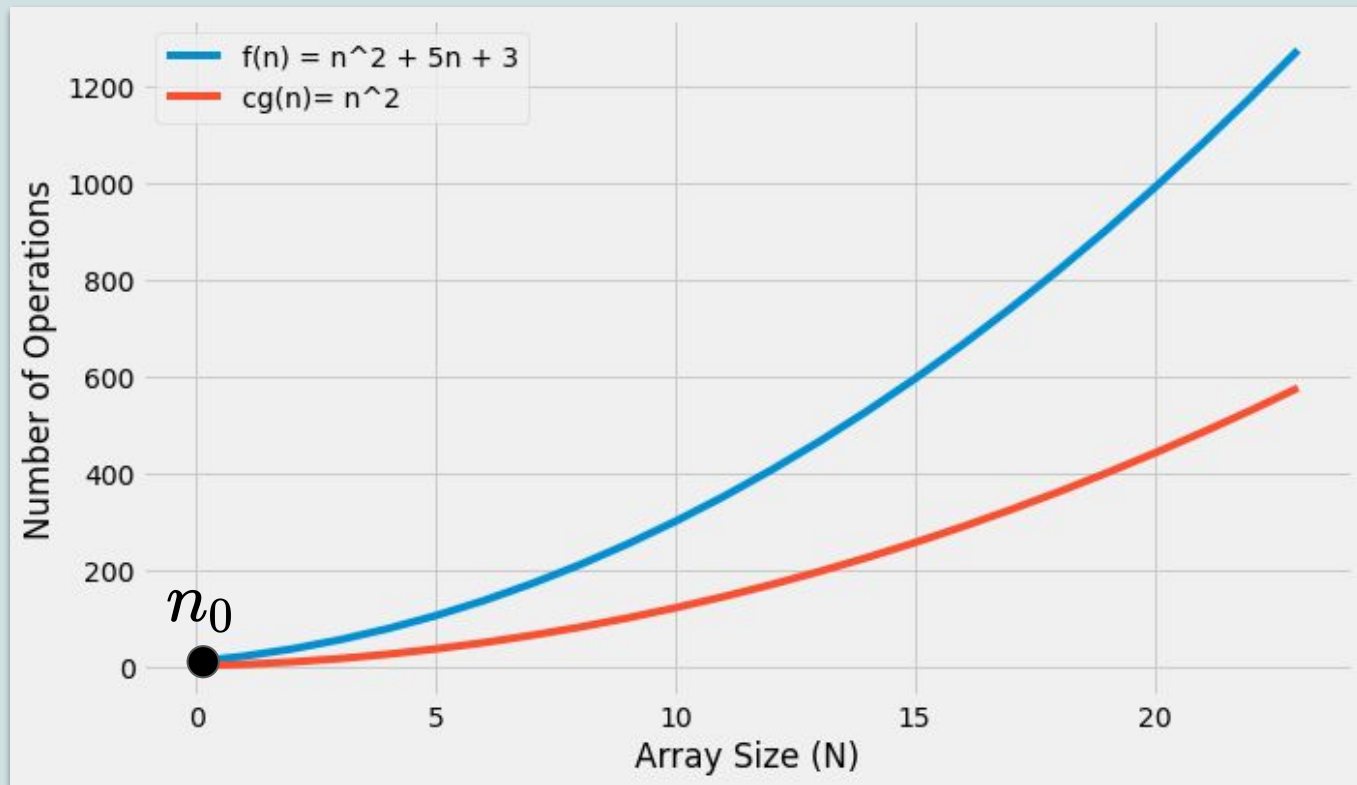
$$g(n) = n^2$$

$$c = 1$$

$$cg(n) = 1n^2$$

$$f(n) = 2n^2 + 5n + 3$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(n^2)?$$



