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Session-2

UNDERSTANDING

TIME AND SPACE COMPLEXITY





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Consider the array given below:

Ques : How many elements would be moved if the name Anant has to be added in it from the start?

- (a) 4
- (c) 6
- (b) 5
- (d) 7

Ques : How many elements would be moved if the name Ishan has to be deleted from it?

- (a) 3
- (c) 5
- (b) 4
- (d) 6

name[0]
name[1]
name[2]
name[3]
name[4]
name[5]
name[6]

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Recap of the Previous Session

Arrays, Strings, Recursion

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Ques : Let A(1:8, -5:5, -10:5) be a three dimensional array.
How many elements are there in the array A?

Ques : strlen("Oxford University Press") is ?

- (a) 22
- (c) 24
- (b) 23
- (d) 25

What is Time and Space Complexity?

Time and Space Complexity are used to measure the efficiency of an algorithm.

- Time Complexity → Measures how much time an algorithm takes as input size grows.
- Space Complexity → Measures how much memory (RAM) it uses.



Understanding Algorithm Complexity Notations

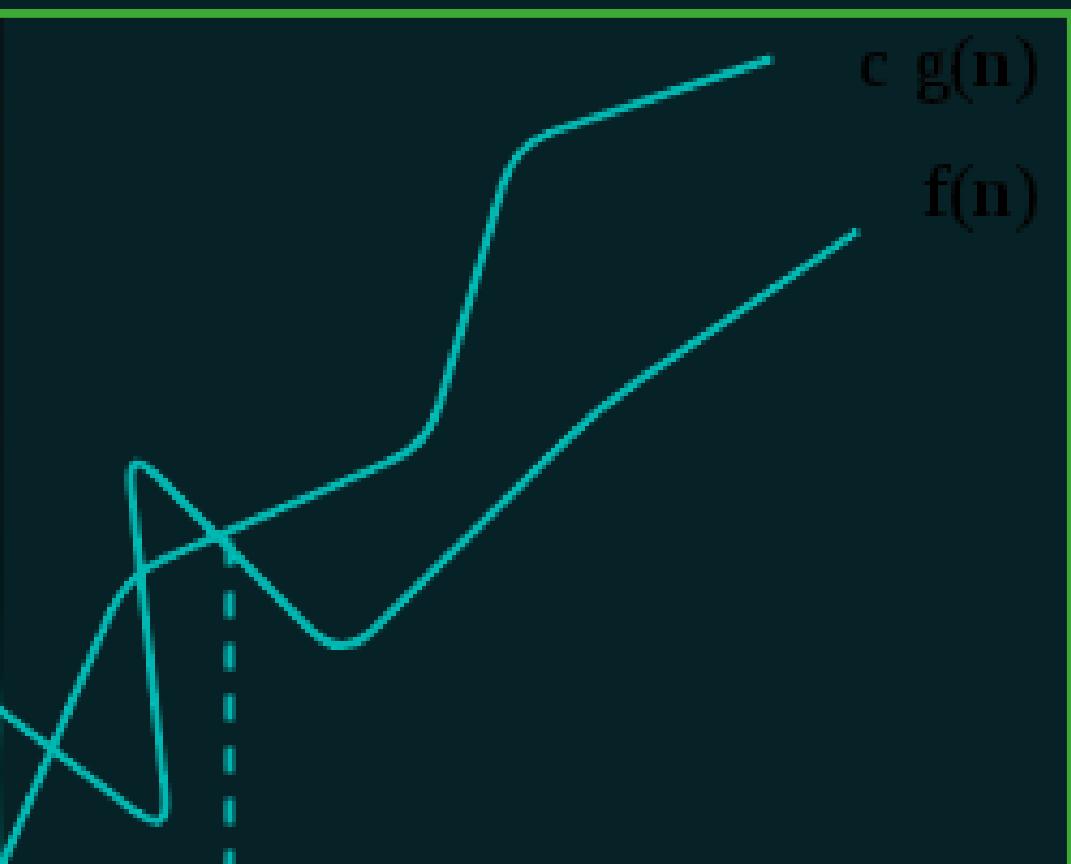
Notation	Represents	Case
Big O (O)	Upper Bound	Worst Case
Big Omega (Ω)	Lower Bound	Best Case
Big Theta (Θ)	Tight Bound	Average

BIG O NOTATION

The Big O notation, where O stands for 'order of'

If $f(n) \leq cg(n)$, $c > 0$, $\forall n \geq n_0$, then $f(n) = O(g(n))$ and $g(n)$ is an asymptotically tight upper bound for $f(n)$

