Analysis of Algorithms

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(*) To Solve any problem we can have multiple solutions and to determine the best/optimal solution among bunch of solutions we calculate the time complexity of algorithm.

(**) Factor on which Time Complexity of algorithms depends:-

(1) Machine on which code is running

(2) Programming language used to Solve

(3) System load at that time when code is compiled & run

(***) We can calculate using Asymptotic analysis approach.

(****) We are determing the order of growth of the algorithm

(**) Best Case ⇒ It is ideal case in which we want to achieve this but this is practically not possible for every case.

(**) Avg Case ⇒ It is generally not calculated because it totally depends upon the user. So, it is impractical to calculate.

(**) Worst Case ⇒ It is the case we generally calculate for the algorithm. It is practical and give idea about algorithm

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Direct way to calculate the order of growth

① Ignore the lower order term

② Ignore the leading term Constant.

(**) If the Multiple terms are present in expression then

$$C < \log\log n < \log n < n^{1/3} < n^{1/2} < n < n^2 < n^3 < n^4 < 2^n < n^n$$

→ Increasing order of time taken

Example 1 ⇒ $f(n) = 2n^2 + n + 6$.

Soln → $\underset{\times}{2n^2} + \underset{\times}{n} + \underset{\times}{6}$ ⇒ order of growth ⇒ n^2.

Example 2 → $f(n) = 1000n + 30$

Soln → $\underset{\times}{1000}n + \underset{\times}{30}$ ⇒ order of growth ⇒ n

Example 3 → $f(n) = C_1 \log n + C_2$ | $g(n) = C_3 n + C_4 \log\log n + C_5$

Soln ⇒ $f(n) \Rightarrow \underset{\times}{C_1 \log n} + \underset{\times}{C_2}$ | $g(n) = \underset{\times}{C_3 n} + \underset{\times}{C_4 \log\log n} + \underset{\times}{C_5}$

$f(n) = \log n$ | $g(n) = n$

(**) Compare from the chart we can observe that $f(n)$ is more optimal than $g(n)$.

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Asymptotic Notation

① Big O ⇒ Exact order of growth or Upper [Worst]

② Theta Θ ⇒ Exact order of growth [Avg Case]

③ Omega Ω ⇒ Exact order of growth or Lower [Best]

** Some important points about these notations

① Θ (Theta) is calculated when you know exact order of growth, you know about exact Complexity of algo.

② O (Big) is calculated when you don't know the exact order of growth, generally it is calculated in IT-industry, because we can say through Big O refers to threshold complexity or higher. It is also called Worst Case Complexity.

③ Ω (omega) is not generally calculated because it is not correct way to know about the complexity of algorithm. It is also called Best Case Complexity

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