$$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \geq cg(n)$$

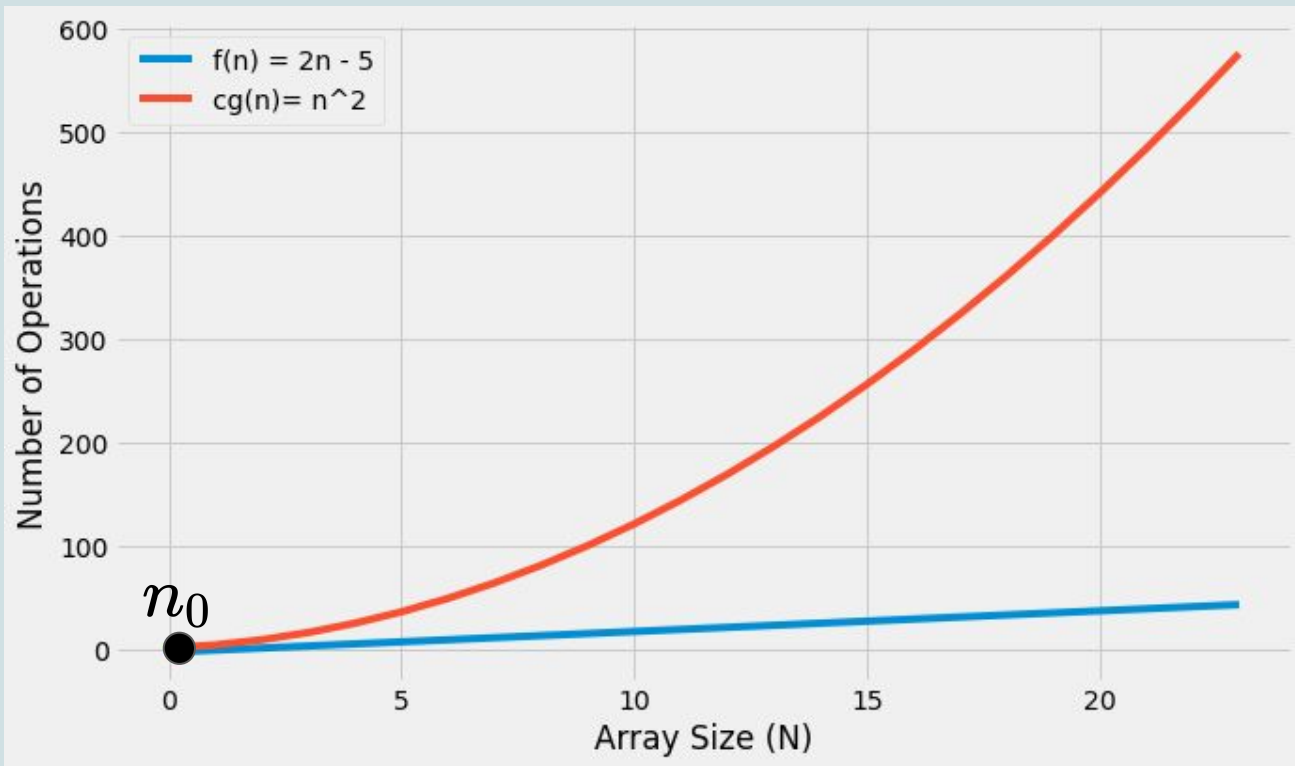
$$g(n) = n^2$$

$$c = 1$$

$$cg(n) = 1n^2$$

$$f(n) = 2n - 5$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(n^2)?$$



$$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \geq cg(n)$$