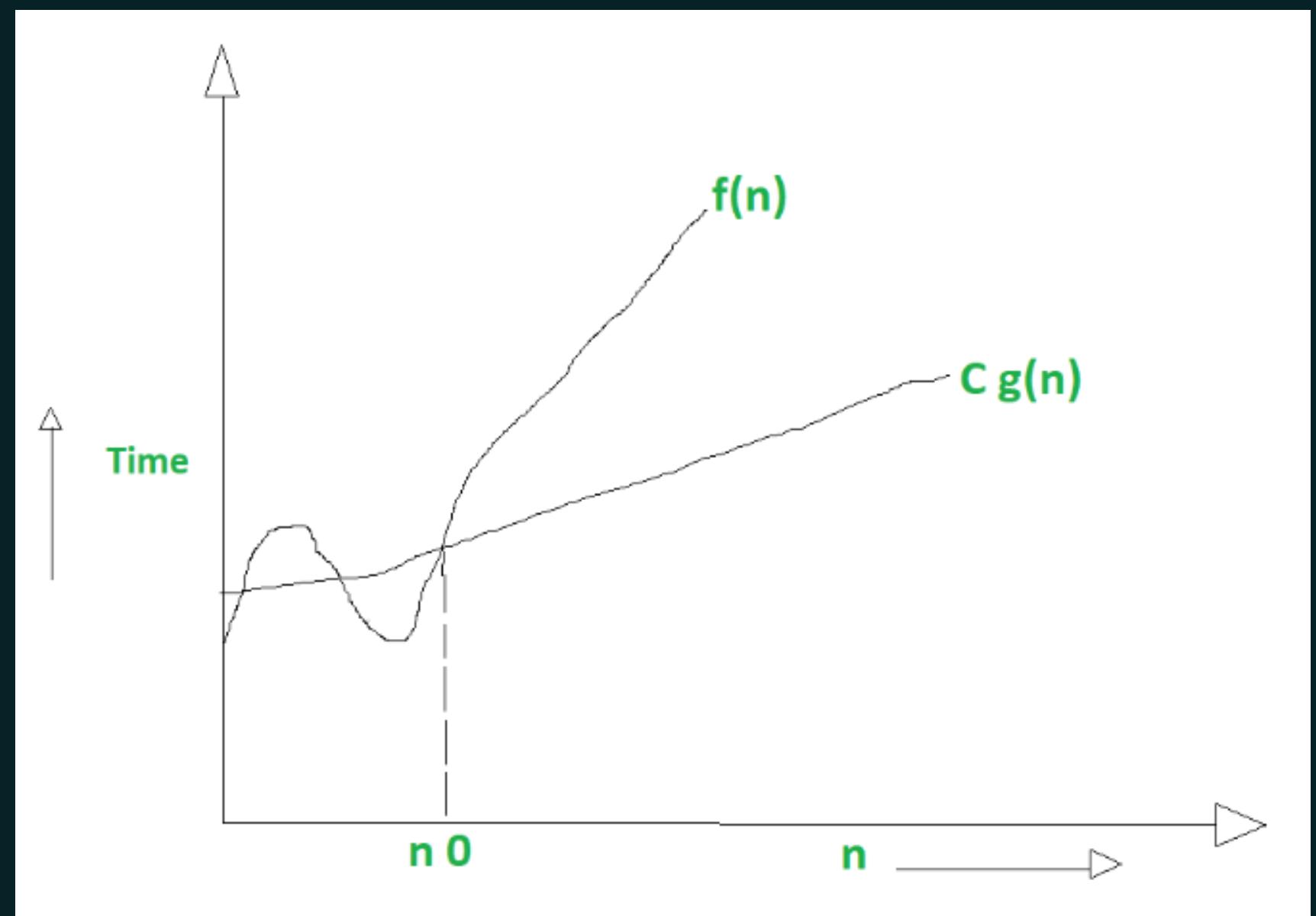
$g(n)$	$f(n) = O(g(n))$
10	$O(1)$
$7n^2 + \log n + 5$	$O(n^2)$
$2n^3 + 3n^2 + 5n - 10$	$O(n^3)$



OMEGA NOTATION (Ω)

The Omega notation provides a tight lower bound for $f(n)$.

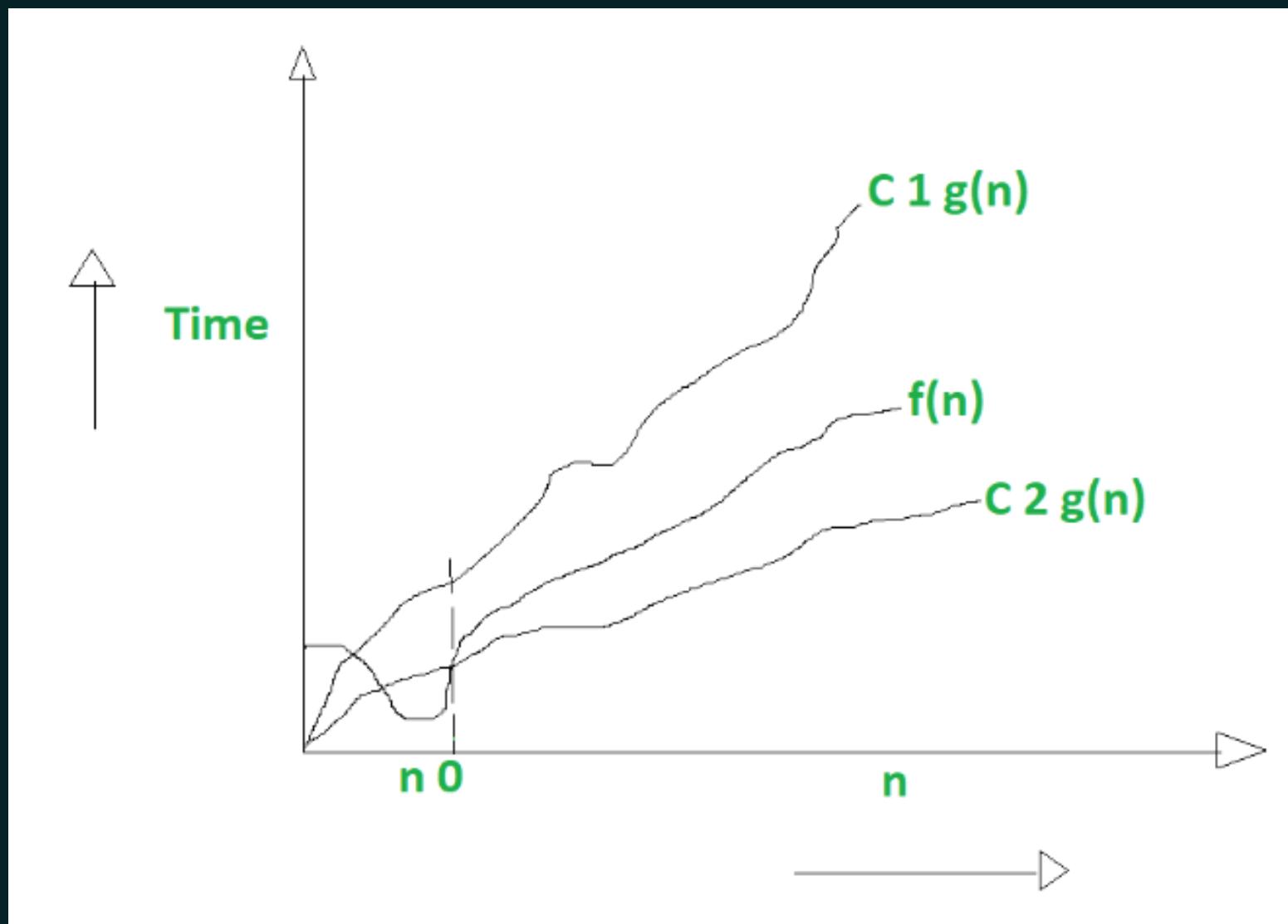
If $cg(n) \leq f(n)$, $c > 0$, $\forall n \geq n_0$, then $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$ and $g(n)$ is an asymptotically tight lower bound for $f(n)$



