

# **C++ & Python Program Design**

## **-- Flow Control**

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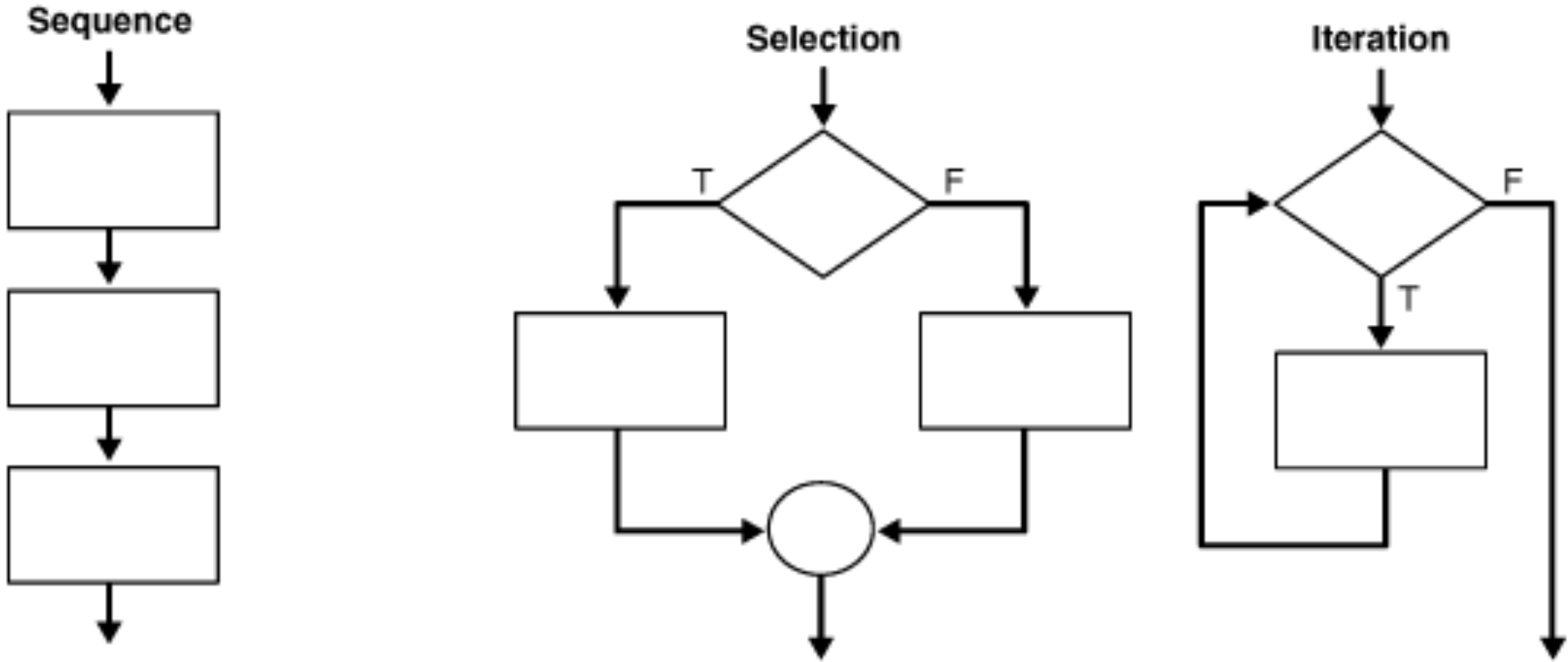
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  - While
  - for
2. Algorithm complexity
  - Timekeeping
  - $O(n)$

# **Control Structures**

# Motivation – Flow Control

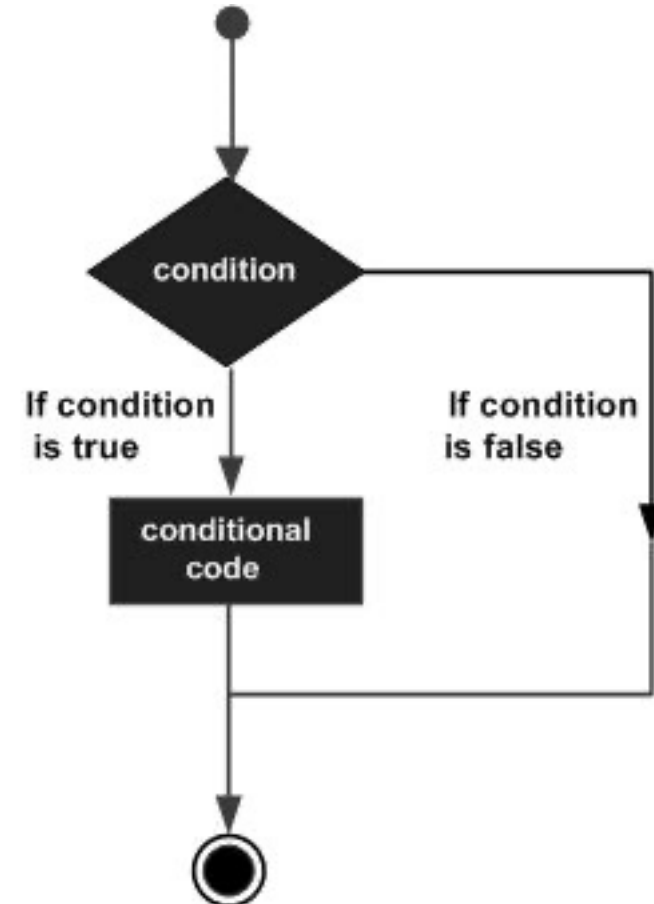


- Execute **statements** 语句 one by one, from first to last;
- Wouldn't be very useful, e.g. moving in a game
- Alter the order of execution, execute or not – **control flow**

# flow-of-control statements

Portions of code, depending on circumstances情况, execute in a certain way:

1. Conditionals: Check values of variables and to execute (or not execute) certain statements
  - ① If
  - ② Switch-case
2. Loops
  - ① While
  - ② for



# Simple if

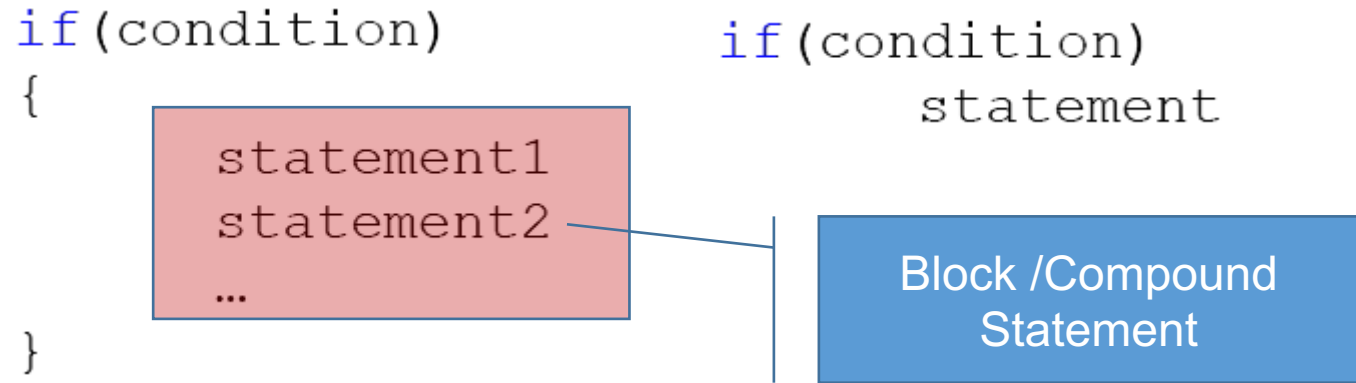
Which is Python?

```
if condition:  
    statement1  
    statement2  
    ...
```

vs.

```
if (condition) {  
    statement1  
    statement2  
    ...  
}
```

# If & if-else



```
if (condition)
{
    statementA1
    statementA2
    ...
}
else
{
    statementB1
    statementB2
    ...
}
```

The diagram shows the syntax for an `if-else` statement. The `if` block contains `statementA1`, `statementA2`, and an ellipsis. The `else` block contains `statementB1`, `statementB2`, and an ellipsis.

