# **CE100 Algorithms and Programming II**

Week-1 (Introduction to Analysis of Algorithms)

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# **Brief Description of Course and Rules**

We will first talk about,

- 1. Course Plan and Communication
- 2. Grading System, Homeworks, and Exams

please read the syllabus carefully.



- Introduction to Analysis of Algorithms
  - Algorithm Basics
  - Flowgorithm
  - Pseudocode



- RAM (Random Access Machine Model)
- Sorting Problem
- Insertion Sort Analysis
- Algorithm Cost Calculation for Time Complexity
- Worst, Average, and Best Case Summary
- Merge Sort Analysis



- Asymptotic Notation
  - Big O Notation
  - Big Teta Notation
  - Big Omega Notation
  - Small o Notation
  - Small omega Notation



### We Need Mathematical Proofs

- Direct proof
- Proof by mathematical induction
- Proof by contraposition
- Proof by contradiction
- Proof by construction
- Proof by exhaustion



### We Need Mathematical Proofs

- Probabilistic proof
- Combinatorial proof
- Nonconstructive proof
  - Statistical proofs in pure mathematics
  - Computer-assisted proofs

Mathematical proof - Wikipedia



# Introduction to Analysis of Algorithms

- Study two sorting algorithms as examples
  - Insertion sort: Incremental algorithm
  - Merge sort: Divide-and-conquer
- Introduction to runtime analysis
  - Best vs. worst vs. average case
  - Asymptotic analysis



# What is Algorithm

**Algorithm**: A sequence of computational steps that transform the input to the desired output

#### Procedure vs. algorithm

An algorithm must halt within finite time with the right output

#### We Need to Measure Performance Metrics

- Processing Time
- Allocated Memory
- Network Congestion
- Power Usage etc.



#### **Example Sorting Algorithms**

**Input**: a sequence of n numbers

$$\langle a_1, a_2, ..., a_n \rangle$$

Algorithm: Sorting / Permutation

$$\prod = \langle \prod, \prod, ..., \prod 
angle 
angle$$

Output: sorted permutation of the input sequence

$$\langle a_{\prod_{(1)}}\leqslant a_{\prod_{(2)}}\leqslant,...,a_{\prod_{(n)}}
angle$$



#### Pseudo-code notation

We can use Flowgorithm - Flowchart Programming Language

- Objective: Express algorithms to humans in a clear and concise way
- Liberal use of English
- Indentation for block structures
- Omission of error handling and other details (needed in real programs)



#### **Pseudocode Links to Visit**

Pseudocode - Wikipedia

Pseudocode Examples

How to write a Pseudo Code? - GeeksforGeeks



#### Correctness

We often use a **loop invariant** to help us to understand why an algorithm gives the correct answer.

**Example:** (Insertion Sort) at the start of each iteration of the "outer" for loop - the loop indexed by j - the subarray  $A[1\ldots j-1]$  consist of the elements originally in  $A[1\ldots j-1]$  but in sorted order.



#### Correctness

To use a loop invariant to prove correctness, we must show 3 things about it.

- Initialization: It is true to the first iteration of the loop.
- Maintaince: If it is true before an iteration of the loop, it remains true before the next iteration.
- **Termination:** When the loop terminates, the invariant usually along with the reason that the loop terminated gives us a usefull property that helps show that the algorithm is correct.



# RAM (Random Access Machine Model) $\Longrightarrow \Theta(1)$

- Operations
  - Single Step
  - Sequential
  - No Concurrent
  - Arithmetic
    - add, subtract, multiply, divide, remainder, floor, ceiling,
    - shift left/shift right (good by multiply/dividing  $2^k$ )



# RAM (Random Access Machine Model) $\Longrightarrow \Theta(1)$

- Data Movement
  - load, store, copy
- Control
  - conditional / unconditional branch
  - subroutine calls
  - returns



# RAM (Random Access Machine Model) $\Longrightarrow \Theta(1)$

- Each instruction take a constant amount of time
- ullet Integer will be represented by  $clogn \ c \geq 1$
- T(n) the running time of the algorithm:

 $\sum_{\text{all statement}} (\text{cost of statement}) * (\text{number of times statement is executed}) = T(n)$ 