THETA NOTATION (Θ)

Theta notation provides an asymptotically tight bound for $f(n)$.

If $f(n)$ is between $c_1 g(n)$ and $c_2 g(n)$, $\forall n \geq n_0$, then $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$ and $g(n)$ is an asymptotically tight bound for $f(n)$ and $f(n)$ is amongst $h(n)$ in the set.





Little o notation

This notation provides a non-asymptotically tight upper bound for $f(n)$

An imprecise analogy between the asymptotic comparison of functions $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ and the relation between their values can be given as:

$$f(n) = O(g(n)) \approx f(n) \leq g(n)$$

$$f(n) = o(g(n)) \approx f(n) < g(n)$$



Little Omega Notation (ω)

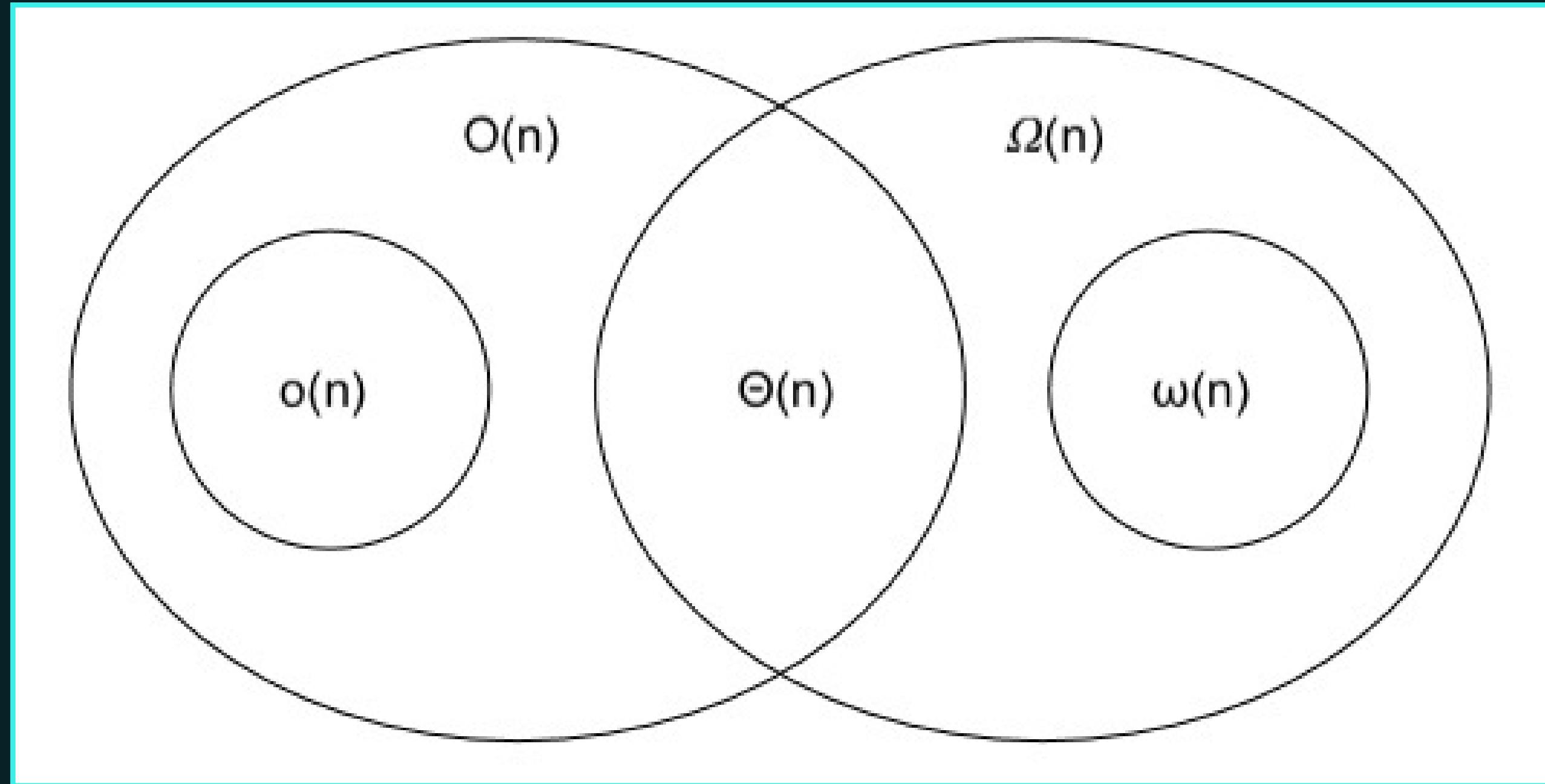
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An imprecise analogy between the asymptotic comparison of functions $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ and the relation between their values can be given as:

$$f(n) = \Omega(g(n)) \approx f(n) \geq g(n)$$

$$f(n) = \omega(g(n)) \approx f(n) > g(n)$$

Asymptotic Notations : Venn Diagram

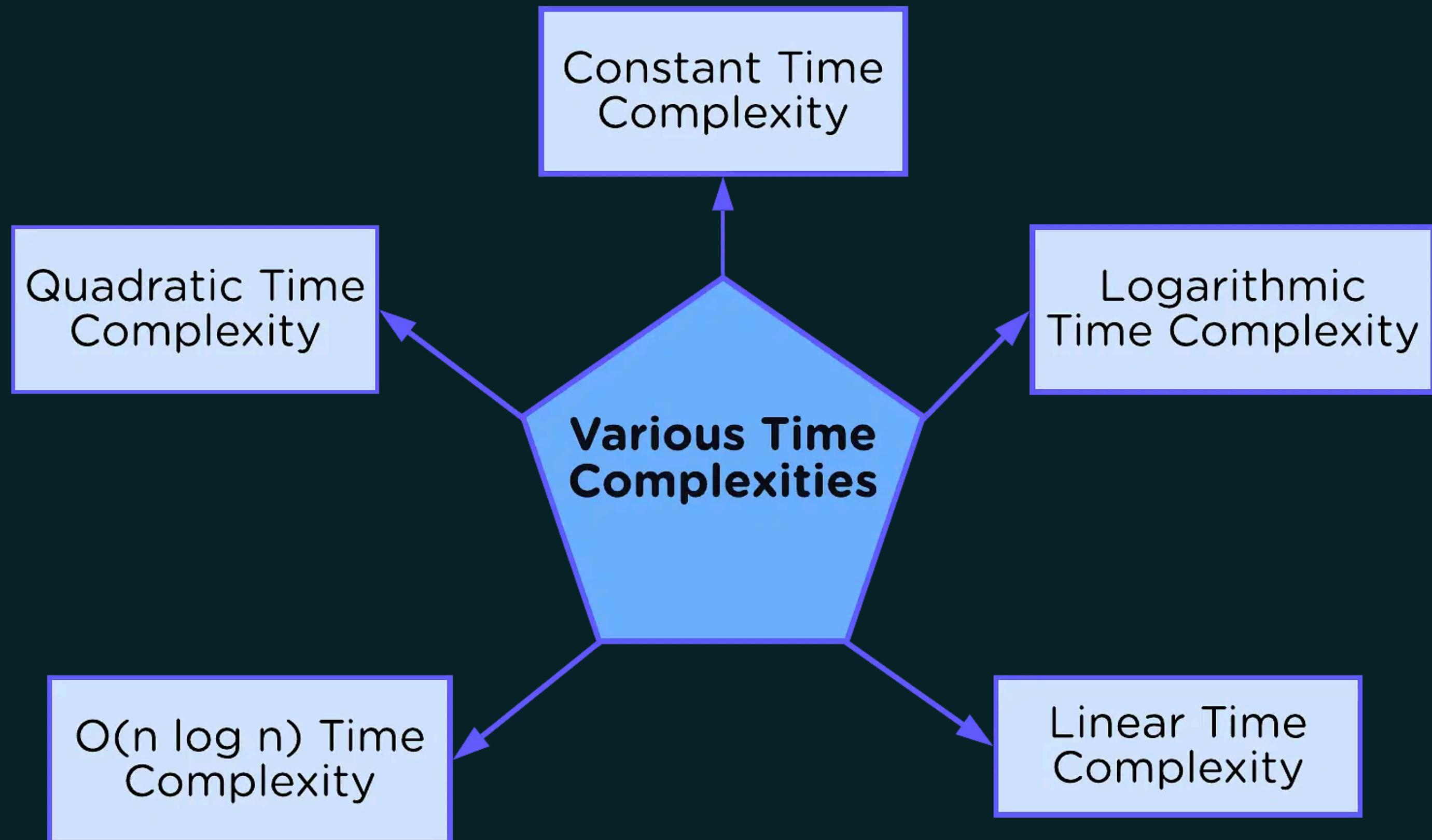


Properties of Asymptotic Notations



	Reflexive	Symmetric	Transitive
Big O (o)	Yes	No	Yes
Big Omega (Ω)	Yes	No	Yes
Big Theta (Θ)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Little o	No	No	Yes
Little omega	No	No	Yes