VS.

```
if condition:
    statement1
    statement2
    ...
else:
    statement1
    statement2
    ...
```

The diagram shows the syntax for an `if-else` statement in a more compact style. The `if` block contains `statement1`, `statement2`, and an ellipsis. The `else` block contains `statement1`, `statement2`, and an ellipsis.

# Else if

```
if(condition1)
{
    statementA1
    statementA2
    ...
}
else if(condition2)
{
    statementB1
    statementB2
    ...
}
```

- C++ does not have an elif
- May be more than one “else if”
- Once a block whose condition was met is executed, any “else if” after it are **ignored**, so:
  - Either one or no block is executed.
  - Optimize the order of “else if” for speeding up

```
grade = 85
```

```
if (grade < 60):
    print('F')
elif (grade < 70):
    print('D')
elif grade < 80:
    print('C')
elif grade < 90:
    print('B')
else:
    print('A')
```



# Example

```
if (grade < 60) {  
    cout<<'F'<<endl;  
}  
else if (grade < 70) {  
    cout<<'D'<<endl;  
}  
else if (grade < 80) {  
    cout<<'C'<<endl;  
}  
else if (grade < 90) {  
    cout<<'B'<<endl;  
}  
else cout<<'A'<<endl;
```

```
grade = 55
```

```
if (grade < 60):  
    print('F')  
elif (grade < 70):  
    print('D')  
elif grade < 80:  
    print('C')  
elif grade < 90:  
    print('B')  
else:  
    print('A')
```

- Do you still remember how to input arguments from command line or screen?

# Switch-case

```
switch (expression)
{
    case constant1:
        statementA1
        statementA2
        ...
        break;
    case constant2:
        statementB1
        statementB2
        ...
        break;
    ...
    default:
        statementZ1
        statementZ2
        ...
}
```

```
int grade = 85;
```

- A cleaner way than using “if-else”
- the case must be based on integers

```
int tempgrade = grade/10;
switch(tempgrade) {
case 10:
case 9:
    cout << "The grade is A" << endl;
    break;
case 8:
    cout << "The grade is B" << endl;
    break;
case 7:
    cout << "The grade is C" << endl;
    break;
case 6:
    cout << "The grade is D" << endl;
    break;
default:
    cout << "The grade is F" << endl;
}
```

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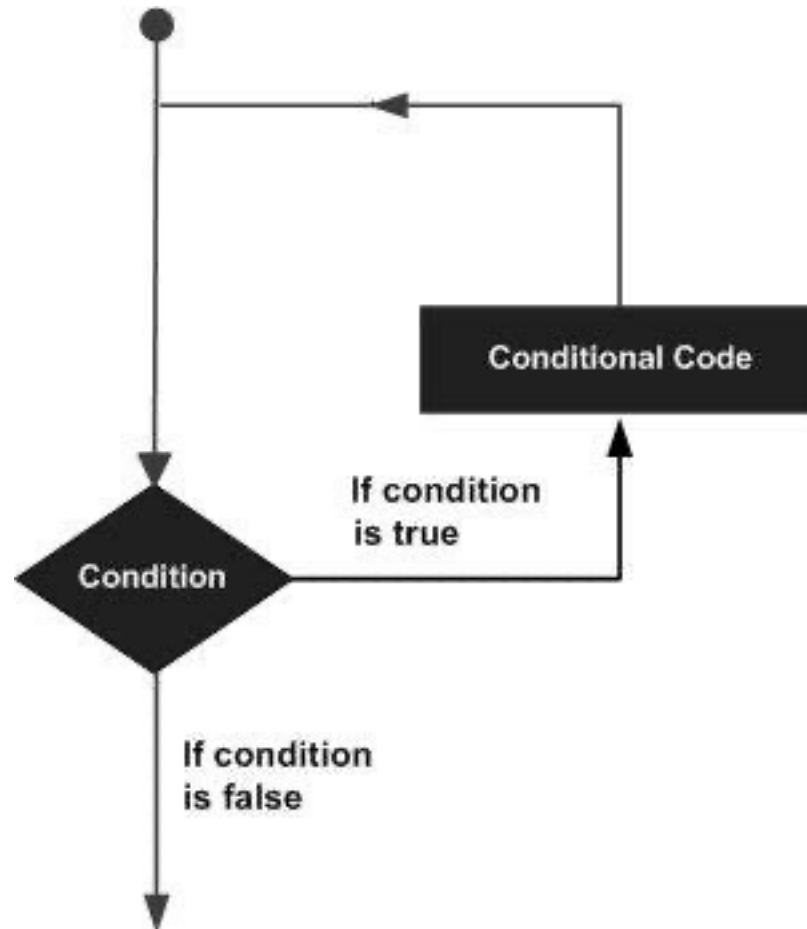
① If

② Switch-case

2. Loops

① While

② for



# While & do-while

```
while(condition)
{
    statement1
    statement2
    ...
}
do
{
    statement1
    statement2
    ...
}
while(condition);
```

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3
4  int main() {
5      int x = 0;
6
7      while(x < 10)
8          x = x + 1;
9
10     cout << "x is " << x << "\n";
11
12     return 0;
13 }
```

# Control the iteration with a compound condition

- while ((counter <= 10) && (!done)) { ...
- Boolean expression: use 2 operators: relational and logical.
- Relational operators => simple Boolean expression
  - counter <= 10

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!=	Not equal to

Relational operators

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Relational operators

# Control the iteration with a compound condition

- `while ((counter <= 10) && (!done)) { ...`
- Boolean expression: use 2 operators: relational and logical.
  - `counter <= 10`
- Logical operators combine relational expressions => more complicated boolean expressions
  - `!done`
  - `(counter <= 10) && (!done)`

Operator	Meaning
<code>&amp;&amp;</code>	and
<code>  </code>	or
<code>!</code>	not

<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>a &amp;&amp; b</b>
true	true	true
true	false	false
false	true	false
false	false	false

<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>a    b</b>
true	true	true
true	false	true
false	true	true
false	false	false

# Boolean expressions

- Assume  $x=6$  &  $y=2$ :

`!(x > 2) → false`

`(x > y) && (y > 0) → true`

`(x < y) && (y > 0) → false`

`(x < y) || (y > 0) → true`

- A quirk of C++:

- `false ⇔ 0`
- `true ⇔ !0`, i.e. “hello!” is true, 2 is true.



# While in Python