# What is the processing time?

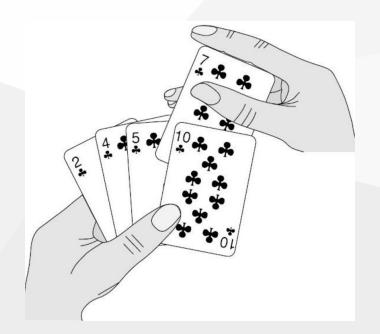
|            | 1<br>Second | 1<br>Minute | 1<br>Hour | 1<br>Day | 1<br>Month | 1<br>Year | 1<br>Century |
|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| lgn        |             |             |           |          |            |           |              |
| $\sqrt{n}$ |             |             |           |          |            |           |              |
| n          |             |             |           |          |            |           |              |
| nlgn       |             |             |           |          |            |           |              |
| $n^2$      |             |             |           |          |            |           |              |
| $n^3$      |             |             |           |          |            |           |              |
| $2^n$      |             |             |           |          |            |           |              |
| n!         |             |             |           |          |            |           |              |

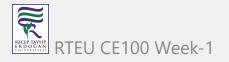
#### **Insertion Sort**

Insertion sort is a simple sorting algorithm that works similar to the way you sort playing cards in your hands

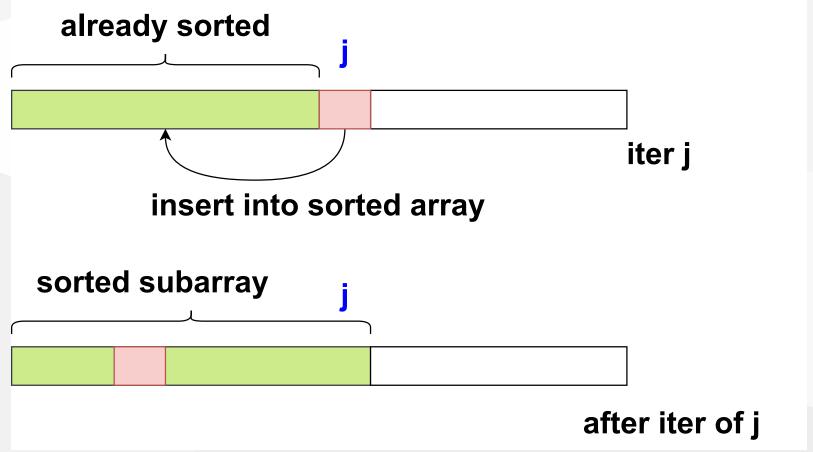
The array is virtually split into a sorted and an unsorted part

Values from the unsorted part are picked and placed at the correct position in the sorted part.





- ullet Assume input array : A[1..n]
- ullet Iterate j from 2 to n





## **Insertion Sort Algorithm**

```
Insertion-Sort(A)
1. for j = 2 to n do
2. key = A[j];
3. i = j-1;
4. while i>0 and A[i]>key do
         A[i+1]=A[i];
5.
         i = i-1;
    endwhile
7. A[i+1]=key;
 endfor
```



## **Insertion Sort Algorithm (inline)**

```
Insertion-Sort(A)
1. for j=2 to A.length
2.    key = A[j]
3.    //insert A[j] into the sorted sequence A[1...j-1]
4.    i = j - 1
5.    while i>0 and A[i]>key
6.         A[i+1] = A[i]
7.         i = i - 1
8.    A[i+1] = key
```

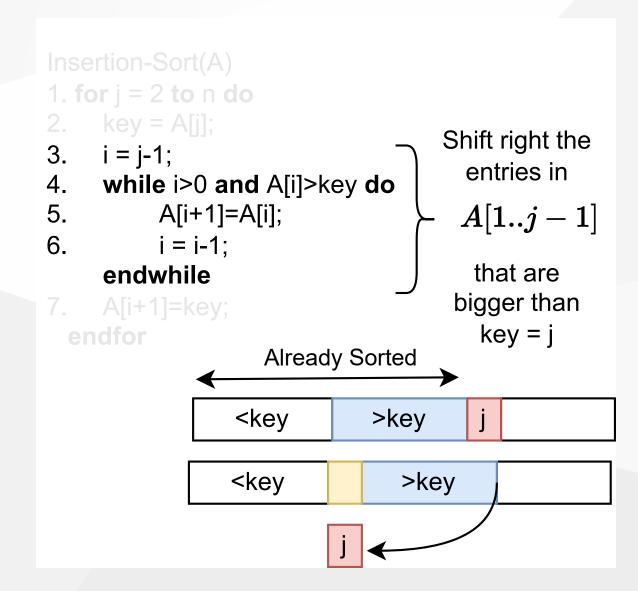


# Insertion Sort Step-By-Step Description (1)

```
Insertion-Sort(A)
1. for j = 2 to n do
                        Iterate over array
2. key = A[j];
                       Loop invariant:
                       The subarray A[1..j-1]
                       is always sorted
                                 key
                already sorted
                already sorted
                              key
```