Types of Time Complexities with Examples



Types of Time Complexities



Linear loops

```
for(i=0;i<100;i++)  
    statement block;
```

$$f(n) = n$$

```
for(i=0;i<100;i+=2)  
    statement  
f(n) = n/2
```

Types of Time Complexities



Logarithmic Loops

```
for(i=1;i<1000;i*=2)  
    statement block;  
 $f(n) = \log n$ 
```

```
for(i=1000;i>=1;i/=2)  
    statement block;  
 $f(n) = \log n$ 
```

Types of Time Complexities



Linear logarithmic

```
for(i=0;i<10;i++)  
    for(j=1; j<10;j*=2)  
        Statement block;  

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

```

Types of Time Complexities



Quadratic loop

```
for(i=0;i<10;i++)  
    for(j=0; j<10;j++)  
        statement block;  

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

```



Space Complexity

It includes:

1. Input space (memory used to store the input)
2. Auxiliary space (temporary or extra memory used during computation, like variables, recursion stack, arrays, etc.)

Remember : Space Complexity \neq Size of Input

It refers to the extra space the algorithm uses to solve the problem.

Types of Time Complexities with Examples

$O(1)$

```
1 #include<stdio.h>
2 int main(){
3     int arr[10]={5,10,15,20,25,30,35,40,45,50}; → O(1)
4
5     //accessing the element at index 5 (6th element)
6     printf("The value of index 5 is: %d\n",arr[5]); → O(1)
7
8     return 0; → O(1)
9 }
```

$$f(n) = O(1) + O(1) + O(1) = 3 \cdot O(1)$$

Types of Time Complexities with Examples



$O(\log n)$

```
int binarySearch(int arr[],int n,int target){ → O(1)
    int st=0; } → O(1)
    int end=n-1;

while(st<=end){ → O(logn)
    int mid=st+(end-st)/2;

    if(arr[mid]==target){
        return mid;           //Target found at the index mid
    }else if(arr[mid]<target){
        st=mid+1;            //search in right half
    }else{
        end=mid-1;           //search in left half
    }
}
return -1; → O(1) //Target not found
}
```

$$f(n)=O(1)+O(1)+O(\log n)+O(1)+O(1)$$

$$f(n)=4*O(1)+O(\log n)$$

Types of Time Complexities with Examples



$O(n)$

```
#include<stdio.h>
int main(){
    int arr[]={10,20,30,40,50}; -----> O(1)
    int n=sizeof(arr)/sizeof(arr[0]); -----> O(1)

    printf("Array elements are:\n");
    for(int i=0;i<n;i++){
        printf("%d\t",arr[i]); -----> O(n))
    }
    return 0;
} -----> O(1)
```