```
count = 0
while count < 5:
    print(count)
    count += 1 # This is the same as count = count + 1
```

```
count = 0
while True:
    print(count)
    count += 1
    if count >= 5:
        break
```

# For in Python

- for iterating\_var in sequence:

```
statements(s)  primes = [2, 3, 5, 7] # define a list
                for prime in primes:
                    print(prime)
```

- iterate over a sequence of numbers, which can be used as Sequence Index 序列索引:

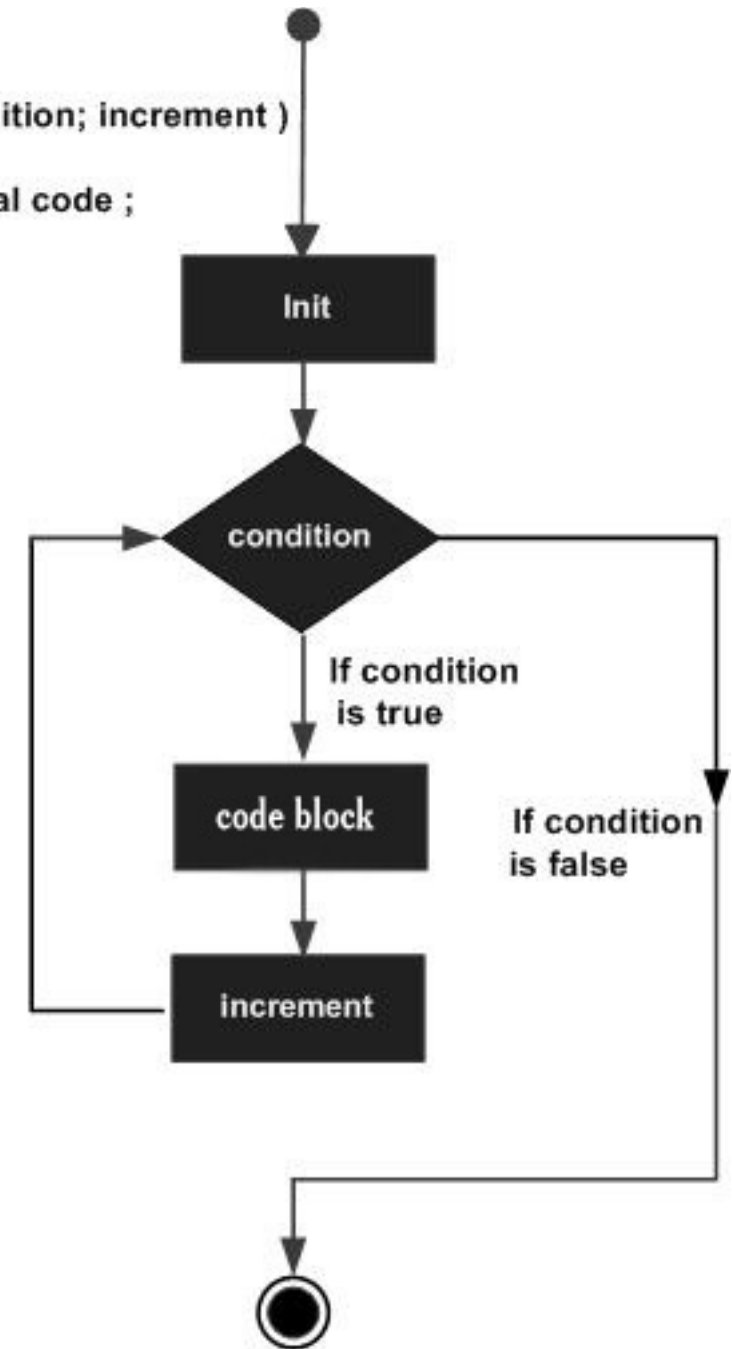
```
# Prints out the numbers 0,1,2,3,4
for x in range(5):
    print(x)

fruits = ['banana', 'apple', 'mango']
for index in range(len(fruits)):
    print('Current fruit :', fruits[index])
```

# For loops

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3
4  int main() {
5
6      for(int x = 0; x < 10; x = x + 1)
7          cout << x << "\n";
8
9      return 0;
10 }
```

```
for( init; condition; increment )
{
    conditional code ;
}
```



# Increment, Decrement operators (++ , --)

a++ & ++a are shorthand for a=a+1:

- ++a will increment a and then return the value (so it will return one greater than the original value)
- a++ will return the current value and then increment

```
1 // this code outputs 0 to 9
```

```
2 for(int i = 0; i < 10;)
```

```
3 {
```

```
4     cout << i++ << "\n";
```

```
5 }                                     7 // this code outputs 1 to 10
```

```
6                                     8 for(int i = 0; i < 10;)
```

```
9 {
```

```
10     cout << ++i << "\n";
```

```
11 }
```

# Prefix (++a) vs Postfix (a++) Increment operators

```
class UPInt { // "unlimited precision int"
public:
    UPInt& operator++();           // ++ prefix
    const UPInt operator++(int);   // ++ postfix
    UPInt& UPInt::operator++()
}; {

    *this += 1;                   // 增加

    return *this;                 // 取回值
}

// postfix form: fetch and increment
const UPInt UPInt::operator++(int)
{
    UPInt oldValue = *this;       // 取回值

    ++(*this);                    // 增加

    return oldValue;              // 返回被取回的值
}
```

**++a is a little more effective than  
a++**

**-- More effective c++, M6**

# Nested conditionals

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3
4  int main() {
5      int x = 6;
6      int y = 0;
7
8      if(x > y) {
9          cout << "x is greater than y\n";
10         if(x == 6)
11             cout << "x is equal to 6\n";
12         else
13             cout << "x is not equal to 6\n";
14     } else
15         cout << "x is not greater than y\n";
16
17     return 0;
18 }
```

# Break & continue

- **break**: exit a for loop or a while loop
- **continue**: skip the current block, and return to the "for" or "while" statement.

