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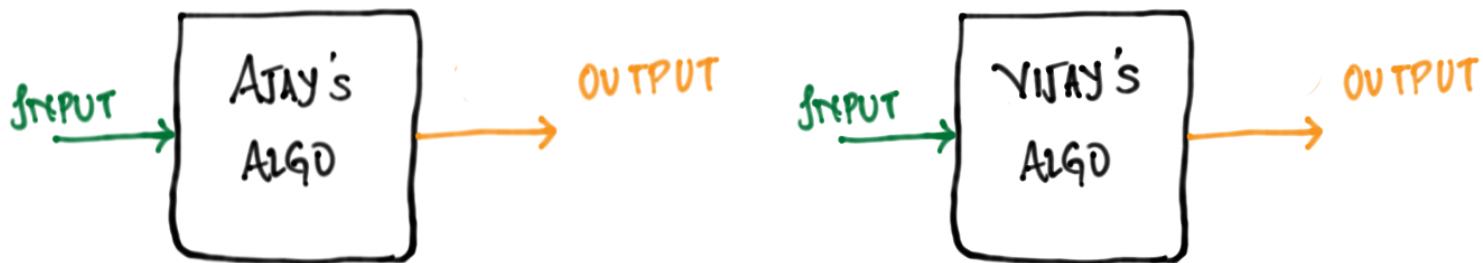


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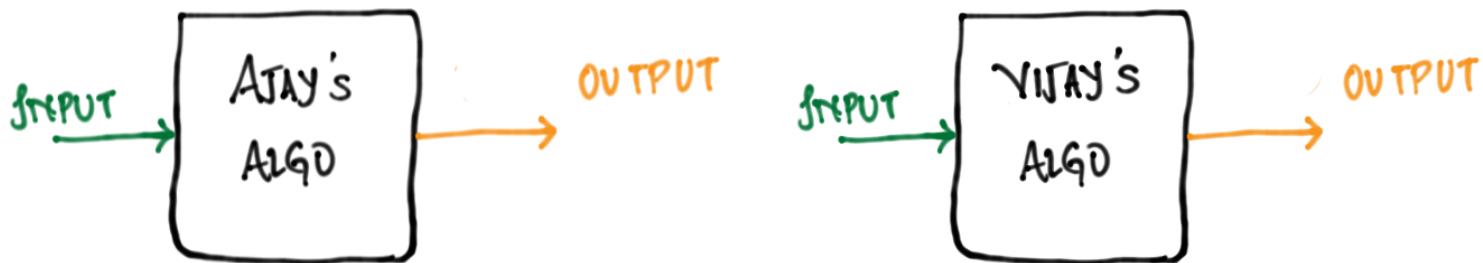