$$f(n) = O(1) + O(1) + O(1) + O(n) + O(1) + O(1)$$

$$f(n) = 5*O(1) + O(n)$$

Types of Time Complexities with Examples



$O(n^2)$

```
#include<stdio.h>
int main(){
    int arr[]={1,2,3,4,5}; → O(1)
    int n=sizeof(arr)/sizeof(arr[0]); → O(1)

    printf("All pairs in the array:\n");
    for(int i=0;i<n;i++){ → O(n)
        for(int j=0;j<n;j++){ → O(n)
            printf("(%d,%d)\n",arr[i],arr[j]); → O(1)
        }
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Nested Loop

$$f(n) = O(1) + O(1) + O(1) + O(n^2) + O(1)$$

$$f(n) = 4 * O(1) + O(n^2)$$

Types of Time Complexities with Examples

$O(n^3)$



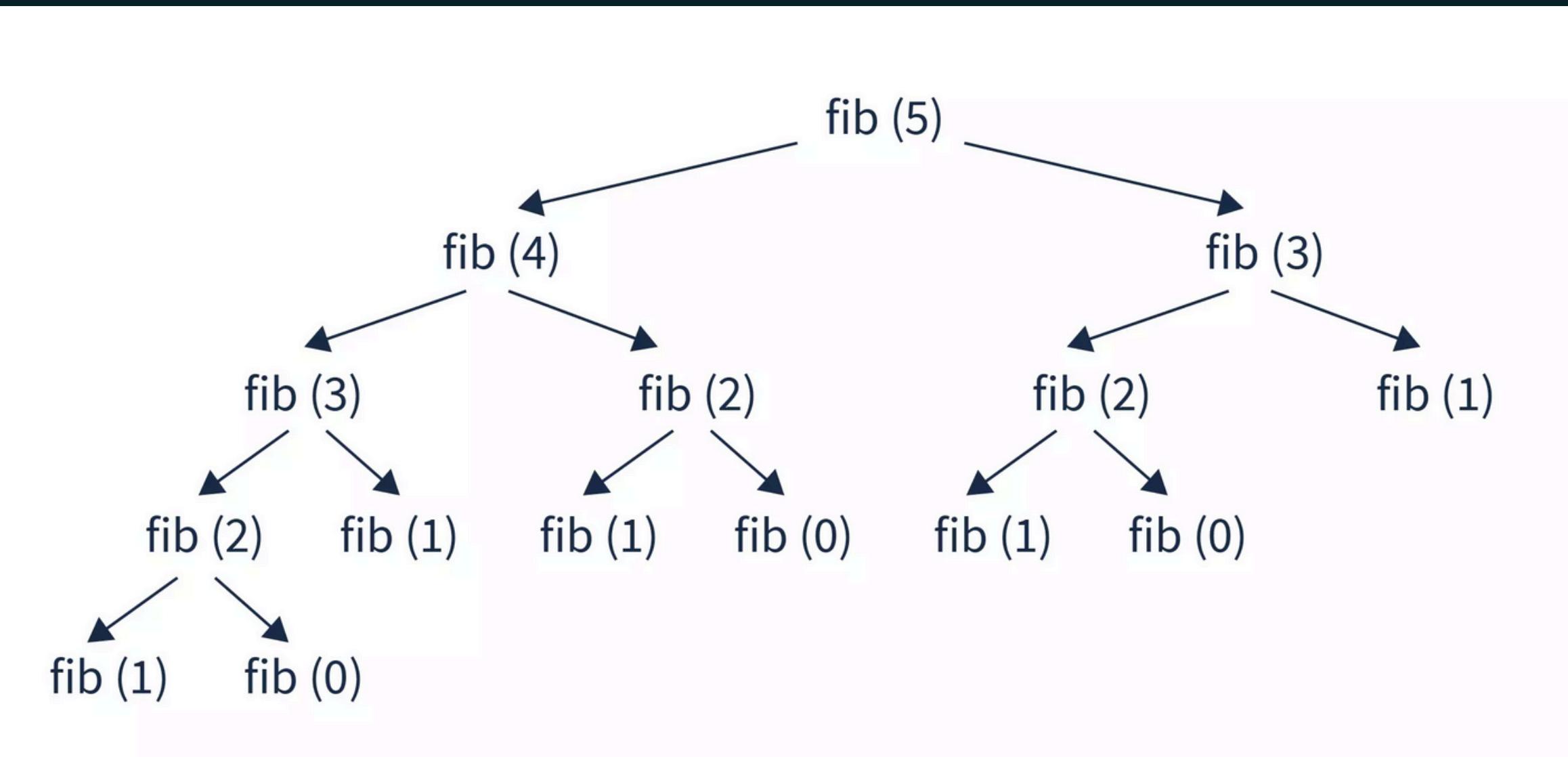
```
1 #include <stdio.h>           // O(1) - Compile-time inclusion
2
3 int main() {
4     int arr[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};          // O(1) time, O(n) space (array of size 5)
5     int n = sizeof(arr)/sizeof(arr[0]); // O(1) time, O(1) space
6
7     printf("All triplets (i,j,k) are:\n"); // O(1) time
8
9     // Triple nested loop
10    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {           // O(n)
11        for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {         // O(n)
12            for (int k = 0; k < n; k++) {       // O(n)
13                printf("(%,%,%)\n", arr[i], arr[j], arr[k]); // O(1)
14            }
15        }
16    }
17    return 0;
18 }
```

$$f(n)=O(1)+O(1)+O(1)+O(1)+O(n^3)+O(1)+O(1)$$

Types of Time Complexities with Examples



$O(2^n)$