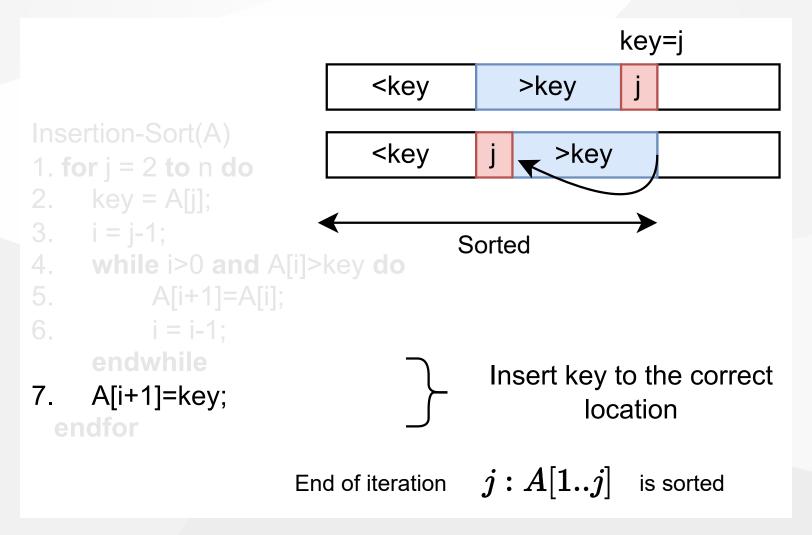


# Insertion Sort Step-By-Step Description (2)





# Insertion Sort Step-By-Step Description (3)





# **Insertion Sort Example**

### **Insertion Sort Step-1 (initial)**

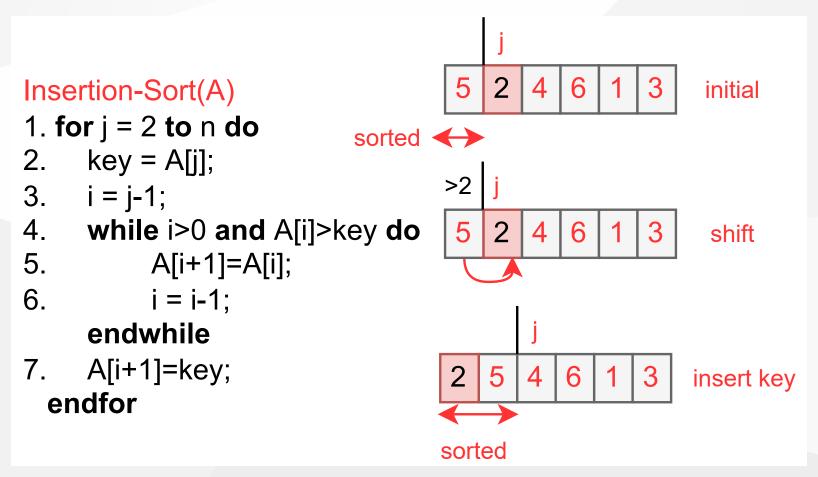
#### Insertion-Sort(A)

- 1. **for** j = 2 **to** n **do**
- 2. key = A[j];
- 3. i = j-1;
- 4. while i>0 and A[i]>key do
- 5. A[i+1]=A[i];
- 6. i = i-1;
  - endwhile
- 7. A[i+1]=key; endfor

```
5 2 4 6 1 3
```