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Can we find out a running time that is machine independent ?

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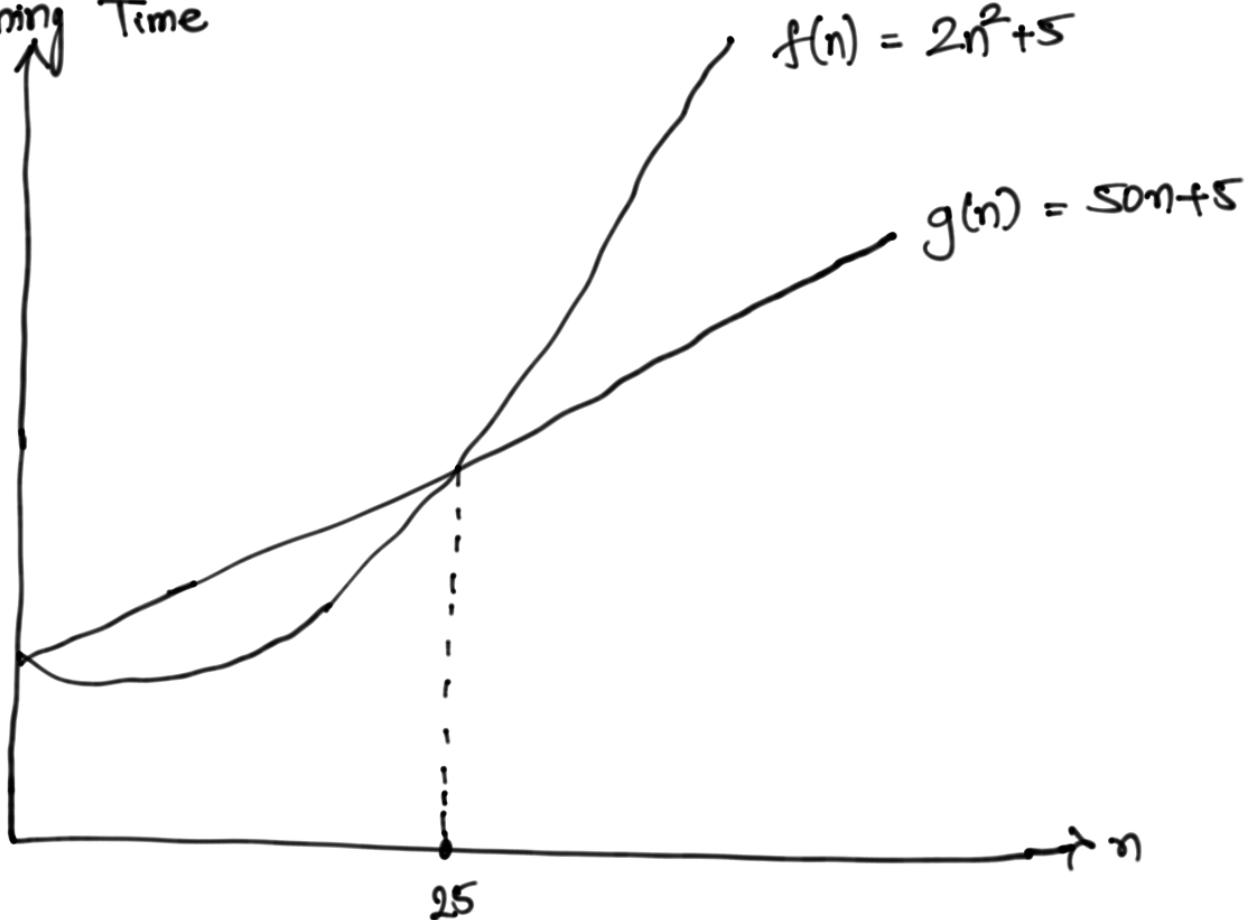
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