```
1 // outputs first 10 positive integers
```

```
2 int i = 1;
```

```
3 while(true)
```

```
4 {
```

```
5     if(i > 10) break;
```

```
6     cout << i << "\n";
```

```
7 }
```

```
1 // print out even numbers in range 1 to 10
```

```
2 for(int i = 0; i <= 10; ++i)
```

```
3 {
```

```
4     if(i % 2 != 0) continue; // skips all odd numbers
```

```
5     cout << i << "\n";
```

# **For-each loops**



# For-each loops

- C++11 introduces a new type of loop called a **for-each** loop  
for (element\_declaration : array)  
statement;

```
int main()  
{  
    int fibonacci[] = { 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89 };  
    for (auto number : fibonacci) // type is auto, so number has its type deduced from the fibonacci array  
        std::cout << number << ' ';  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

# For-each loops

```
int array[5] = { 9, 7, 5, 3, 1 };
```

```
for (auto &element: array) // The ampersand makes element a reference to the actual array element, preventing a copy from being made
```

```
{
```

```
    std::cout << element << ' ';
```

```
}
```

*Rule: Use references or const references for your element declaration in for-each loops for performance reasons.*

# For-each doesn't work with pointers to an array

```
int sumArray(int array[]){  
    int sum = 0;  
    for (const auto &number : array) // compile error, the size of array isn't known  
        sum += number;  
    return sum;  
}
```

```
int main()  
{  
    int array[5] = { 9, 7, 5, 3, 1 };  
    std::cout << sumArray(array);  
    return 0;  
}
```

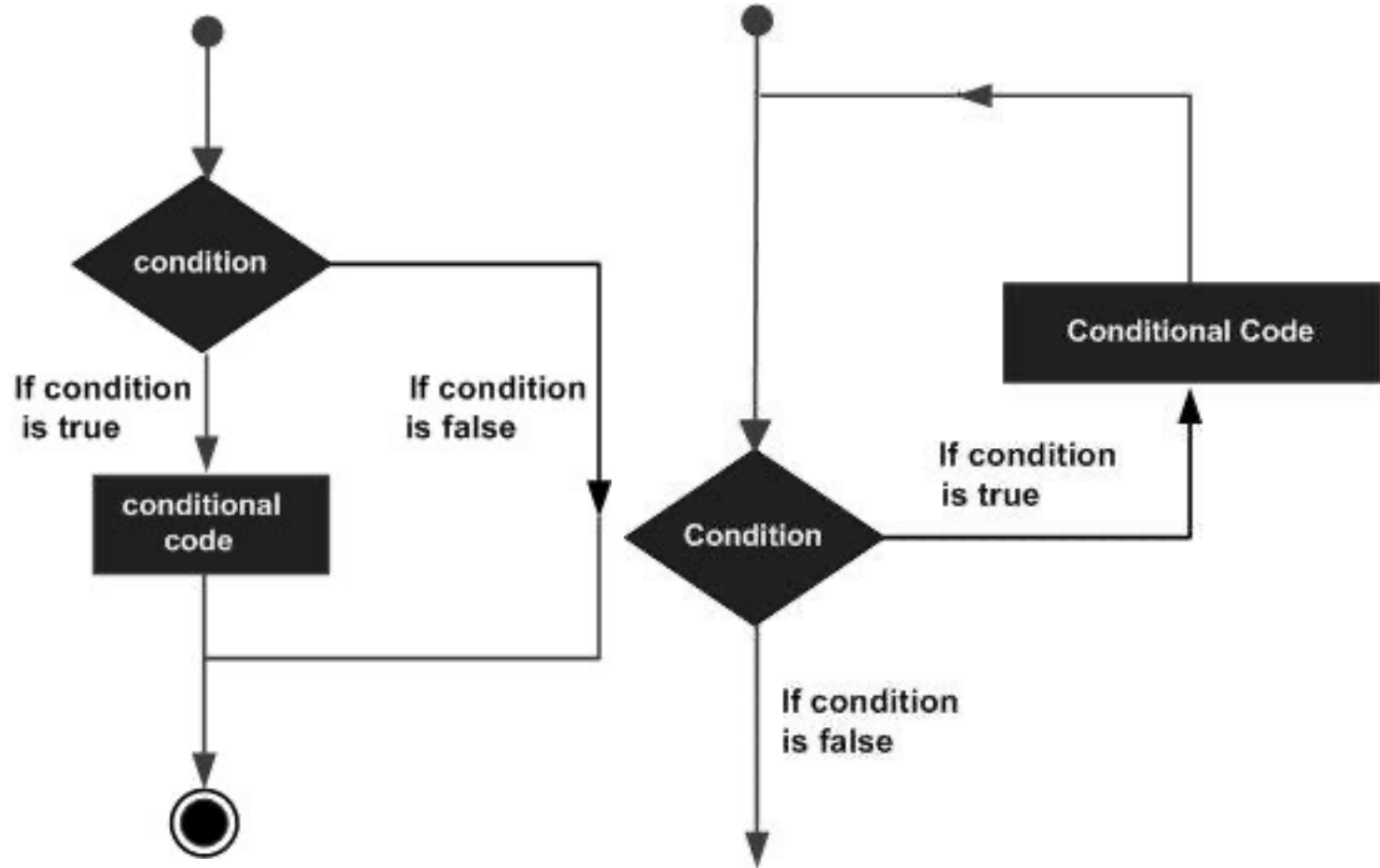
# flow-of-control statements

## 1. Conditionals:

- If, else if / elif
- Switch-case

## 2. Loops

- While
- For
- Bool expression
- Relational & Logical operators
- break & continue



# Timekeeping: C++ vs Python

```
import time
sum = 0; add = 1
start = time.time()
iterations = 1000*1000*100
for i in range(iterations):
    sum += add
    add /= 2.0

end = time.time()
print("Python for Time measured: {}
seconds".format(end - start))
```

13 seconds

# Timekeeping: C++ vs Python

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <chrono>
double sum(0), add(1);
```

13 vs. 0.6 seconds!! @ macbook,  
2.9GHz i7, 16GB mem.

