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### Abstract:

In this lecture we learned the rest part of sums and asymptotic notation. I was never taught the nature log so the lecture was really strange to me but soon get used to it. Sums is used for find a value's future amount in rough silhouette. To figuring the amount, we use the integration bounds and stirling formula. Asymptotic notation play a role of how function grows in the limit in fair condition.

### For the English:

diverge, asymptotic, formula, equation, polynomial, bizarre, oscillate, monotonically, got off track, nastier, notation, strictly

### Lec 13. SUMS AND ASYMPTOTICS:

● Tons of equations so I cut off most of them and just write down the big picture of method

- Greedy strategy

Given  $n$ -blocks of length 1, we stack up blocks on edge of table so we make the block off from the edge of table in 1 length

Stability constraint : the center of mass  $C_k$  of the top  $K$ -blocks must lie on the  $(K+1)$ st block for greedy stacking,  $C_k = r_{k+1}$

the center of mass of the  $K$ th block is at  $r_{k-1/2}$

the center of mass of the top  $k$  blocks is  $C_k = \{(k-1)C_{k-1} + 1(r_k - 1/2)\}/k = \{(k-1)C_{k-1} + r_k - 1/2\}/k$

$$r_{k+1} = r_k - 1/2k \Rightarrow r_k - r_{k+1} = 1/2k$$

perturbation method  $\Rightarrow r_1 - r_{n+1} = \sum 1/2i$  //  $r_{n+1} = 0$  : table

$$r_1 = 1/2 * \sum 1/i = \text{Harmonic sums}$$

$N$ th harmonic number  $\Rightarrow H_n = \sum 1/i$  and then  $H_4 = 25/12 > 2$  --- can be off the table

However we could not get a precise formula of  $H_n$  so we use Integration bounds to figure amount roughly

$$f(n) + \int f(x)dx \leq \sum f(i) \leq f(1) + \int f(x)dx$$

differentiate

$$f(i) * 1/i \quad // \quad \int dx/x = \ln(x)|_{n \sim 1} \Rightarrow \ln(n)$$

$$1/n + \ln(n) \leq H_n \leq 1 + \ln(n)$$

$$H_n \sim \ln(n) \Rightarrow H_n = \ln(n) + 1/2n + 1/12n^2 + \sum(n)/120n^4 + d \text{ (Euler's constant 0.577..)}$$

$$\text{where } \forall n \quad 0 < \sum(n) < 1$$

$$N! = \prod i \Rightarrow \ln(n!) = \ln(1*2*3*...*n) = \ln(1) + \ln(2) \dots \ln(n) = \sum \ln(i)$$

Integration bounds for increasing sums  $f(i) = \ln(i)$

$$f(1) + \int f(x)dx \leq \sum f(i) \leq f(n) + \int f(x)dx$$

$$(x \ln(x) - x)|_{n \sim 1} = n \ln(n) - n + 1$$

$$0 + n \ln(n) - n + 1 \leq \ln(n!) \leq \ln(n) + n \ln(n) - n + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow n^n/e^{n-1} \leq n! \leq n^{n+1}/e^{n-1} \text{ (Bounds)}$$

- Stirling's formula

$$n! = (n/e)^n * \sqrt{2\pi n} * e^{E(n)} - > \epsilon \quad \text{where } \frac{1}{12n+1} \leq E(n) \leq \frac{1}{12n}$$

but the epsilon is meaninglessly small (if  $n = 100 \rightarrow E(100) = 1/1200$ )

Tilde  $\Rightarrow n! \sim (n/e)^n * \sqrt{2\pi n}$  we could roughly omit the epsilon

- Asymptotic Notation : how function grows in the limit

● Tilde :  $f(x) \sim g(x)$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)/g(x) = 1$

● Big O notation (small o) :  $f(x) = O(g(x))$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} |f(x)/g(x)| < \infty$  (finite and can't diverge)

L'hospital rule : any polynomial grows slower than any exponential

Time to multiply  $n \times n$  matrices  $\Rightarrow O(n^3)$  - cubic

● Omega symbol (small omega) :  $f(x) = \Omega(g(x))$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} |f(x)/g(x)| > 0$

● Theta symbol :  $f(x) = \Theta(g(x))$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} |f(x)/g(x)| < \infty$  &&  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} |f(x)/g(x)| > 0$  (both hold, little but strictly)