

# Practice M2

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2-1, 2-8, 2-23

**2-1** What value is returned by the following function? Express your answer as a function of  $n$ . Give the worst-case running time using the Big-O notation.

function mystery( $n$ )

$r := 0$

    for  $i := 1$  to  $n-1$  do

        for  $j := i+1$  to  $n$  do

            for  $k := 1$  to  $j$  do

$r := r + 1$

    return ( $r$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \sum_{k=1}^j 1 &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n j \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n j - \sum_{j=1}^i j \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - \frac{i(i+1)}{2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (n^2 + n - i^2 - i) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ (n-1)n^2 + (n-1)n - \left[ \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - n^2 \right] - \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - n \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{12} - \frac{n(n+1)}{4} \\ &= O(n^3) \end{aligned}$$

⇒ Big-O notation is  $O(n^3)$

**2-8** For each of the following pairs of functions, either  $f(n)$  is in  $O(g(n))$ ,  $f(n)$  is in  $\Omega(g(n))$ , or  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ . Determine which relationship is correct & explain why.

a)  $f(n) = \log n^2$ ;  $g(n) = \log n + 5$

•  $\log n^2 = 2 \log n$

$2 \log n \leq 2 \log n + 10$

$2 \log n \leq 2(\log n + 5)$

⇒  $\log n^2 = O(\log n + 5)$  (1)

•  $\log n + 5 \leq \log n + 5 \log n$

$\log n + 5 \leq 6 \log n$

$\log n + 5 \leq 3 \cdot 2 \log n$

$\log n + 5 \leq 3 \cdot \log n^2$

$\log n^2 \geq \frac{\log n + 5}{3}$

$\log n^2 \geq c(\log n + 5) \quad [c = \frac{1}{3}]$

⇒  $\log n^2 = \Omega(\log n + 5)$  (2)

• From (1) & (2) ⇒  $\log n^2 = \Theta(\log n + 5)$

b)  $f(n) = \sqrt{n}$ ,  $g(n) = \log n^2$

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

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2 \cdot \log(n)} = 2 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\log(n)} = \infty$

⇒  $f(n) = \omega(g(n))$

c)  $f(n) = \log^2 n$

$g(n) = \log n$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^2(n)}{\log(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log(n) = \infty$

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( n + \frac{1}{\log(n)} \right) = \infty$

⇒  $f(n) = \omega(g(n))$

d)  $f(n) = n$

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

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\log^2(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\log(n)} \right)^2 \right]$

$= \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\log(n)} \right)^2 = \infty$

⇒  $f(n) = \omega(g(n))$

e)  $f(n) = n \log n + n$

$g(n) = \log n$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \cdot \log(n) + n}{\log(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{n \cdot \log(n)}{\log(n)} + \frac{n}{\log(n)} \right]$

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( n + \frac{n}{\log(n)} \right) = \infty$

⇒  $f(n) = \omega(g(n))$

f)  $f(n) = 10$

$g(n) = \log 10$

$f(n) = 10$  is a constant

$g(n) = \log 10$  is a constant

→  $f(n) = c \cdot g(n)$  or  $g(n) = c \cdot f(n)$

with  $c$  being a constant

⇒  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$

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

$g(n) = 10n^2$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{10n^2} = \frac{1}{10} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{n^2} \right)$

$= \frac{1}{10} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(2) \cdot 2^n}{2 \cdot n} \right) \quad L'Hopital's \text{ Rule}$

$= \frac{1}{10} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 \ln(2) \cdot 2^n}{2 \cdot n} \right) \quad L'Hopital's \text{ Rule}$

$= \frac{\ln(2)}{10} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n = \infty$

⇒  $f(n) = \omega(g(n))$

h)  $f(n) = 2^n$

$g(n) = 3^n$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{3^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^n = 0$

⇒  $f(n) = O(g(n))$

**2-23** a) If I prove that an algorithm takes  $O(n^2)$  worst case time, is it possible that it takes  $O(n)$  on some input?



$f(n) = O(g(n))$  means  $c \cdot g(n)$  is an upper bound on  $f(n)$ . Thus there exists some constant  $c$  such

that  $f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$ , for large enough  $n$  (i.e.,  $n \geq n_0$  for some constant  $n_0$ )

$O(n^2)$  worst case means that the upper bound of the worst case is  $O(n^2)$ , it does not mean that all cases have the same upper bound.

⇒  $\boxed{\text{Yes}}$  it is possible that it takes  $O(n)$  on some input.

b) a) If I prove that an algorithm takes  $O(n^3)$  worst case time, is it possible that it takes  $O(n)$  on all inputs?

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$O(n^3)$  worst case means this is the upper bound of the worst case. This could be the upper bound of the worst case only.

⇒  $\boxed{\text{Yes}}$  It is possible that it takes  $O(n)$  on all inputs since  $O(n)$  still follows the upper bound of  $O(n^3)$ .

c) If I prove that an algorithm takes  $\Theta(n^2)$  worst-case time, is it possible that it takes  $O(n)$  on some inputs?



Definition:  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$  if  $f(n) \leq c_1 \cdot g(n)$  whenever  $n > k$   $\wedge$   $f(n) \geq c_2 \cdot g(n)$  whenever  $n > k$   $\wedge$  Big-O

$f(n) \leq c_1 \cdot g(n)$  whenever  $n > k$   $\wedge$  Big-O

where  $c_1, c_2, k$  are positive

$f(n) \geq c_2 \cdot g(n)$  whenever  $n > k$   $\wedge$  Big-O

Even function:

$f(n) = 100n^2$  for even  $n$

$g(n) = n^2$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 100n^2 \leq c_1 \cdot n^2 \text{ whenever } n > k \\ 100n^2 \leq 100 \cdot n^2 \text{ for even } n \end{array} \right.$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 100 \leq 100 \text{ whenever } n \text{ is even.} \\ 100n^2 \geq 100 \cdot n^2 \text{ when } n \text{ is even} \end{array} \right.$

$100 \geq 100 \checkmark$

⇒  $f(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

Odd function:

$f(n) = 20n^2 - n \log_2 n$

$g(n) = n^2$

$c_1 = -1, k = 0$

$20n^2 - n \log_2 n \leq c_1 \cdot n^2 \text{ when } n > 0 \wedge n \text{ is odd}$

$20n^2 - n \log_2 n \leq -n^2 \text{ when } n > 0 \wedge n \text{ is odd} \checkmark$

$c_2 = 1, k = 0$

$20n^2 - n \log_2 n \leq c_2 \cdot n^2 \text{ when } n > 0 \wedge n \text{ is odd}$

$20n^2 - n \log_2 n \leq 1 \cdot n^2 \text{ when } n > 0 \wedge n \text{ is odd} \checkmark$

⇒  $f(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

⇒  $\boxed{\text{Yes}}$  Both even & odd functions are  $\Theta(n^2)$