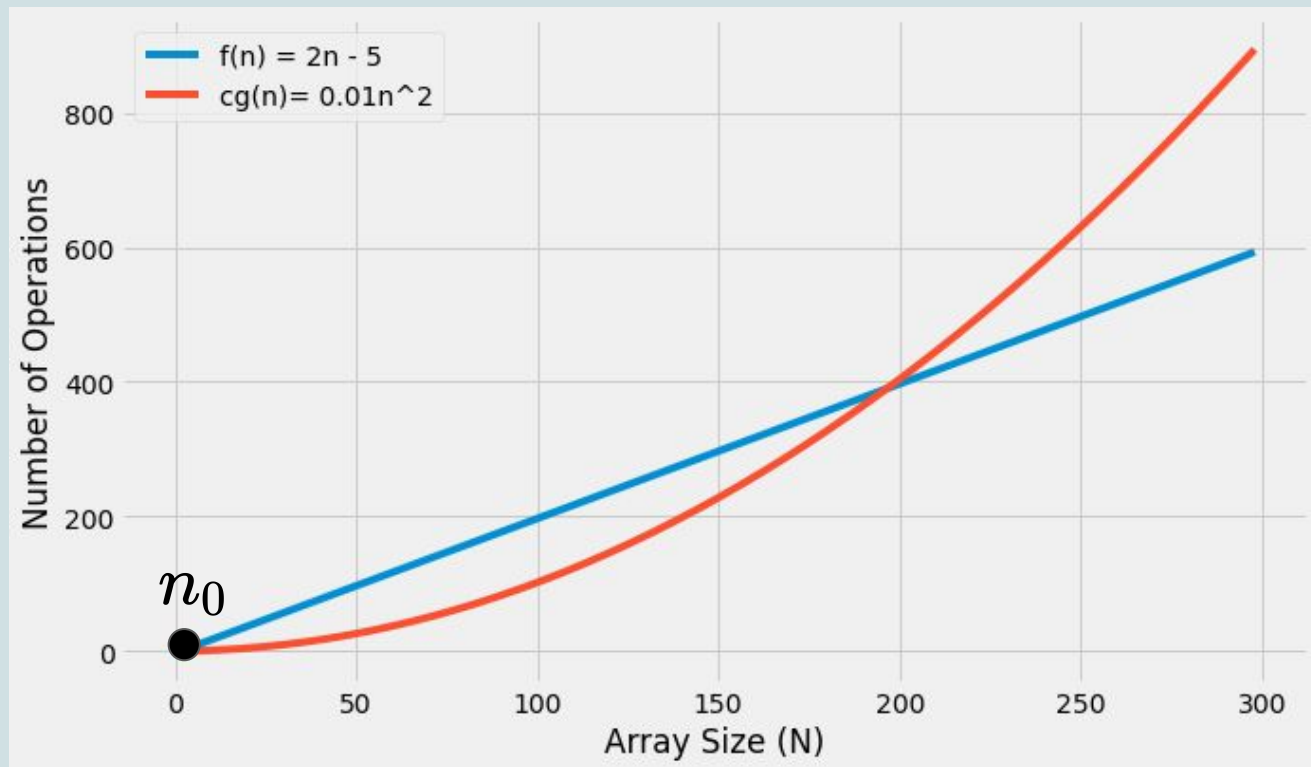
$$g(n) = n^2$$

$$c = 0.01$$

$$cg(n) = 0.01n^2$$

$$f(n) = 2n - 5$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(n^2)?$$



$$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \geq cg(n)$$