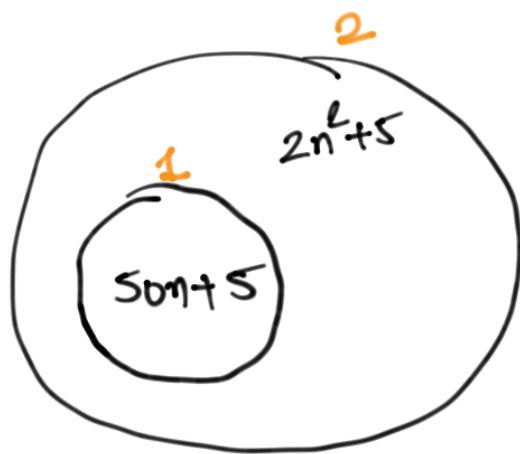
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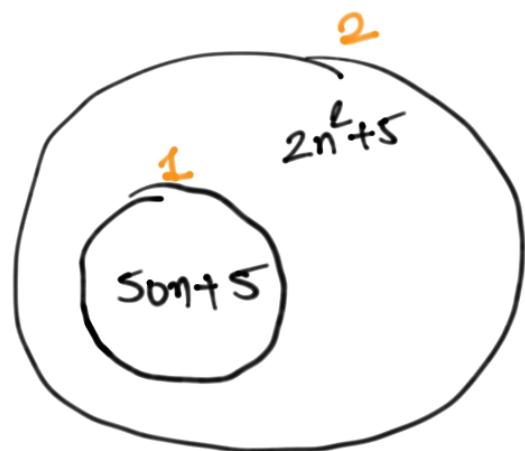
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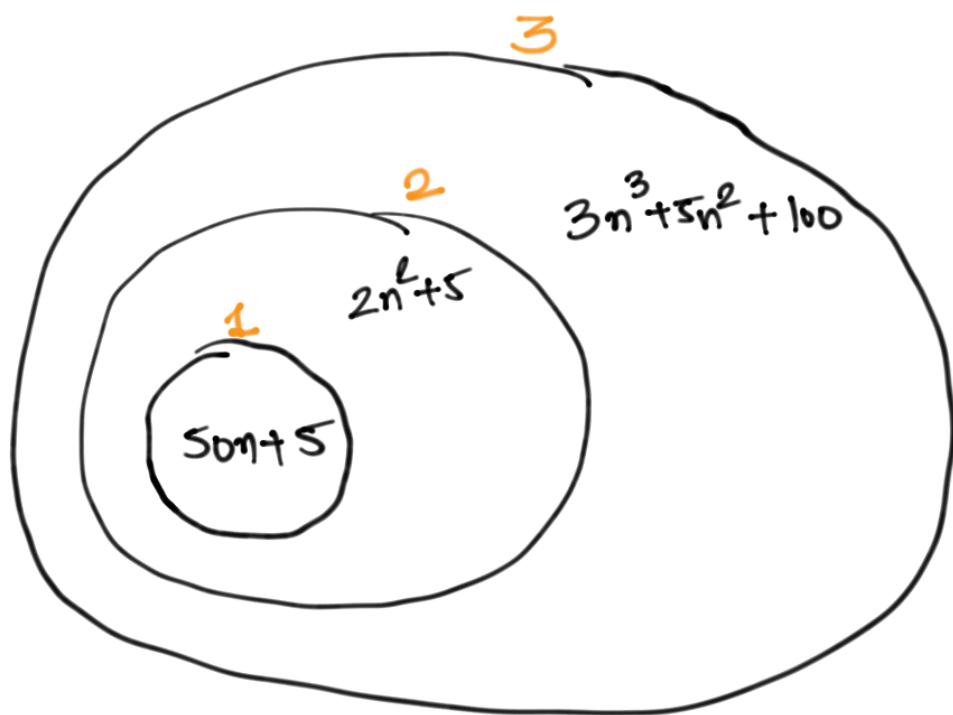