```
int fibonacci(int n){  
    if(n==0){  
        return 0;  
    }  
    else if(n==1){  
        return 1;  
    }else{  
        return fibonacci(n-1)+fibonacci(n-2);  
    }  
}
```

Types of Time Complexities with Examples



Your Task is : Read these Problems

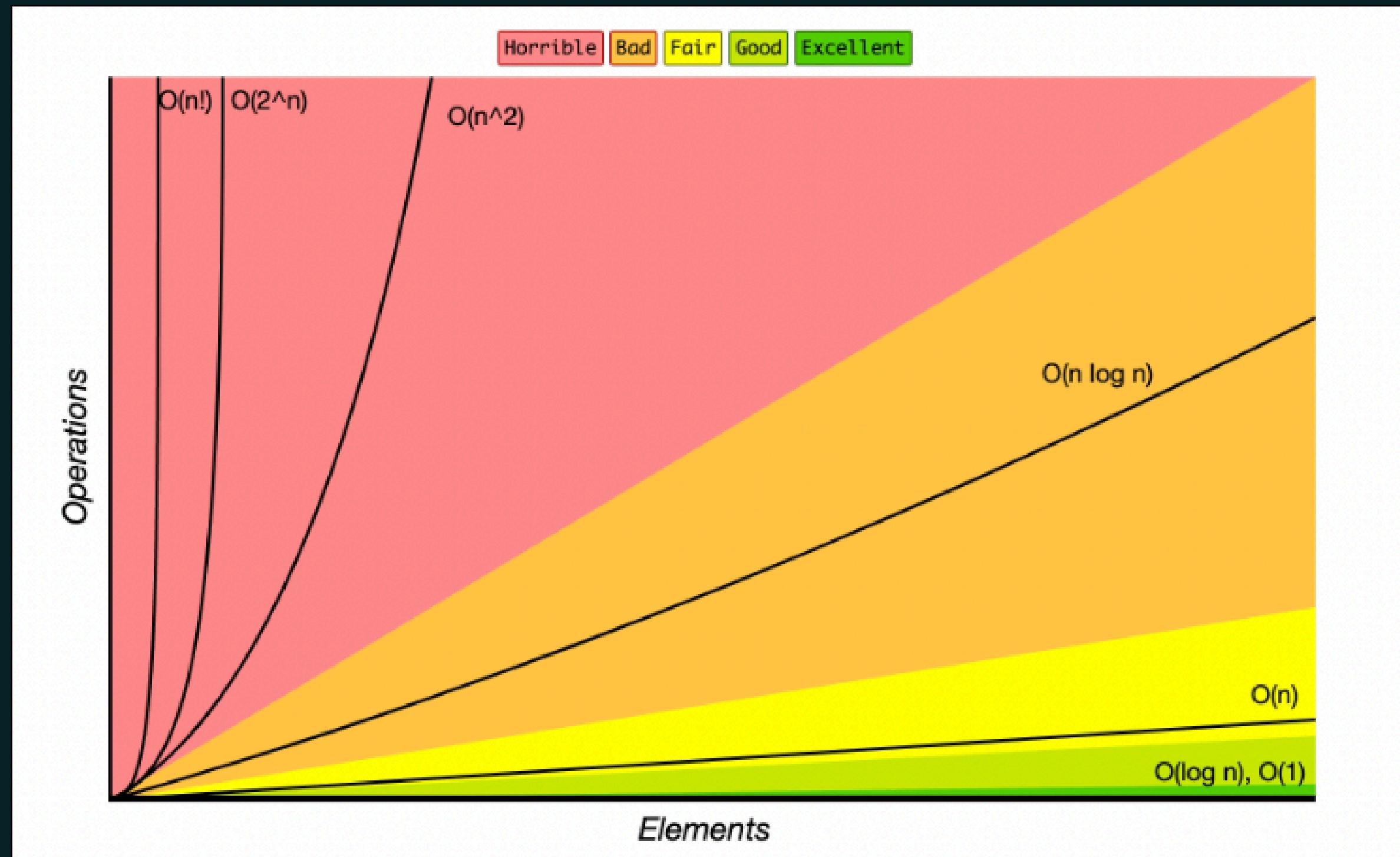
Merge Sort

<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/merge-sort/>

Solving Traveling Salesman Problem

<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/traveling-salesman-problem-using-branch-and-bound-2/>

Categories of Algorithms



Categories of Algorithms

- **Constant time algorithm** : running time complexity given as $O(1)$
- **Linear time algorithms** have running time complexity given as $O(n)$
- **Logarithmic time algorithms** have running time complexity given as $O(\log n)$
- **Polynomial time algorithms** have running time complexity given as $O(n^k)$
- **Exponential time algorithms** have running time complexity given as $O(2^n)$

Table 2.2 Number of operations for different functions of n

n	$O(1)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^3)$
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	1	2	2	4	8
4	1	2	4	8	16	64
8	1	3	8	24	64	512
16	1	4	16	64	256	4096



Recurrence Relation

Methods to solve Recurrence

- Substitution
- Recurrence Tree
- Master Method

Substitution Method

Substitution Method – Example 1

- We make a guess for the solution and then we use mathematical induction to prove the guess is correct or incorrect.

Example 1:

Time to solve the instance of size n

Time to solve the instance of size $n - 1$

$$T(n) = \underline{T(n-1)} + n$$

1

- Replacing n by $n - 1$ and $n - 2$, we can write following equations.

$$\underline{T(n-1)} = \underline{T(n-2)} + n - 1$$

2

$$\underline{T(n-2)} = T(n-3) + n - 2$$

3

- Substituting equation 3 in 2 and equation 2 in 1 we have now,

$$T(n) = T(n-3) + n - 2 + n - 1 + n$$

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Substitution Method

Substitution Method – Example 1

$$T(n) = T(n - 3) + n - 2 + n - 1 + n \quad \dots \quad 4$$

► From above, we can write the general form as,

$$T(n) = T(n - k) + (n - k + 1) + (n - k + 2) + \dots + n$$

► Suppose, if we take $k = n$ then,

$$T(n) = T(n - n) + (n - n + 1) + (n - n + 2) + \dots + n$$

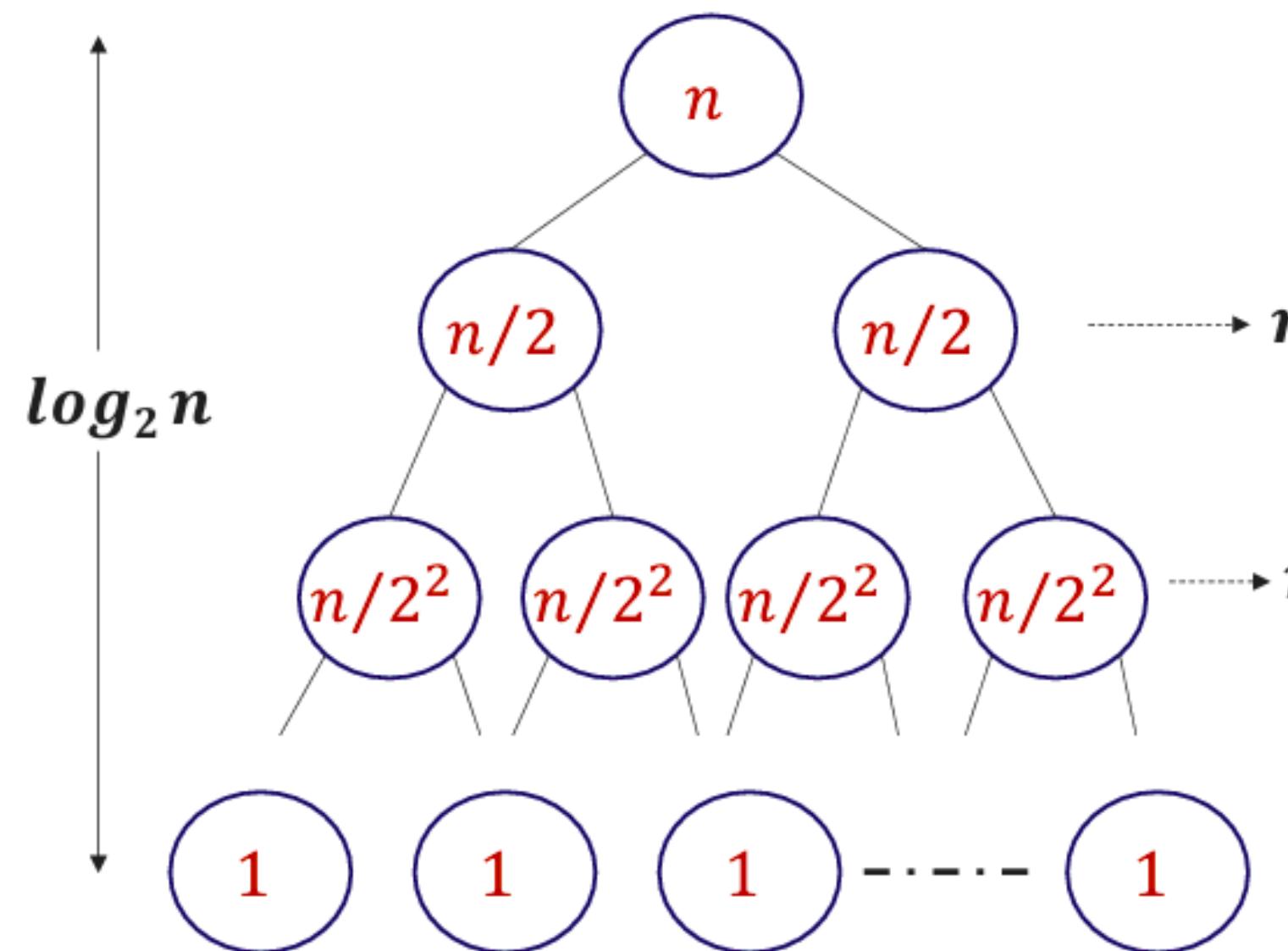
$$T(n) = 0 + 1 + 2 + \dots + n$$

$$T(n) = \frac{n(n + 1)}{2} = O(n^2)$$