```
auto begin = std::chrono::high_resolution_clock::now();
int iterations = 1000*1000*100;
for (int i=0; i<iterations; i++) {
    sum += add; add /= 2.0;
}
auto end = std::chrono::high_resolution_clock::now();
auto elapsed =
std::chrono::duration_cast<std::chrono::nanoseconds>(end -
begin);
printf("Result: %.20f\n", sum); //2
printf("C++ Time measured: %.3f seconds.\n", elapsed.count() *
1e-9);
```

# Analyzing an Algorithm / function

- Predicting the resources the algorithm requires
- Resources
  - **Computation Time**
  - Memory
  - Communication Bandwidth
  - ...

# Evaluating an algorithm

- **Mike**: My algorithm can sort  $10^6$  numbers in 3 seconds.
- **Bill**: My algorithm can sort  $10^6$  numbers in 5 seconds.
- **Mike**: I've just tested it on my new Pentium IV processor.
- **Bill**: I remember my result from my undergraduate studies (1985).
- **Mike**: My input was a random permutation of  $1..10^6$ .
- **Bill**: My input was the sorted output, so I only needed to verify that it is sorted.



- Processing time is surely a bad measure!!!
- We need a 'stable' measure, **independent** of the **implementation**.

# The RAM Model of Computation

RAM: Random Access Machine

1. Each simple operation (+, -, =, if, call) takes 1 step.
2. **Loops and subroutine** calls are **not simple** operations. They depend upon the size of the data and the contents of a subroutine. “Sort” is not a single step operation.
3. Each memory access takes exactly 1 step.

For a given problem instance:

- Running time of an algorithm = **#RAM** steps
- Useful abstraction => allow us to analyze algorithms in a machine-independent fashion.

# Insertion Sort

1	for i ← 2 to length[A]	n	
2	key ← A[i]	n	
3	j ← i-1	n	
4	while j > 0 and A[j] > key	$\sum_{i=2}^n t_1$	$t_i < i$
5	A[j+1] ← A[j]	$\sum_{i=2}^n t_1$	
6	j ← j-1	$\sum_{i=2}^n t_1$	
7	A[j+1] ← key	n	

$$T(n) = 4n + 3 \sum_{i=2}^n t_i$$

Best case: **linear** function of n

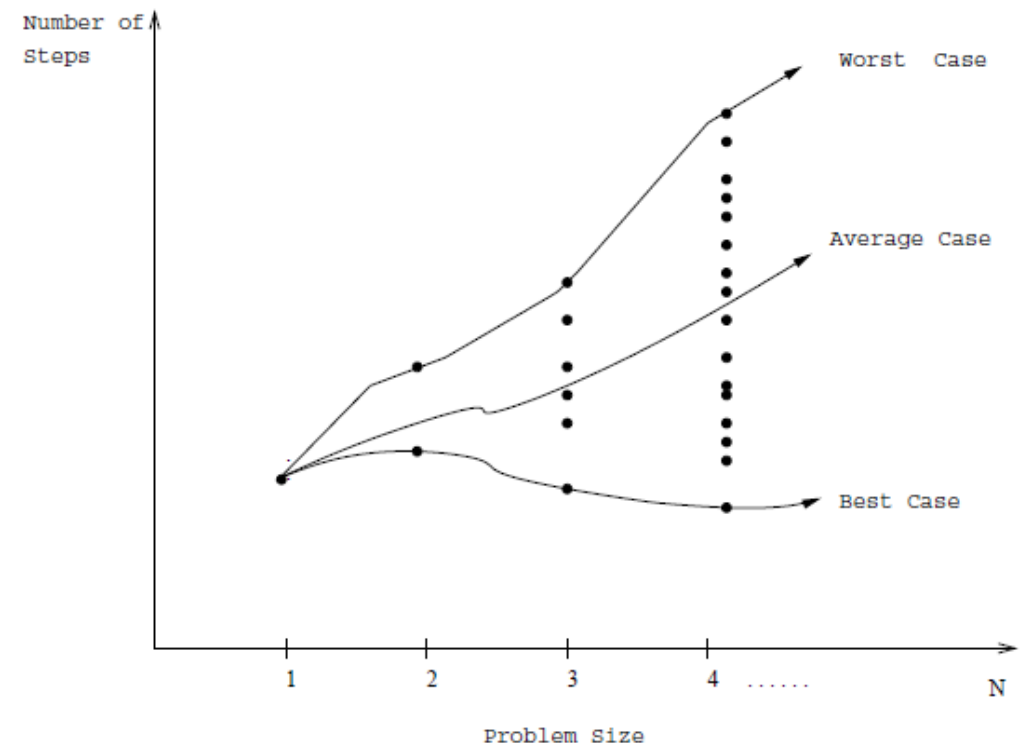
$$\Rightarrow t_i = 1 \text{ \& } \sum_{i=2}^n t_i = n-1$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = 4n + 3(n-1) = 7n$$

Worst case: **quadratic** function of n

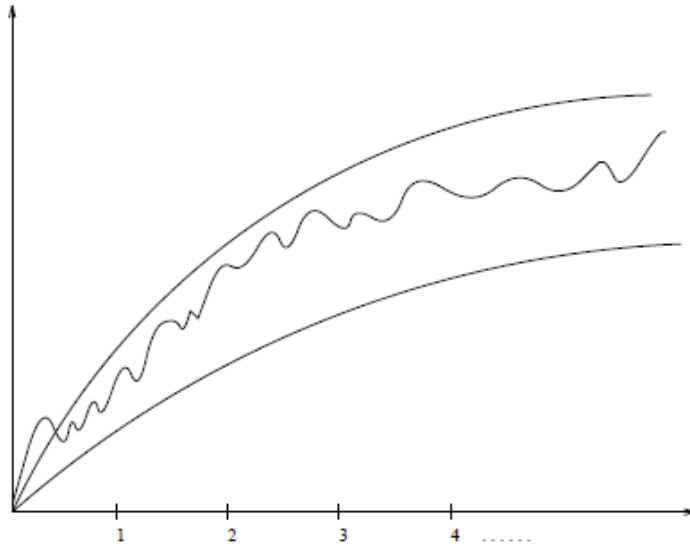
