

# CSC345 Discussion 4

Going over the quiz, Big O

# Problem 1

**Problem 1.** (6 points) Determine the truth value of the following statements if the domain of each variable consists of all integers  $\mathbb{Z}$

(a)  $\forall x \exists y \quad x + y = 1$

(b)  $\forall x \exists y \quad x + y = 0$

(c)  $\exists x \forall y \quad x + y = 0$

(a) True

(b) True

(c) False (Suppose  $y = 1 - x$  then  $x + y = x + 1 - x = 1 \neq 0$ )

## Problem 2

**Problem 2.** (4 points)  $O(n + n^2)$  has a \_\_\_\_\_ runtime complexity.

- a. linear-quadratic      b. exponential      c. quadratic

Answer: C

# Why?

First recall the definition of Big O

For  $\mathbf{T}(n)$  a non-negatively valued function,  $\mathbf{T}(n)$  is in set  $O(f(n))$   
if there exist two positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $\mathbf{T}(n) \leq cf(n)$   
for all  $n > n_0$ .

So,

$$n^2 + n = O(n^2) \text{ Let } n_0 = 1$$

We want to show that  $n^2 + n \leq c * n^2$

So we have,

$$n^2 + n \leq n^2 + n^2 = 2(n^2)$$

Thus,

let  $c = 2$

# Problem 3

**Problem 3.** (10 points) In Java, the ArrayList resizing formula is  $NewCapacity = 1.5 \times OldCapacity$ . The capacity of a given ArrayList is  $N$ , what is the best and worst case of time complexity when adding a new element to this ArrayList? Use  $\Theta$  notation for your answer.

Answer:

Best Case:  $\Theta(1)$

Worst Case:  $\Theta(n)$

# Problem 4

**Problem 4.** (10 points) We want to print elements of a linked list in reverse order in linear time. Show pseudo code for your answer and justify your time complexity.

```
stk = stack()  
while(node != null) {  
    stk.push(node)  
    Node = node.next  
}  
while(!stk.isEmpty())  
    print(stk.pop())
```

# Definitions

$\Omega(n)$

For  $\mathbf{T}(n)$  a non-negatively valued function,  $\mathbf{T}(n)$  is in set  $\Omega(g(n))$  if there exist two positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $\mathbf{T}(n) \geq cg(n)$  for all  $n > n_0$ .<sup>1</sup>

$O(n)$

For  $\mathbf{T}(n)$  a non-negatively valued function,  $\mathbf{T}(n)$  is in set  $O(f(n))$  if there exist two positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $\mathbf{T}(n) \leq cf(n)$  for all  $n > n_0$ .

# What about $\Theta$

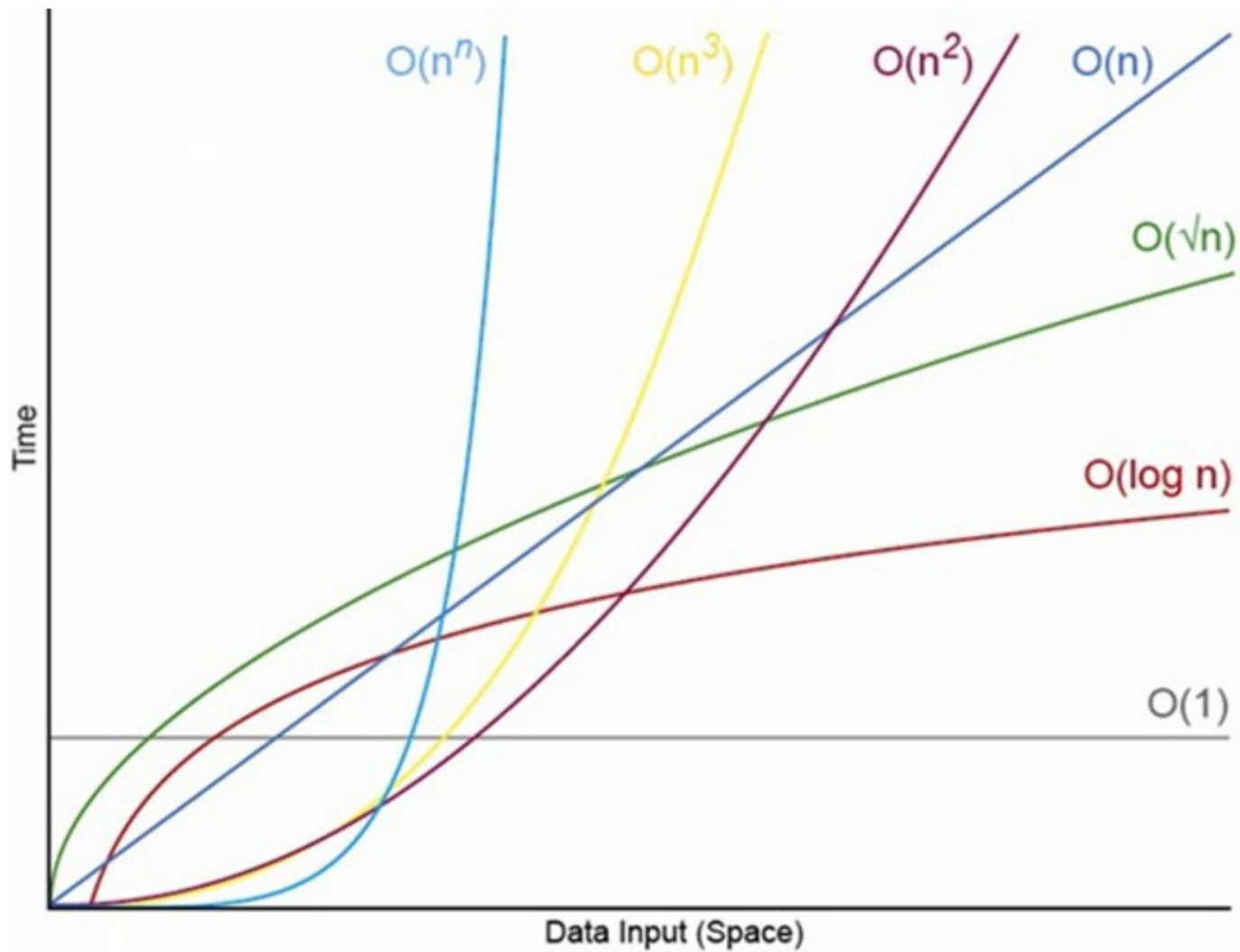
$\Theta(n)$

When the upper bound and the lower bound are the same by a constant factor. Thus, an algorithm is said to be  $\Theta(h(n))$  if it is in  $O(h(n))$  and it is in  $\Omega(h(n))$ .

What we are looking for is the **growth rate** of the algorithm. There is a change in cost as the input size changes.

This is different than best and worst case. Best and worst case deal with a definitive input size.





# Practice

Calculate the running time for

*num = 1*

Assignment is an  $\Theta(1)$  operation.

# Practice

Calculate the running time for

```
sum = 0  
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++)  
    for(int j = 0; j < n; j++)  
        sum++;
```

This is an  $\Theta(n^2)$  operation.

# Practice

Calculate the running time for

```
sum = 0
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    for(int j = 0; j < n; j++)
        sum++;
sum2 = 0
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    for(int j = 0; j < n; j++)
        sum2++;
```

This is an  $\Theta(n^2)$  operation.