

Lecture 02 - Introduction to Asymptotic Notations

Design and Analysis of Algorithms – IT1205

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Asymptotic Notations

Asymptotic notations are the **mathematical notations** used to describe the running time of an algorithm. It is used when the input tends towards a particular value or a limiting value.

Why we need of Asymptotic Notation?

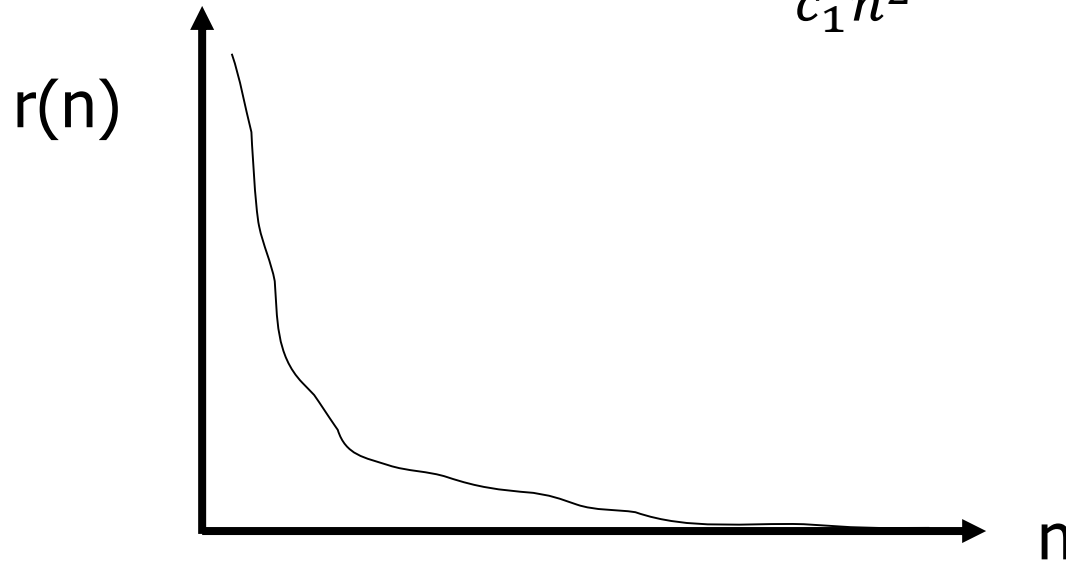
- Ignore machine dependent constants.
- RAM Model have some problems.
- Exact analysis is very complicated
- Sufficiently large size of n .
- Growth of $T(n)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Asymptotic Notations (Cont.)

Step count is determined to be

$$c_1n^2 + c_2n + c_3, \quad c_1 > 0$$

Let's take the ratio $r(n) = \frac{c_2n + c_3}{c_1n^2}$



When n is large $r(n)$ tends to zero.