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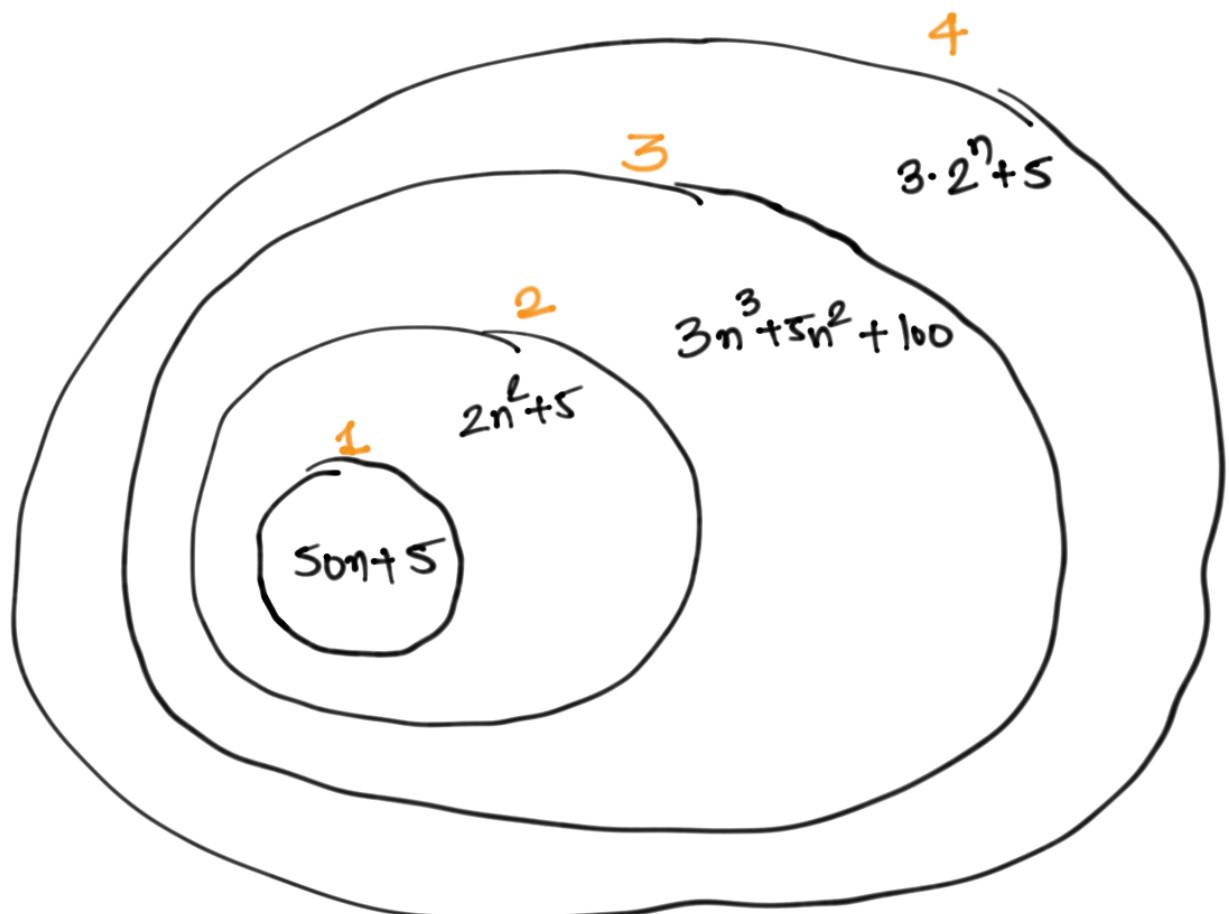
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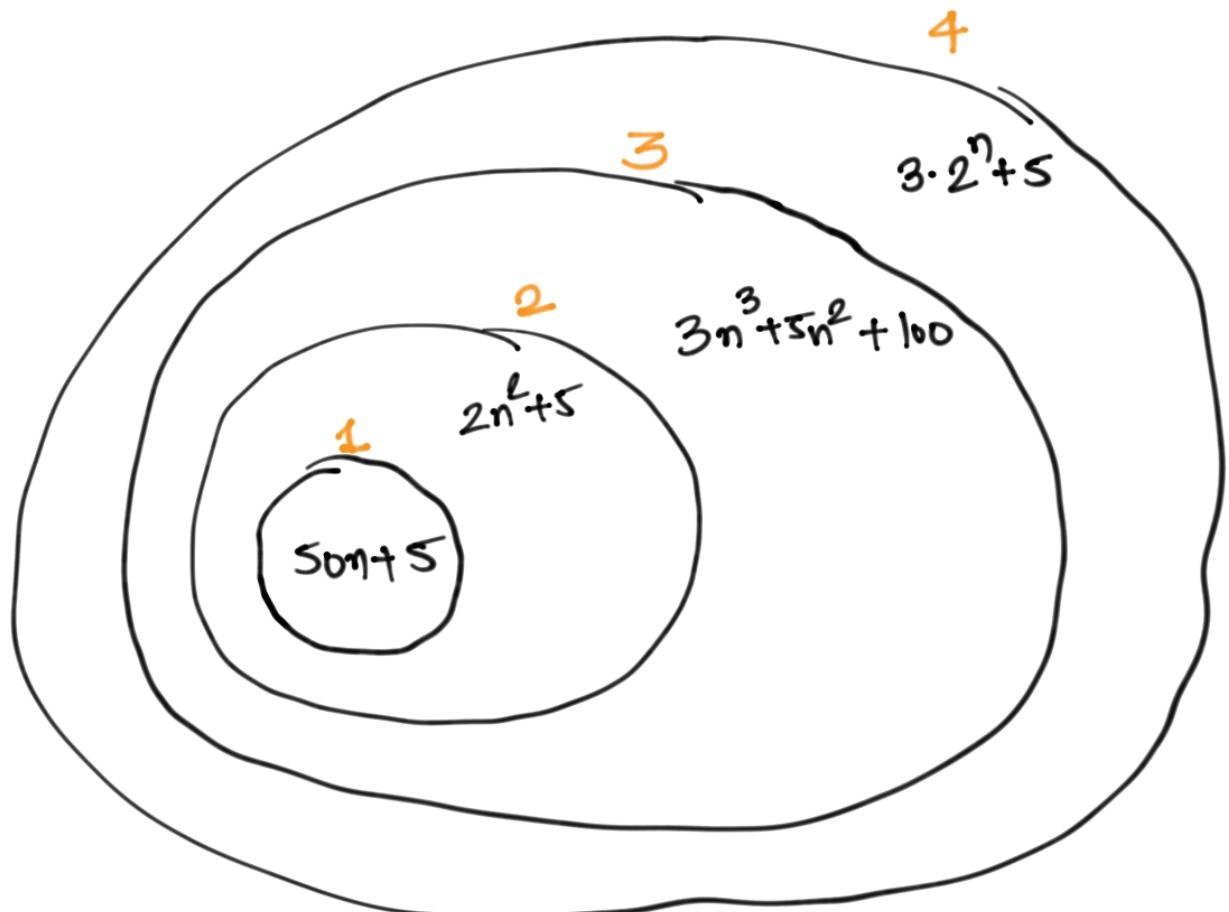