$$f(n) = 2n - 5$$

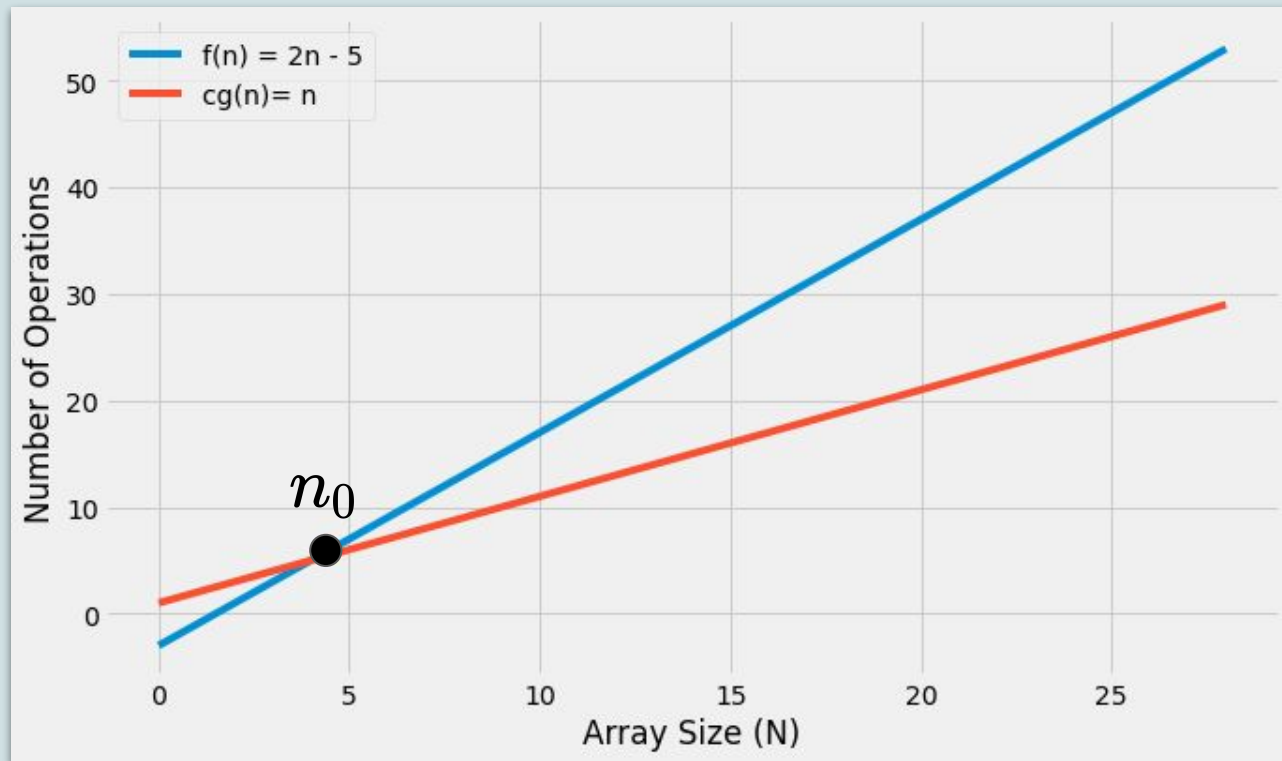
$$f(n) = \Omega(n)?$$

$$g(n) = n$$

$$c = 1$$

$$cg(n) = n$$

$n$  is a lower bound  
of  $f(n)$





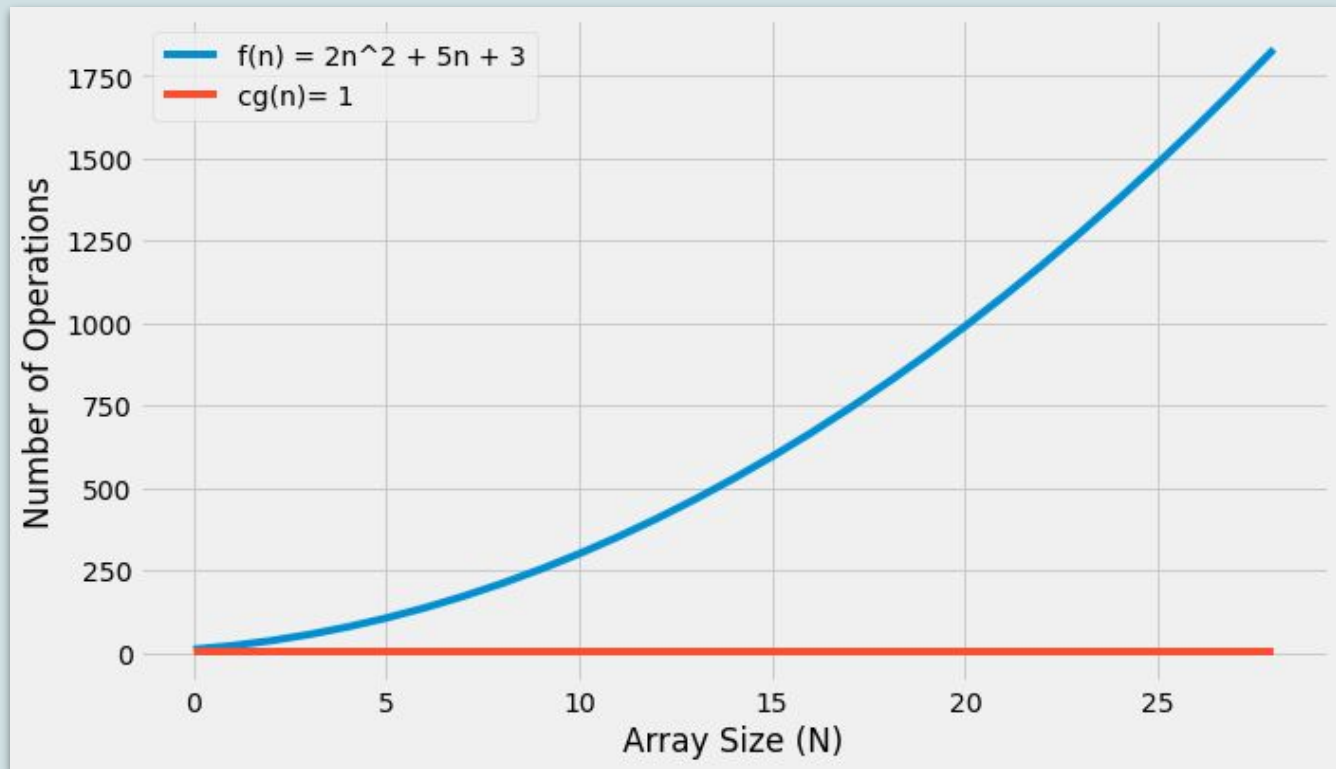
$$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \geq cg(n)$$