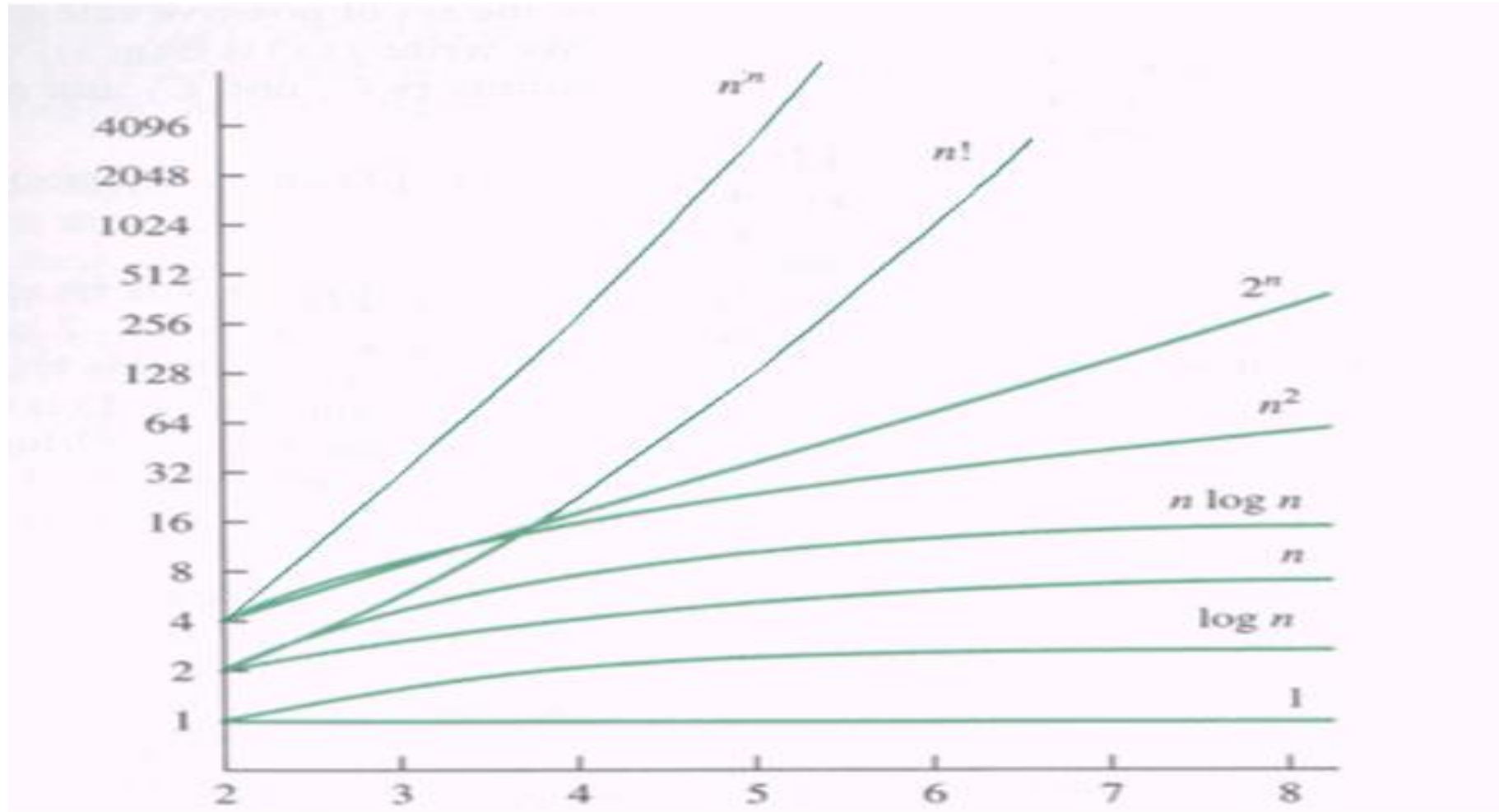
Asymptotic Notations(Contd.)

Suppose that programs A and B perform the same task. Assume that one person has determined the step counts of these programs to be $t_A(n) = 2n^2 + 3n$ and $t_B(n) = 13n$.

- Which program is the faster one ?
- What is the answer ,if the step count of the program B is $2^n + n^2$?

Graphs of functions

$$N^n > n! > 2^n > n^3 > n^2 > n \log a > n > \log n > 1$$



Asymptotic Notations(Contd.)

There are three notations.

O - Notation

Θ - Notation

Ω - Notation

Asymptotic Notations (Contd.)

- Focus on what's important by abstracting away low-order terms and constant factors.
- How we indicate running times of algorithms.
- A way to compare "sizes" of functions:
 - $O \approx \leq$ -- Consider the **Upper Bound**
 - $\Theta \approx \geq$ -- **Consider the Both(Average)**
 - $\Omega \approx =$ -- Consider the **Lower Bound**

Big O - Notation

- Introduced by Paul Bechman in 1892.
- We use Big O-notation to give an upper bound on a function. And consider as the **Worst Case Scenarios**.

Definition:

$$O(g(n)) = \{f(n) : \text{there exist positive constants } c \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that } 0 \leq f(n) \leq cg(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0\} .$$

Eg: What is the big O value of $f(n)=2n + 6$?

$g(n)=n$ therefore **$f(n)=\underline{O(n)}$**

$a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ is **$O(x^n)$** for any real numbers a_n, \dots, a_0 and any nonnegative number n .

Big O – Notation(Contd.)

Assignment ($s \leftarrow 1$)

Addition ($s+1$)

Multiplication ($s*2$)

Comparison ($S < 10$)

$O(1)$

Big O – Notation(Contd.)

Find the Big Oh value for following fragment of code.

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for i ← 1 to n ----- n Times
  for j ← 1 to i ----- (n-1) Times
    Print j ----- (n-2) Times
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$$n * (n^2 - 3n + 2) = n^3 - 3n^2 + 2n$$

$$O(n^3)$$

Big O – Notation(Contd.)

Find the Big O value for the following functions.