$$\Rightarrow t_i = i-1 \text{ \& } \sum_{i=2}^n t_i = n(n-1)/2$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = 4n + 3n(n-1)/2 = 4n + 3n^2/2$$



# Exact Analysis is Hard!

- Best, worst, and average are difficult to deal with precisely because the details are very complicated:

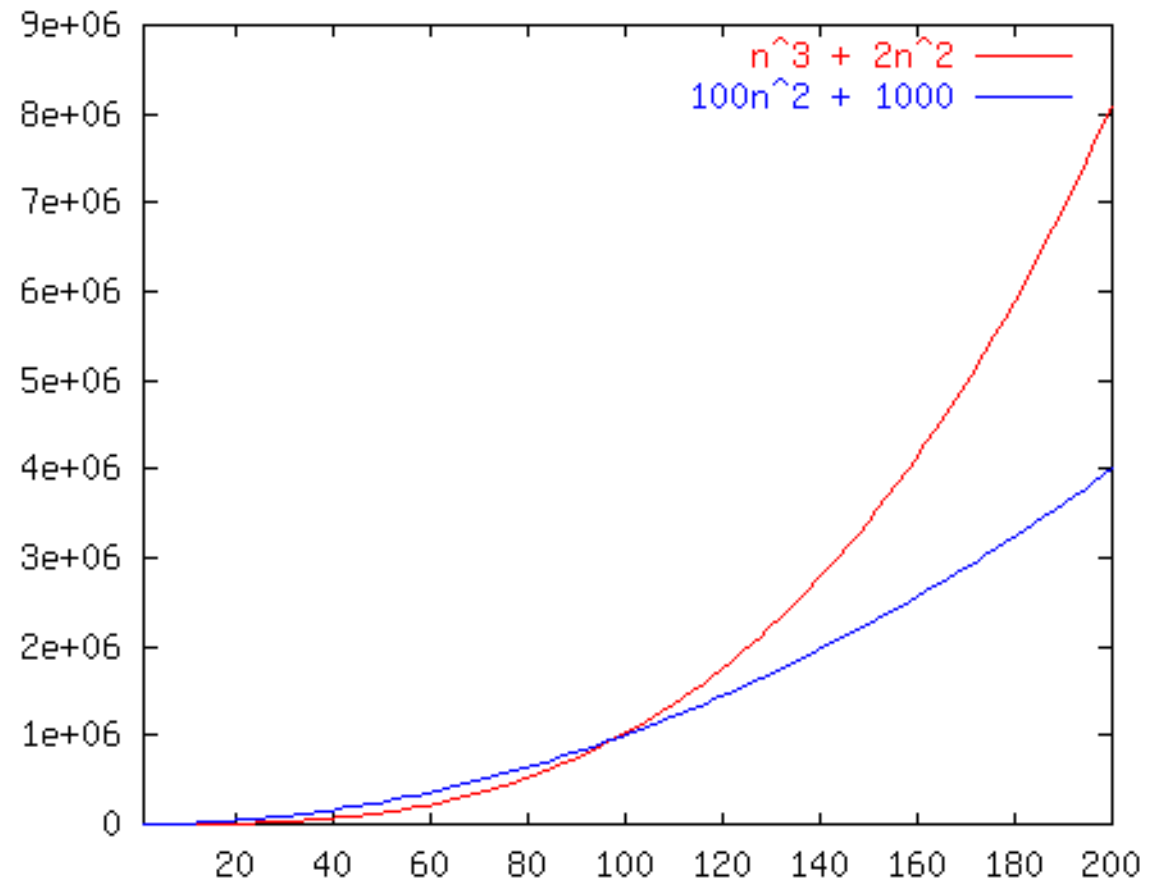
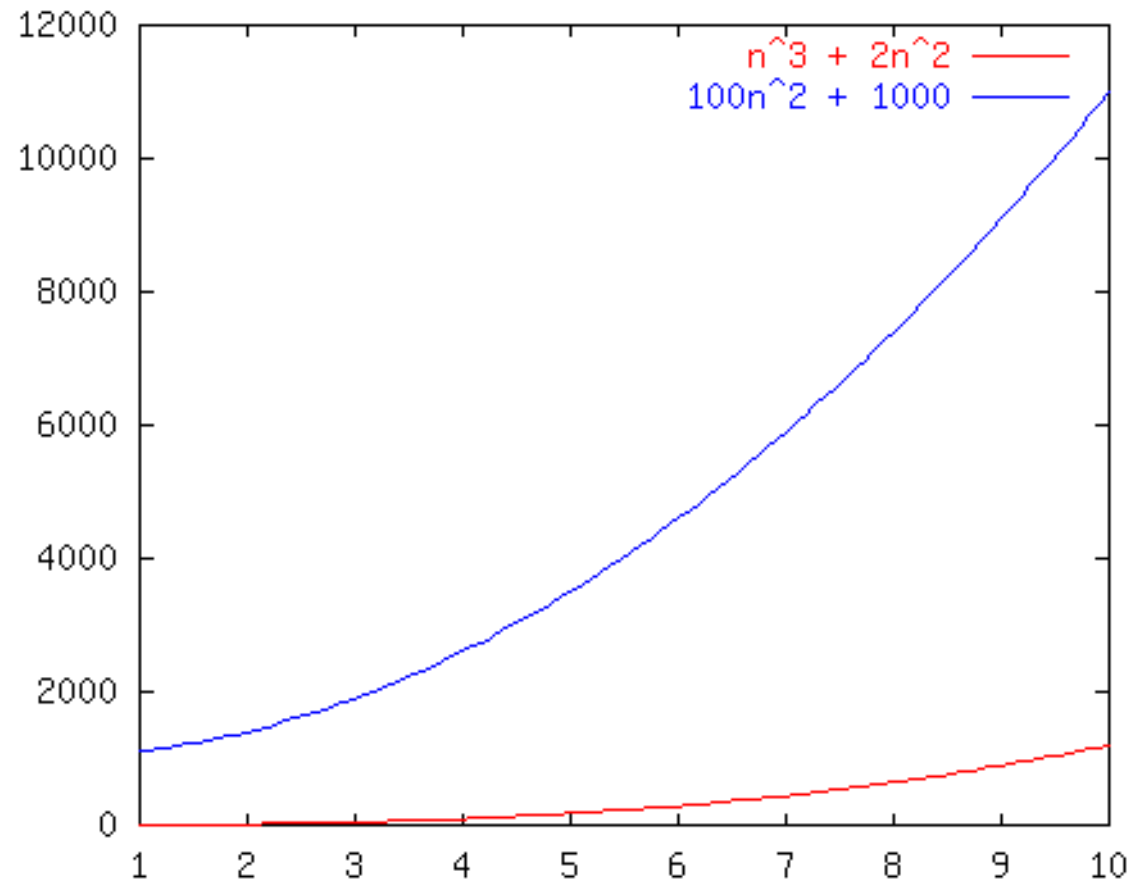


- It is easier to talk about *upper and lower bounds* of the function. **Asymptotic notation ( $O$ ,  $\Theta$ ,  $\Omega$ )** are as well as we can practically deal with complexity functions.

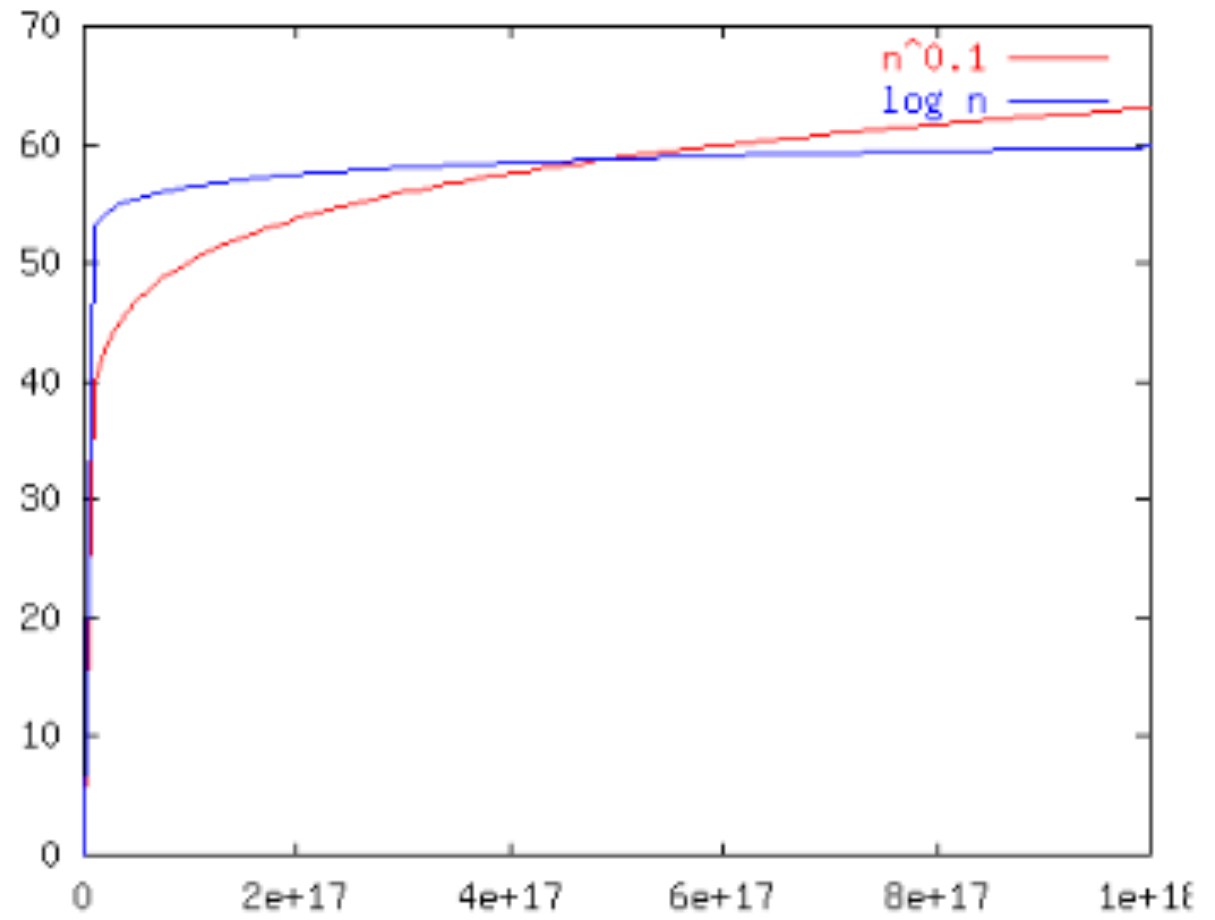
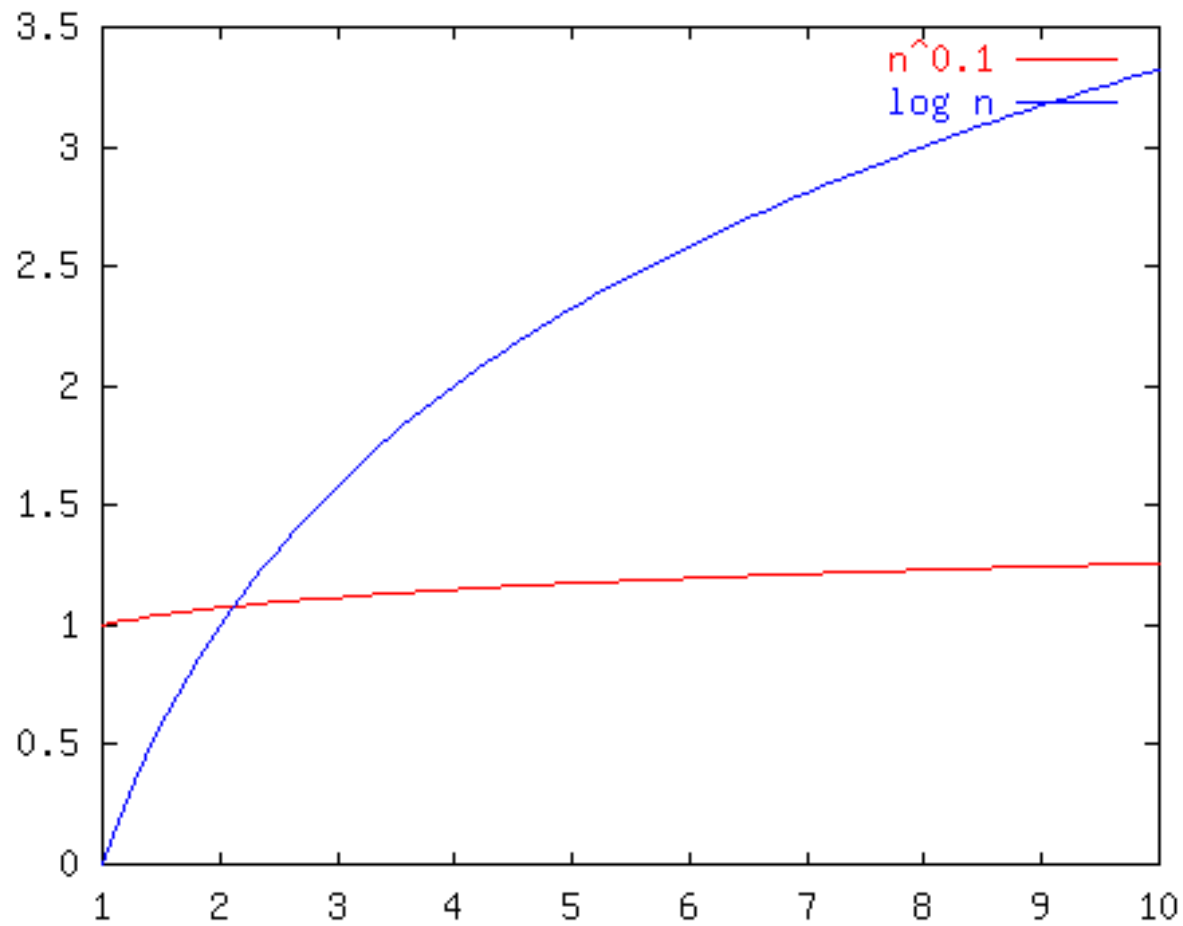
# Order of Growth

- We are interested in the **type** of function the running time was, not the specific function (linear, quadratic,...)
- Really interested only in the **leading terms**
- Mostly interested only in the **Rate of Growth** of the leading terms  
⇒ ignore constant coefficients

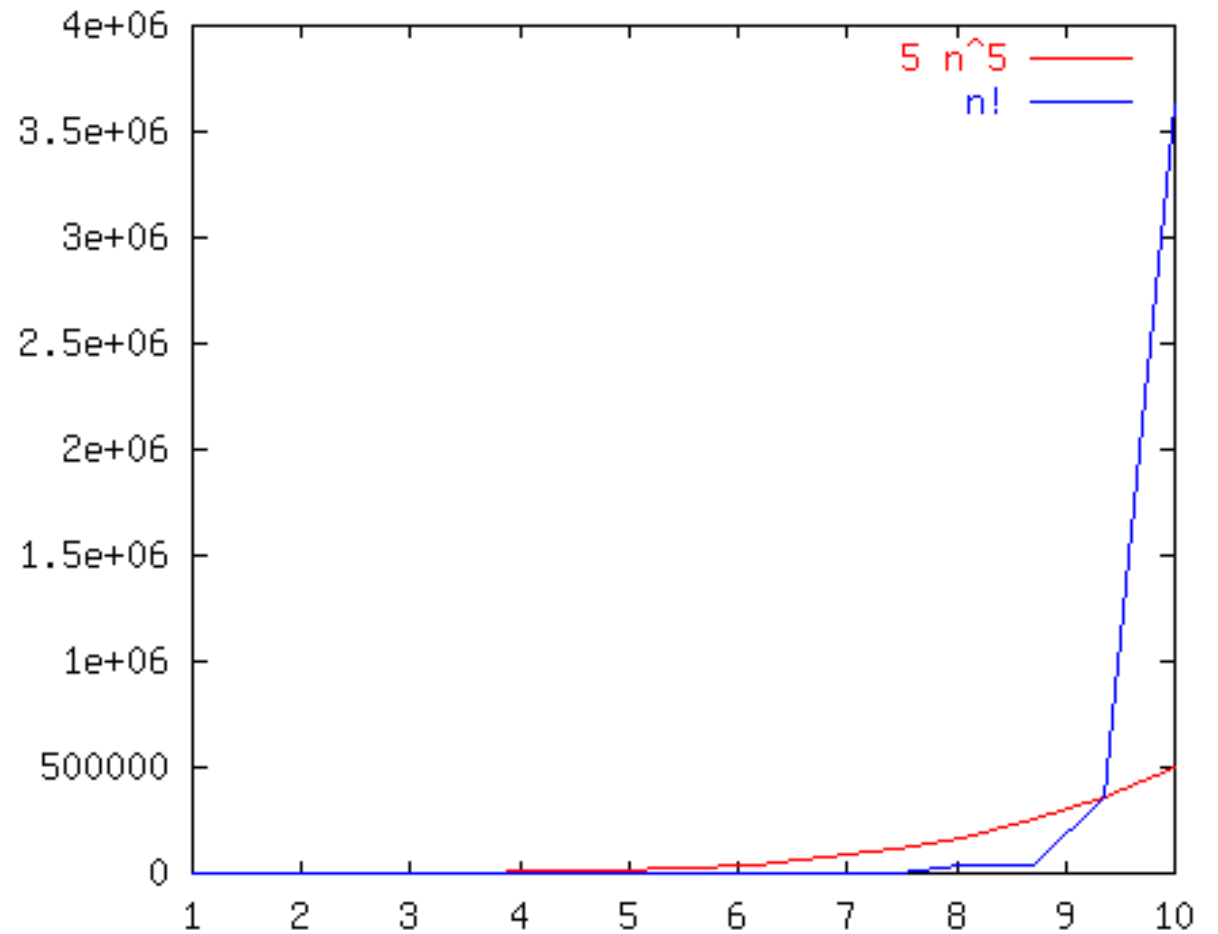
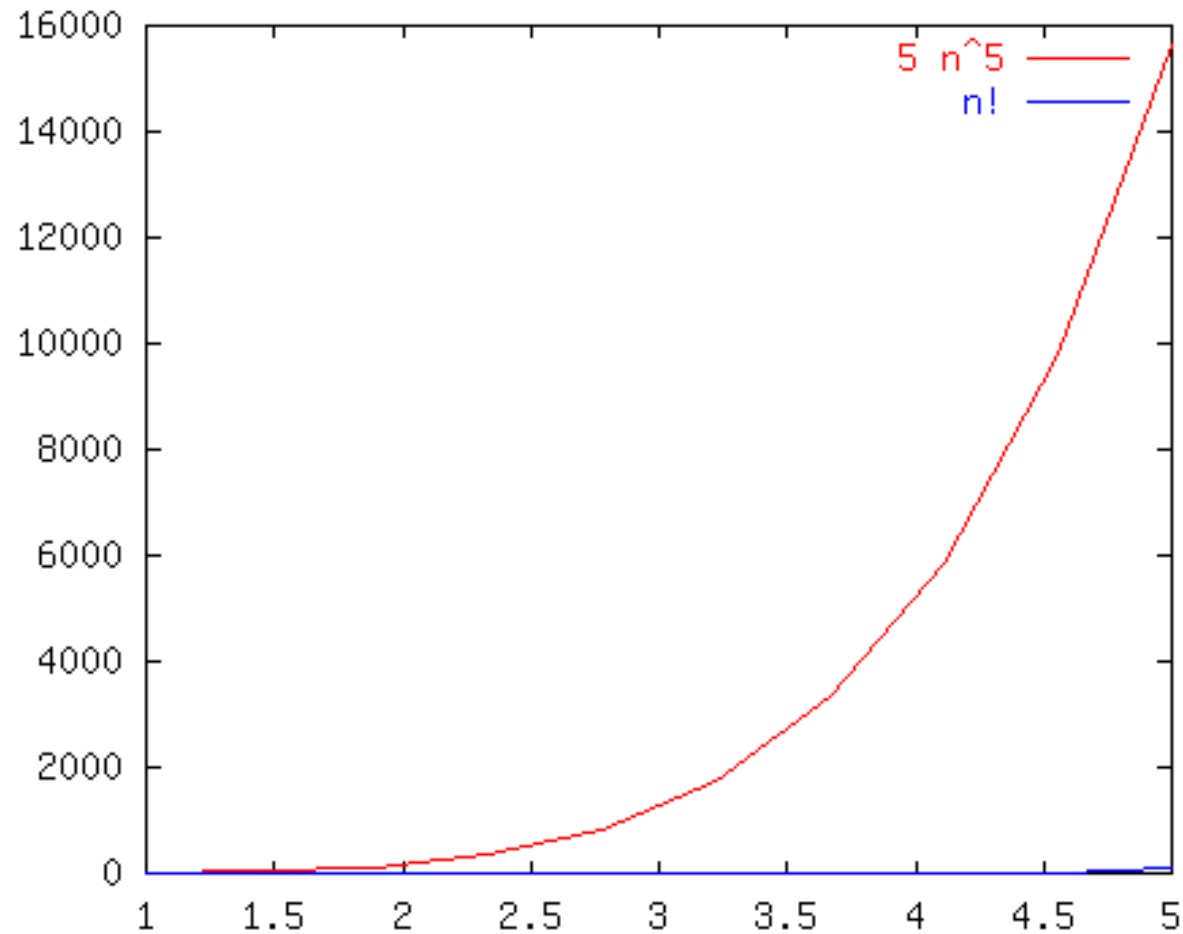
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# RAM cost of the function