$$f(n) = 2n^2 + 5n + 3$$

is  $\Omega(1)$ , but it is not  
the tight lower  
bound.



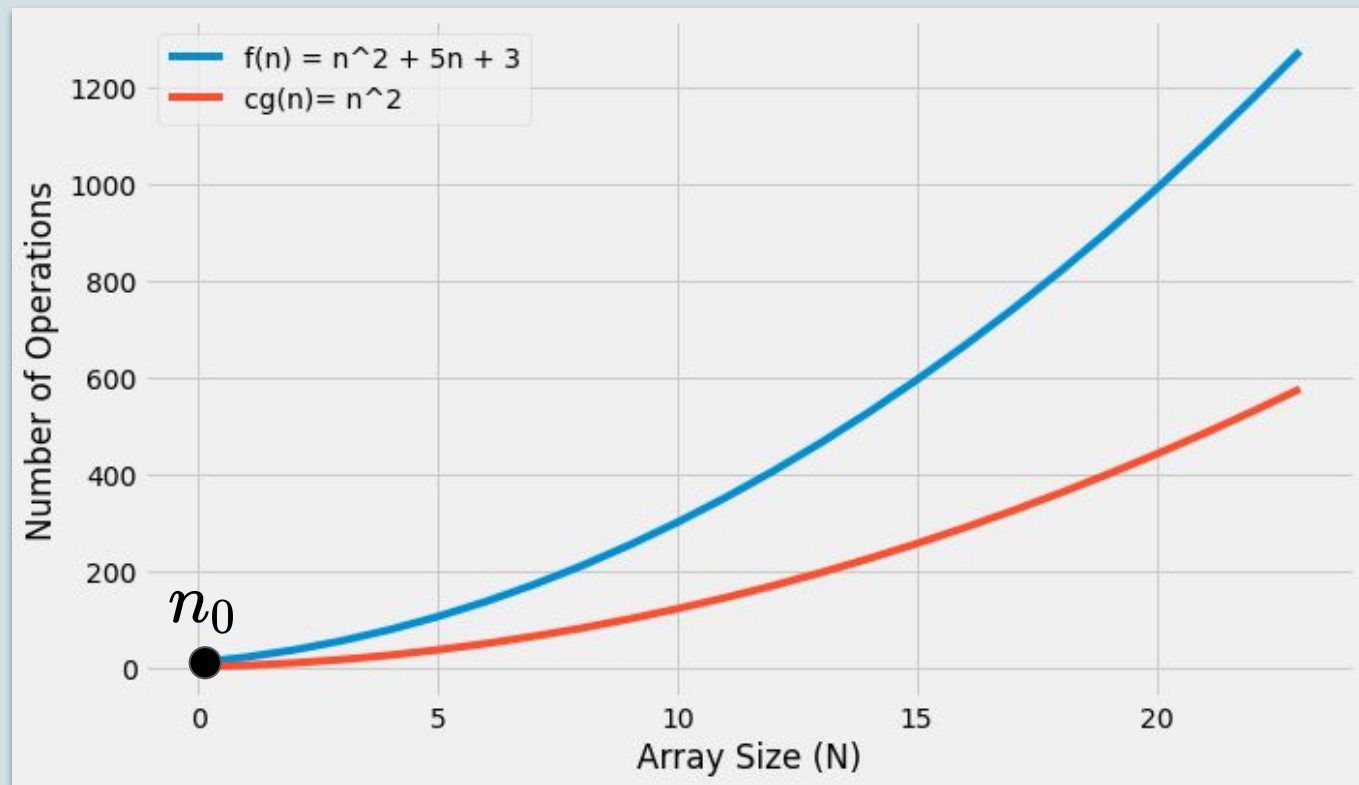
$$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

$$\text{if } \exists c, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) \geq cg(n)$$

$$f(n) = 2n^2 + 5n + 3$$

$g(n) = n^2$  is the tight lower bound.