(i) $T(n) = 3 + 5n + 3n^2$

(ii) $f(n) = 2^n + n^2 + 8n + 7$

(iii) $T(n) = n + \log n + 6$

Answers:

(i) $O(n^2)$

(ii) $O(2^n)$

(iii) $O(n)$

Back to the example

Alternative calculation:

	cost	times
$sum \leftarrow 0$	c_1	1
for $i \leftarrow 1$ to n	c_2	$n+1$
$sum \leftarrow sum + A[i]$	c_3	n

$$T(n) = c_1 + c_2 (n+1) + c_3 n = (c_1 + c_2) + (c_2 + c_3) n = c_4 + \mathbf{c_5} n$$

$$\rightarrow O(n)$$

Proof: $c_4 + c_5 n \leq c n \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$ for $n \geq 1$ and $c \geq c_4 + c_5$

Ω - Notation

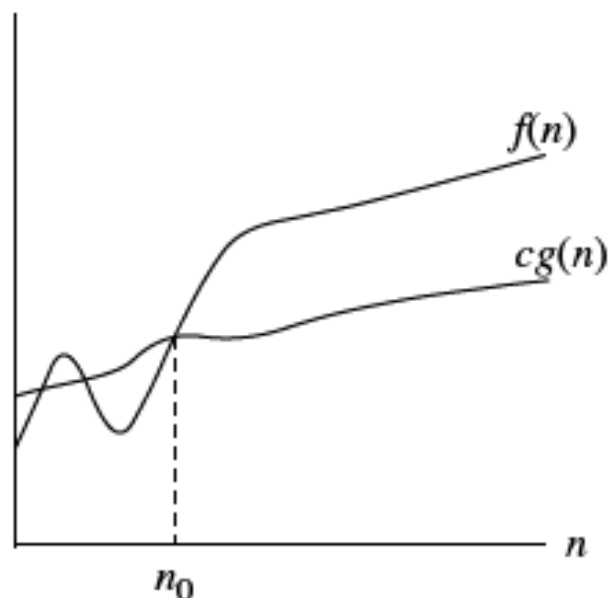
Which will provide the **lower bound** of the function. And consider as the **Best Case Scenarios**.

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$g(n)$ is an *asymptotic lower bound* for $f(n)$.

Θ - Notation

This is used when the function f can be bounded both from above and below by the same function g .

Definition:

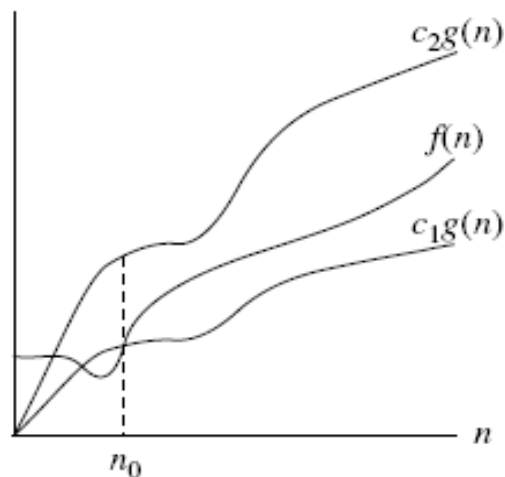
$\Theta(g(n)) = \{ f(n): \text{there exist positive constant } c_1, c_2, \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that } 0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0 \}$

Θ - Notation (Cont.)

Θ -notation

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Lecture Notes for Chapter 3: Growth of Functions



$g(n)$ is an *asymptotically tight bound* for $f(n)$.

Analysis of Selection Sort Algorithm

- This is another efficient algorithm for *sorting small number of elements*.
- *Selection Sort Algorithm consist of 5 main steps.*
 1. *Initialize the "min" as leftmost element*
 2. *Search the minimum value in the list*
 3. *Swap with leftmost value and minimum value*
 4. *leftmost "min" incremented by 1, to go for next occurrence*
 5. *Repeat the process until the numbers are sorted*

Pseudocode for Selection Sort

Selection-SORT(A)

1 for i = 1 to n - 1

2 min = i

3 for j = i+1 to n

4 if A[j] < A[min] then

5 min = j;

end if

end for

6 swap A[min] and A[i]

end for

Analysis of Bubble Sort Algorithm

- *Bubble Sort Algorithm consist of 5 main steps.*
 1. *Start with the first element.*
 2. *Compare the current element with the next element.*
 3. *If the current element is greater than the next element, then swap both the elements. If not, move to the next element.*
 4. *Repeat steps 1 – 3 until we get the sorted list.*

Pseudocode for Bubble Sort

Bubble-SORT(A)

1 for i = 1 to n - 1

2 for j = 1 to n-1

3 if A[j] > A[j+1] then

4 swap A[j] and A[j+1]

end if

end for

end for

Activity

Convert this number set into Ascending Order using,

- Selection Sort
- Bubble Sort

1.

3	9	7	4	1	5
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2.

5	3	1	4	7	6
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Summary

Asymptotic Notations

☐ O Notation

☐ θ Notation

☐ Ω Notation

Selection Sort Algorithm

Bubble Sort Algorithm