Recurrence Tree Method

Recurrence Tree Method

The recursion tree for this recurrence is



Example 1: $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$

- When we add the values across the levels of the recursion tree, we get a value of n for every level.
- The bottom level has $2^{\log n}$ nodes, each contributing the cost $T(1)$.
- We have $n + n + n + \dots$ $\log n$ times

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n - 1} n + 2^{\log n} T(1)$$

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

$$\boxed{T(n) = O(n \log n)}$$

Master Method

Your task is: Read Master Method & Solve Some Examples



Used to solve divide-and-conquer recurrence relations of the form:

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

$a \geq 1$ is the number of subproblems

$b > 1$ is the input size shrink factor

$f(n)$ is the cost of the work done outside recursive calls

Link: [Master Theorem : GFG](#)



Methods to Find Time Complexity

Summary

Method	Best For	Use Case Example
Substitution	Simple recursions	$T(n) = T(n-1) + 1$
Master Theorem	Divide-and-conquer	$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$
Recursion Tree	Visual learners	$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$

BASIC ARRAY OPERATION



Operation	Shifting Required?	Time Complexity
Insert at start	Yes (right shift)	$O(n)$
Insert in middle	Yes (right shift)	$O(n)$
Insert at End	No	$O(1)$
Delete at Start	Yes (left Shift)	$O(n)$
Delete in middle	Yes (left Shift)	$O(n)$
Delete at End	No	$O(1)$

Practice Time

Ques : Which of the following time complexities grows the fastest?

- (a) $O(n \log n)$
- (c) $O(2^n)$
- (b) $O(n^2)$
- (d) $O(n)$

Ques : Algorithm A and B have a worst-case running time of $O(n)$ and $O(\log n)$, respectively. Therefore, algorithm B always runs faster than algorithm A.

- (a) True
- (b) False

Practice Time

```
int a = 0, b = 0;  
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {  
    a = a + rand();  
}  
for (int j = 0; j < M; j++) {  
    b = b + rand();  
}
```



Practice Time

```
int a = 0;  
for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {  
    for (j = N; j > i; j--) {  
        a = a + i + j;  
    }  
}
```

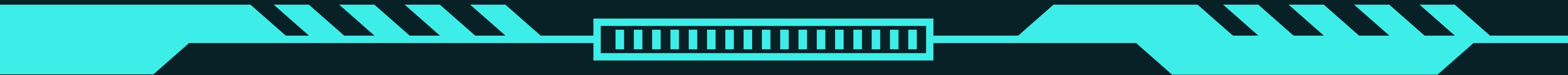


Practice Time

```
int i, j, k = 0;  
for (i = n / 2; i <= n; i++) {  
    for (j = 2; j <= n; j = j * 2) {  
        k = k + n / 2;  
    }  
}
```



Q&A



THANK YOU