# Big $\Theta$

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

$$\text{if } \exists c_1, c_2, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$$

**Meaning** :  $f(n)$  is  $\Theta(g(n))$  if there exist three constants  $c_1, c_2$ , and  $n_0$  such that for every  $n$  greater or equal to  $n_0$ ,  $f(n)$  is **greater than or equal to**  $c_1 g(n)$  and **smaller than or equal to**  $c_2 g(n)$ .

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

$$\text{if } \exists c_1, c_2, n_0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$$

$$g(n) = n$$

$$c_1 = 1$$

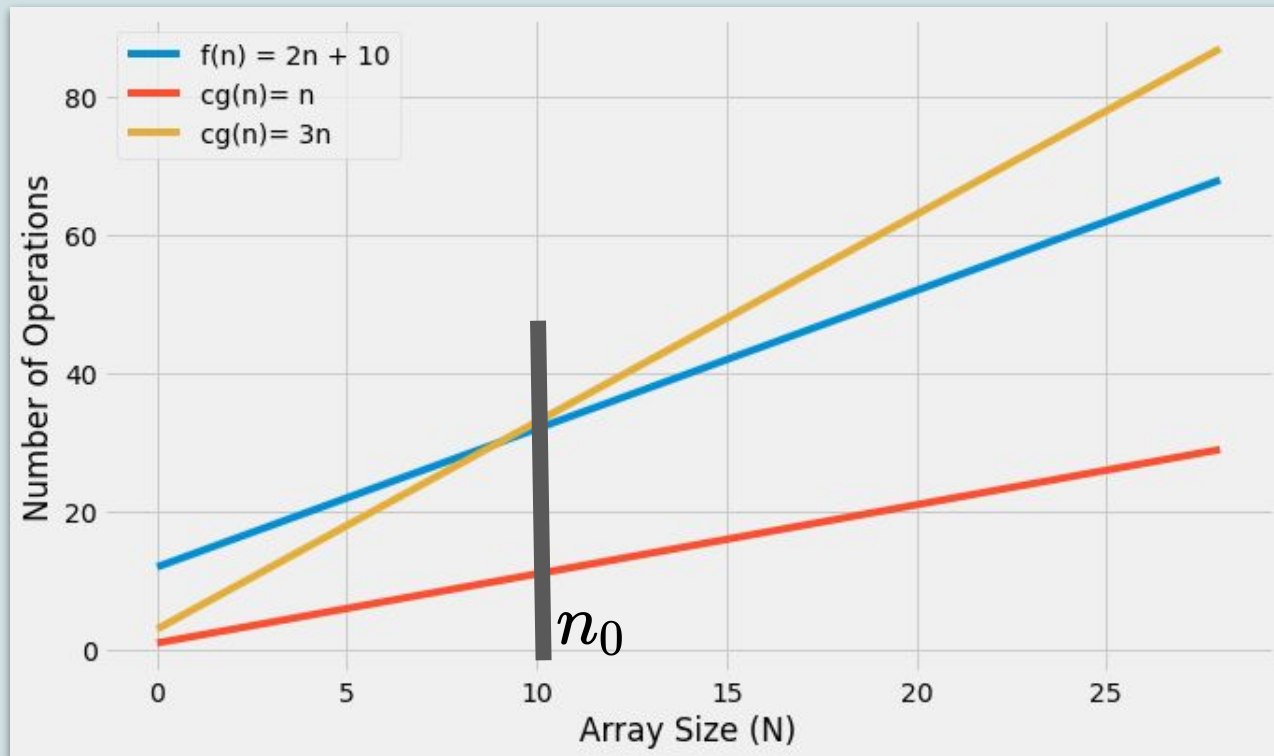
$$c_2 = 3$$

$$c_1 g(n) = n$$

$$c_2 g(n) = 3n$$

$$f(n) = 2n + 10$$

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



$$f(n) = \Theta(n) \Rightarrow f(n) = O(n)$$

$$f(n) = O(n) \not\Rightarrow f(n) = \Theta(n)$$

$$f(n) = \Theta(n) \Rightarrow f(n) = \Omega(n)$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(n) \not\Rightarrow f(n) = \Theta(n)$$