```
import time
sum = 0; add = 1
start = time.time()
iterations = 1000*1000*100
for i in range(iterations):
    sum += add
    add /= 2.0
end = time.time()
print("Python for Time measured: {}
seconds".format(end - start))
```

n  
n  
n  
3n in total

13 seconds

# Big Oh notation

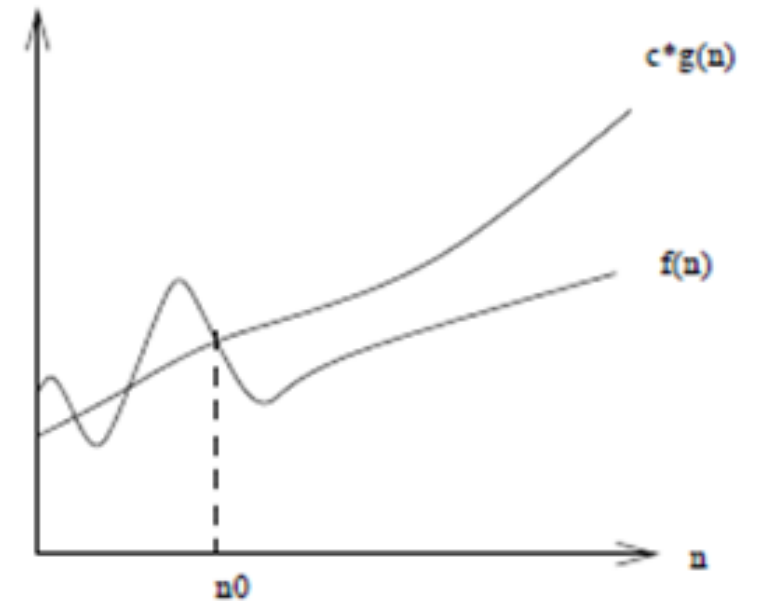
## Upper Bound on Running Time

Definition:  $f(n) \in O(g(n))$

if there are  $c > 0$  and  $n_0 > 0$  such that

$$f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n) \quad \text{for all } n > n_0$$

Intuition:  $f(n)$  is “less than”  $g(n)$   
when we ignore small values of  $n$   
and constant multiples



# Big-Oh - Example

The function  $T(n) = 3n^3 + 2n^2$  is in  $O(n^3)$

**Proof:** Let  $n_0 = 0$  and  $c = 5$

for all  $n > n_0$ :  $3n^2 + 2n^2 \leq 5n^3$

Note:

It is also true that  $T(n)$  is in  $O(n^4)$

# Complexity of the algorithm: $O(n)$

```
import time
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for i in range(iterations):
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```

n  
n  
n  
3n in total =>  $O(n)$

13 seconds