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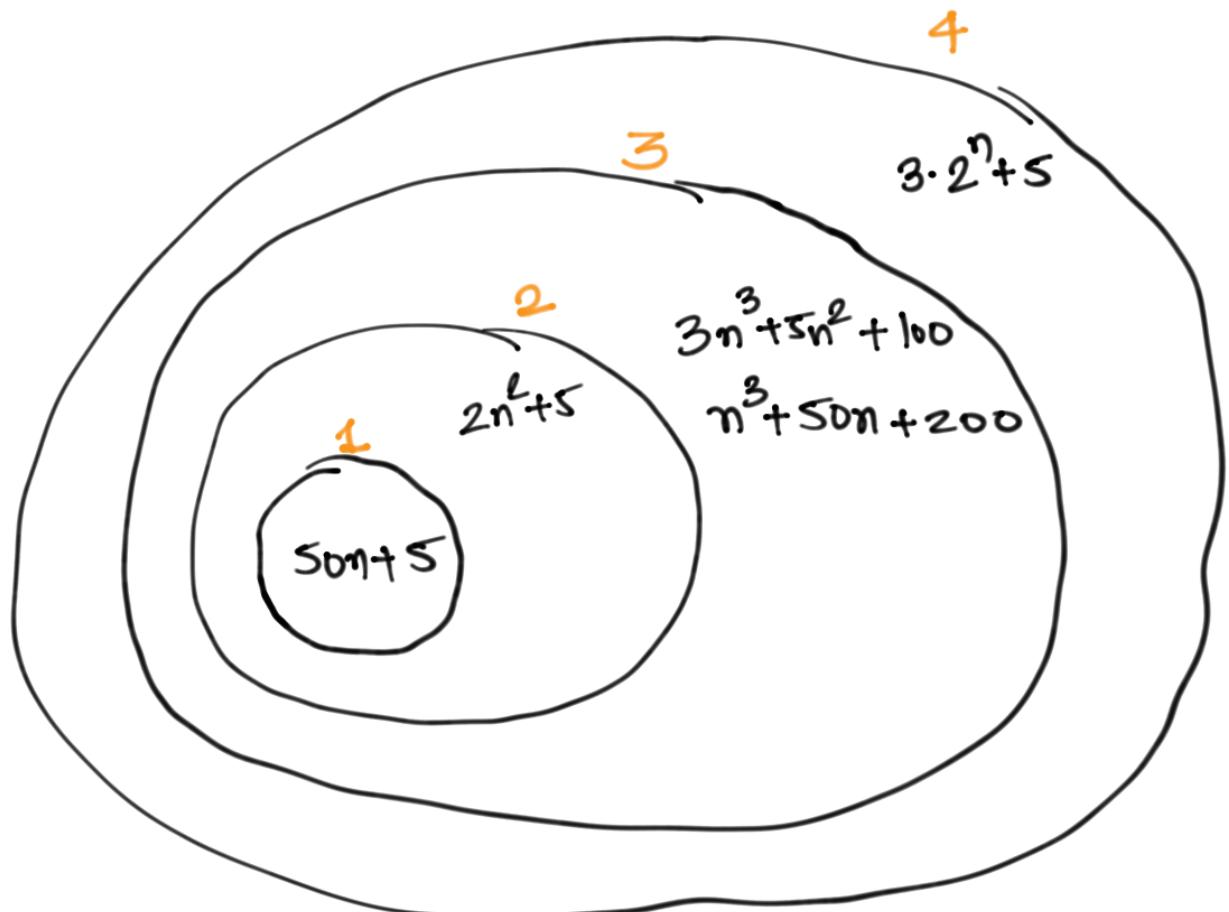


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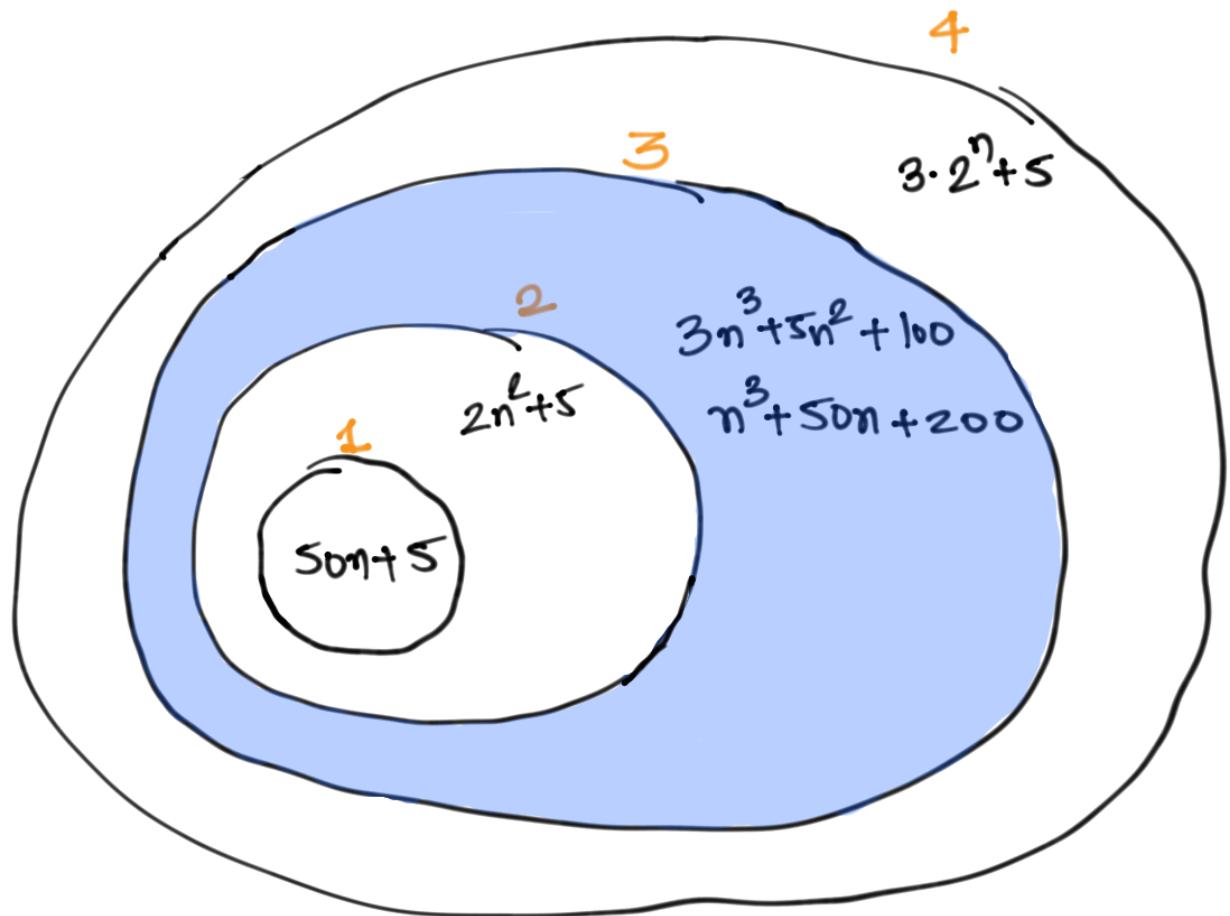


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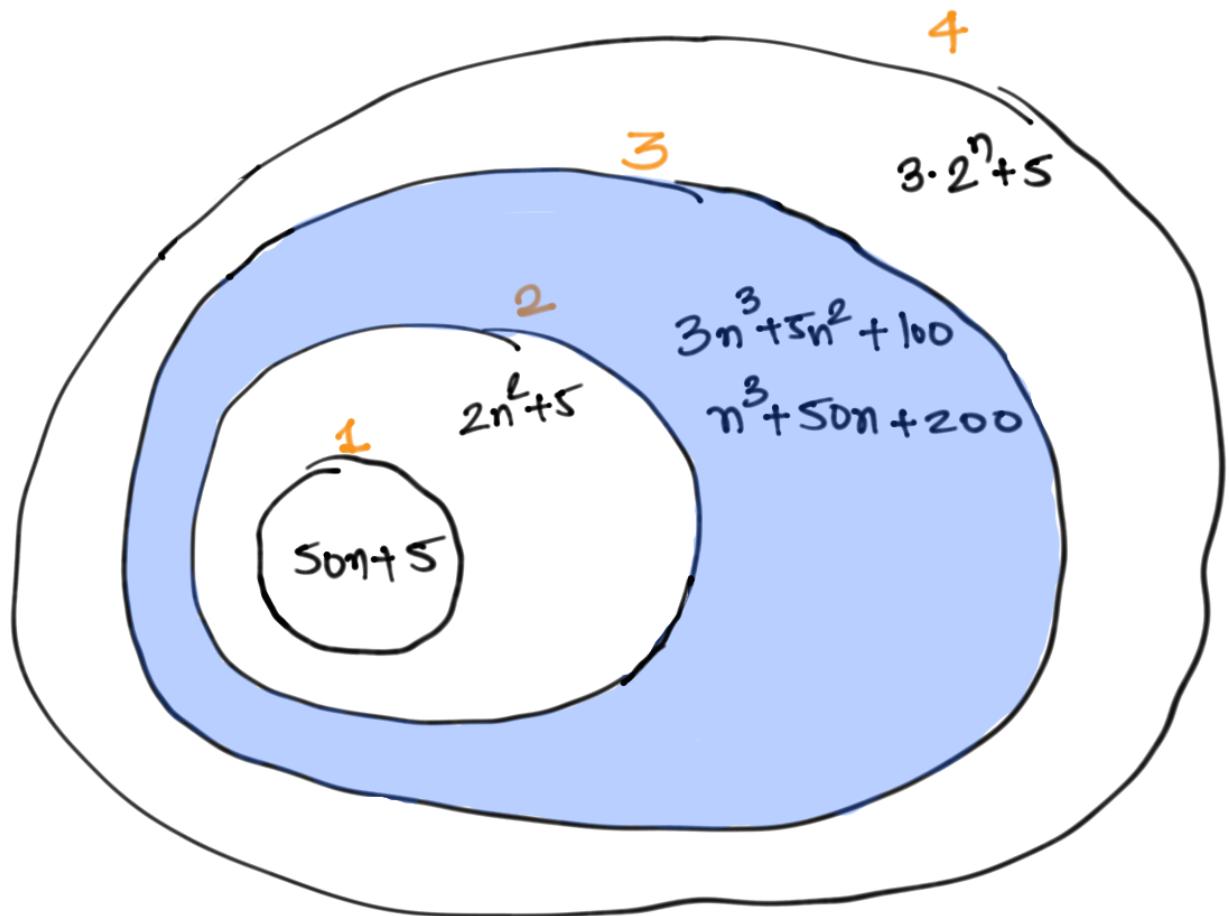


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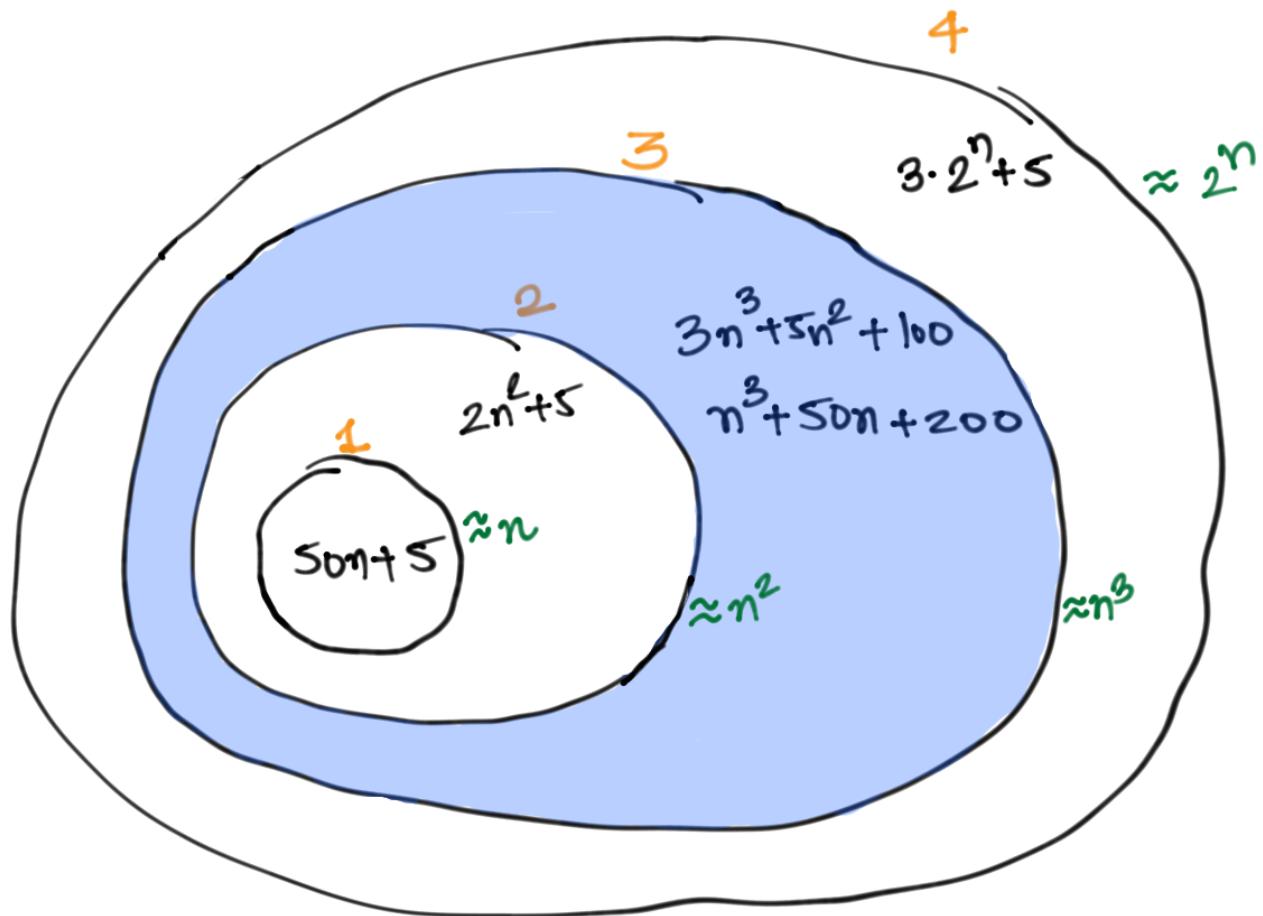
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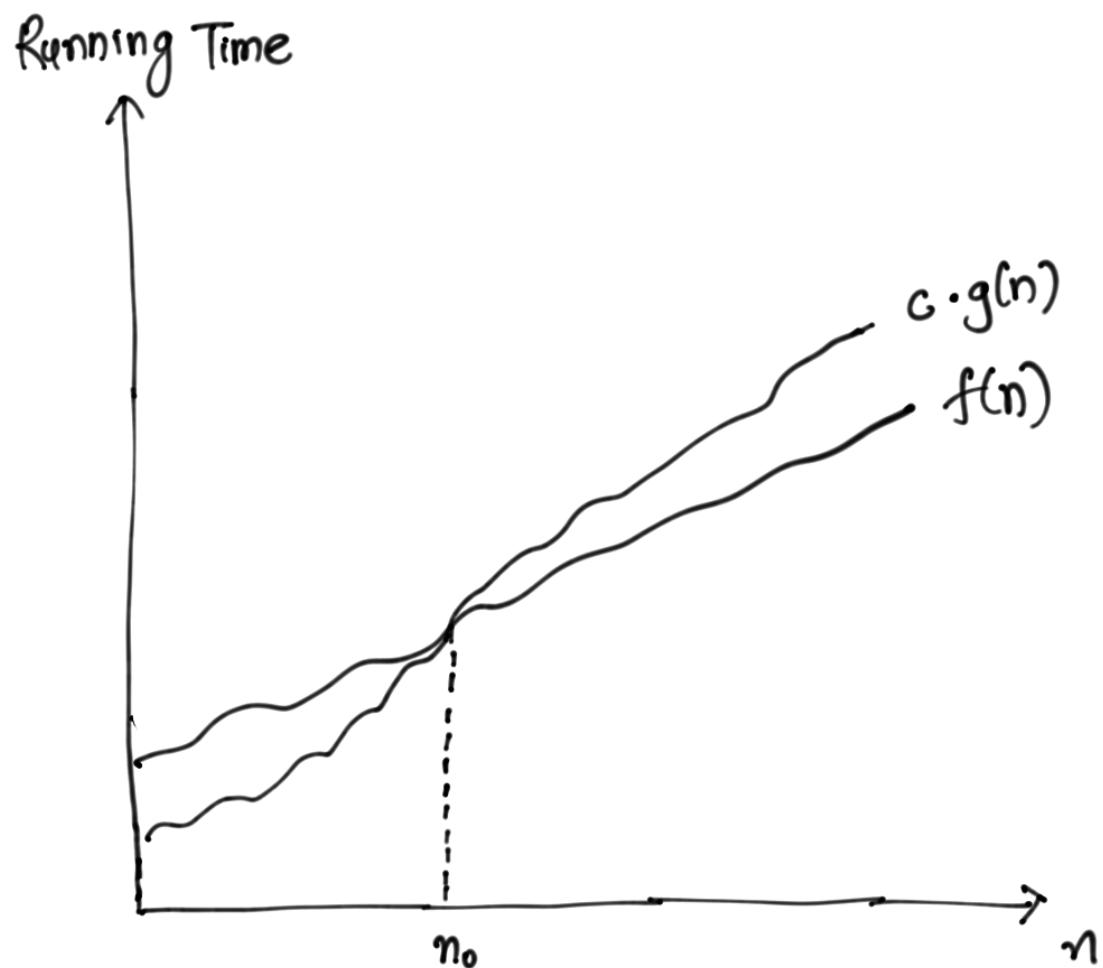
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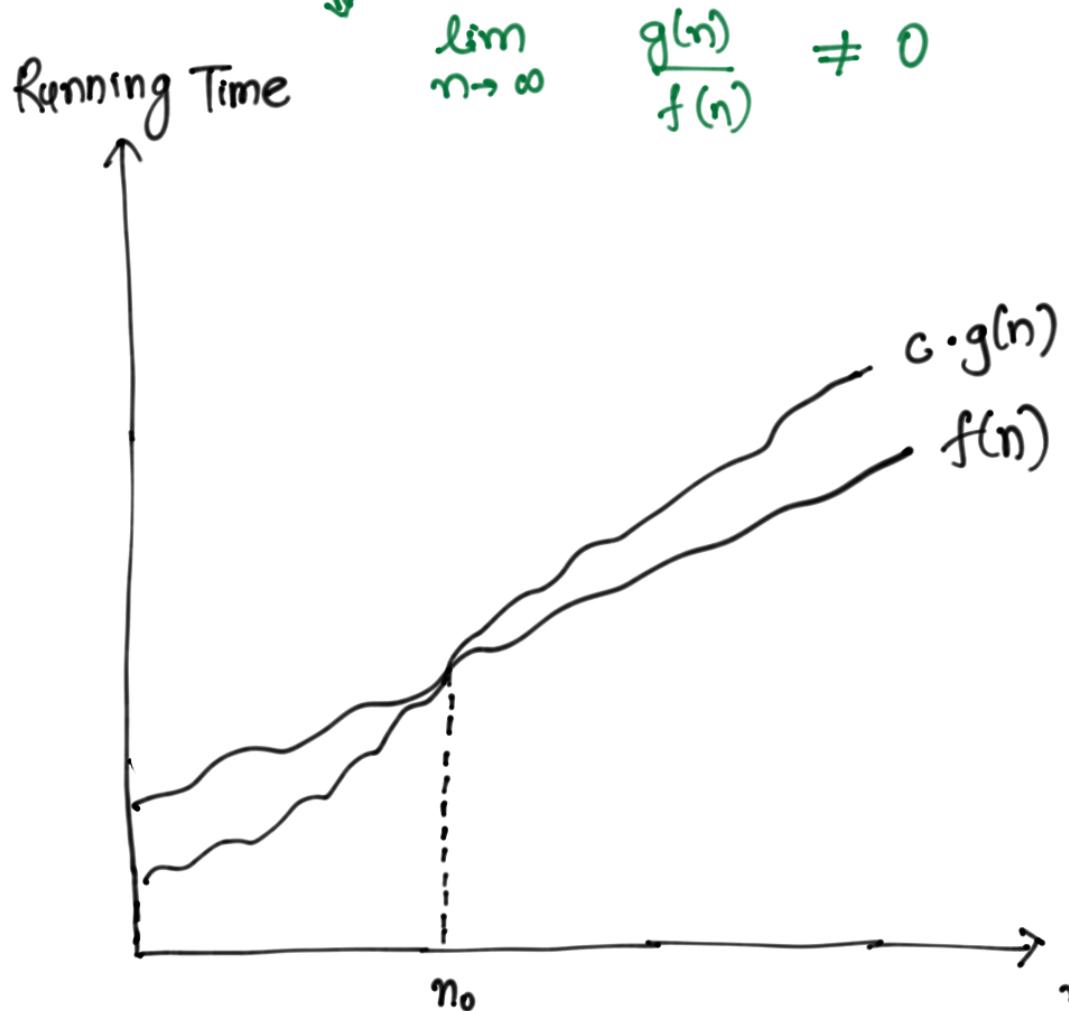
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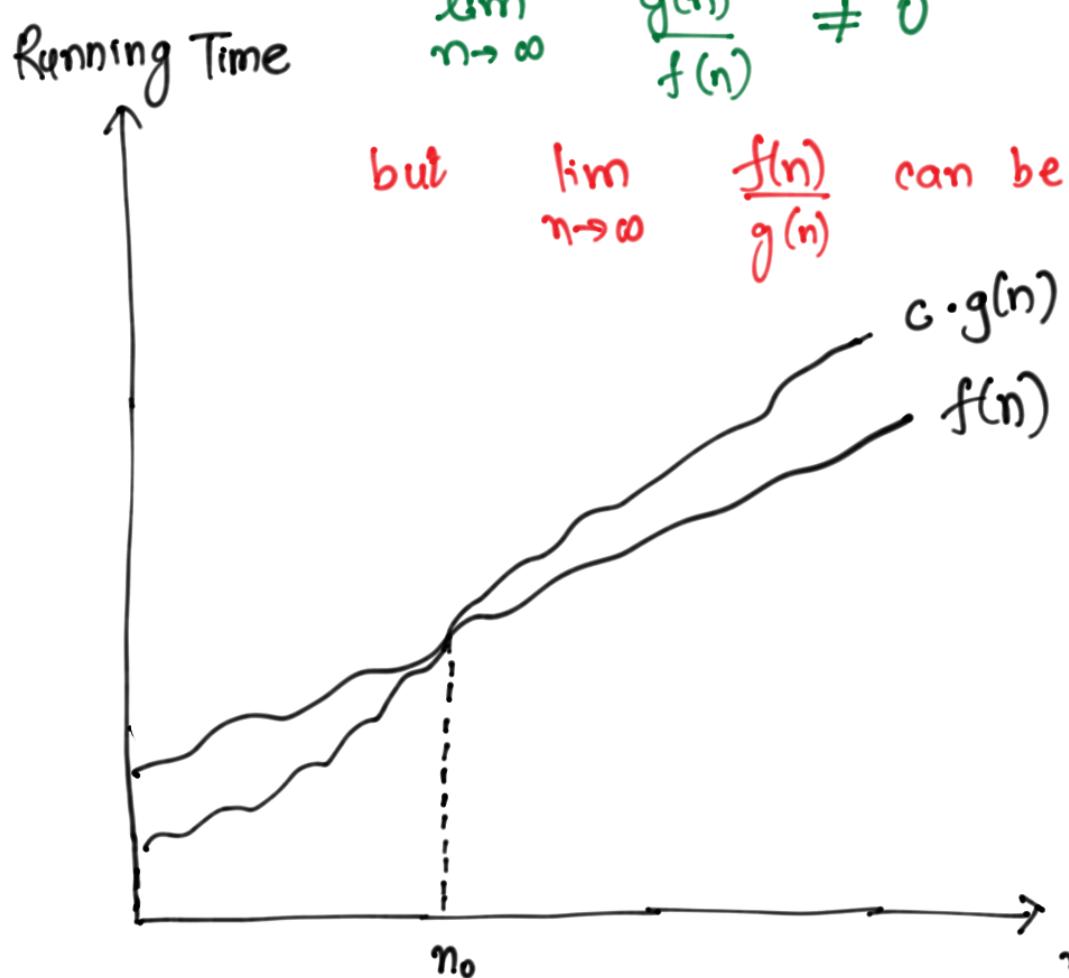
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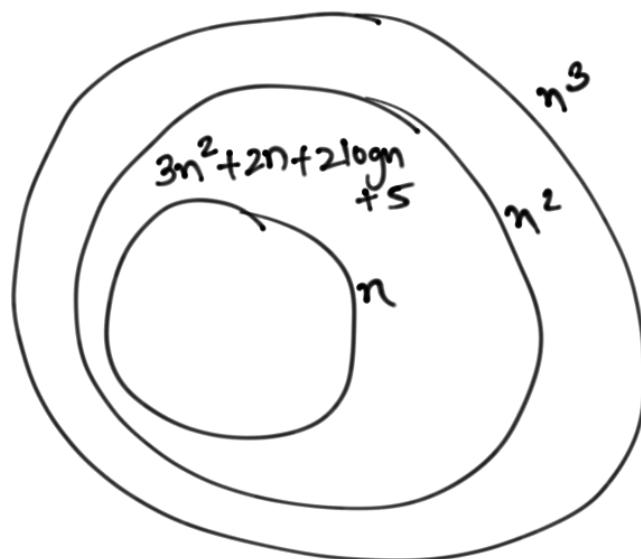
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Ignores constant factors

( $100n$  is worse than  $n\log n$ )