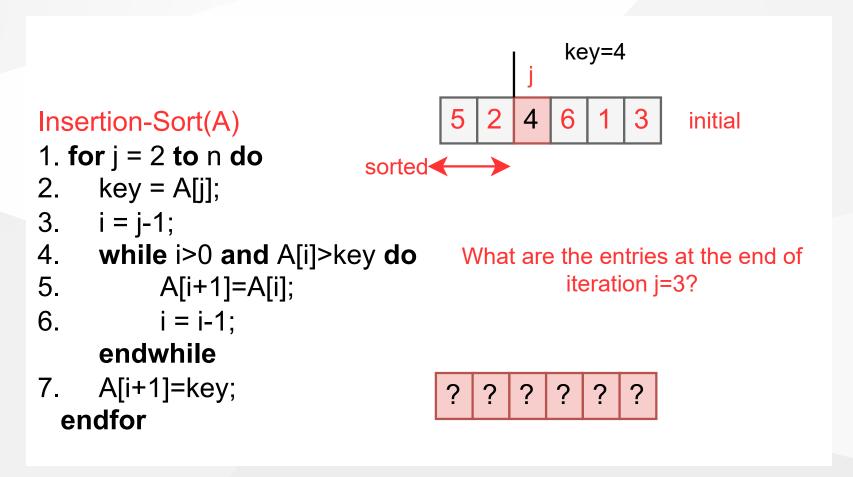


## Insertion Sort Step-2 (j=2)



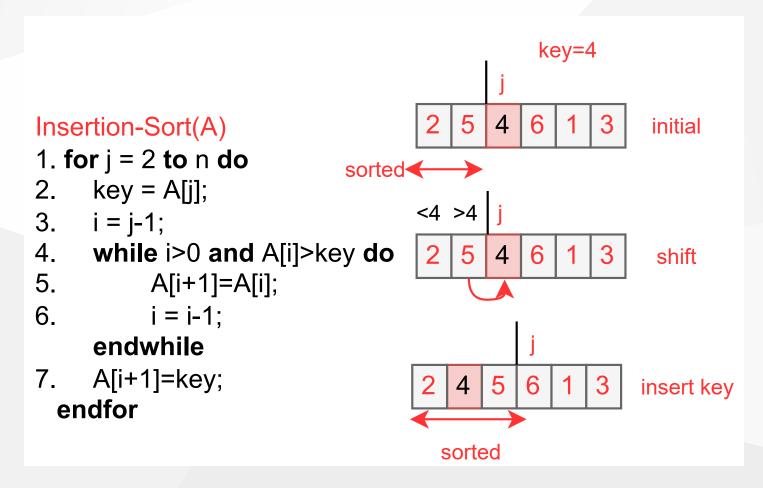


## Insertion Sort Step-3 (j=3)



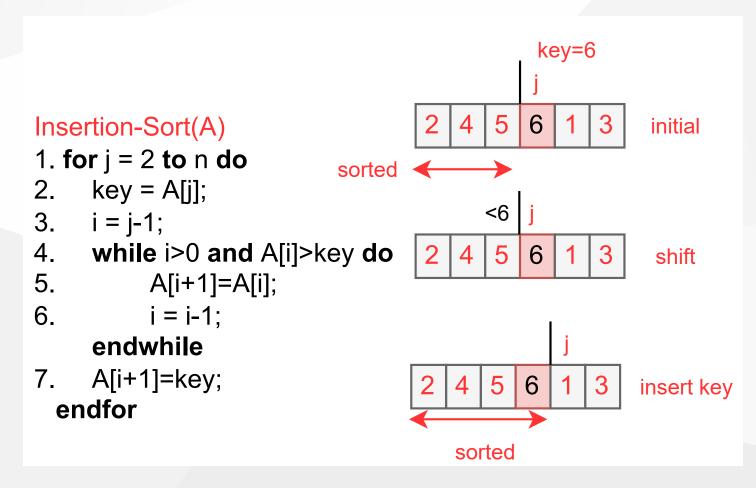


## Insertion Sort Step-4 (j=3)



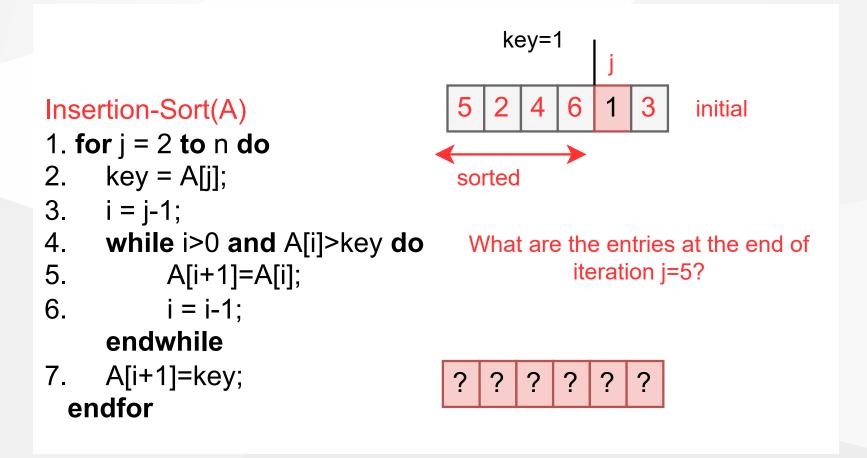


## Insertion Sort Step-5 (j=4)



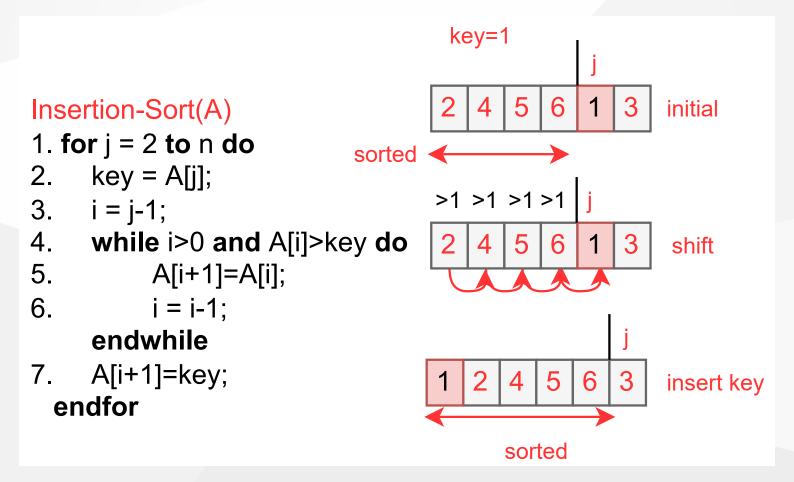


## Insertion Sort Step-6 (j=5)



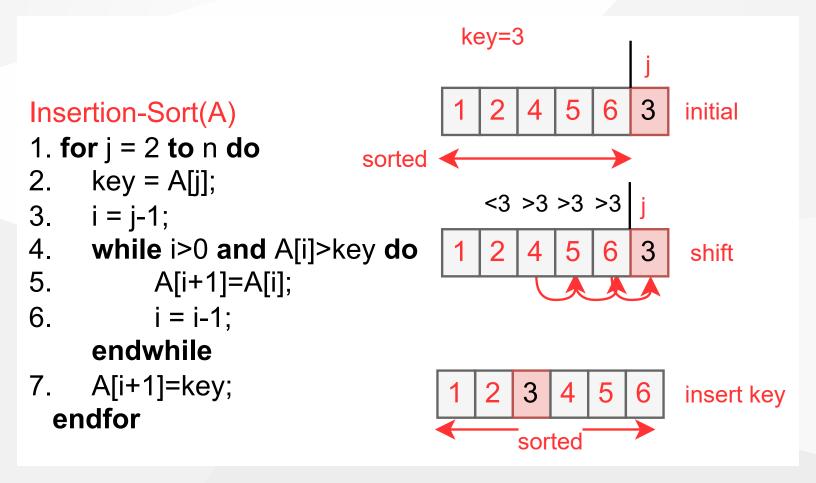


## Insertion Sort Step-7 (j=5)





## Insertion Sort Step-8 (j=6)





## **Insertion Sort Review (1)**

- Items sorted in-place
  - Elements are rearranged within the array.
  - At a most constant number of items stored outside the array at any time (e.,g. the variable key)
  - $\circ$  Input array A contains a sorted output sequence when the algorithm ends



## **Insertion Sort Review (2)**

- Incremental approach
  - $\circ$  Having sorted A[1..j-1] , place A[j] correctly so that A[1..j] is sorted
- Running Time
  - It depends on Input Size (5 elements or 5 billion elements) and Input Itself (partially sorted)
- Algorithm approach to upper bound of overall performance analysis



#### **Visualization of Insertion Sort**

Sorting (Bubble, Selection, Insertion, Merge, Quick, Counting, Radix) - VisuAlgo

https://www.cs.usfca.edu/~galles/visualization/ComparisonSort.html

https://algorithm-visualizer.org/

HMvHTs - Online C++ Compiler & Debugging Tool - Ideone.com



### Kinds of Running Time Analysis (Time Complexity)

- Worst Case (Big-O Notation)
  - $\circ T(n)$  = maximum processing time of any input n
  - $\circ$  Presentation of Big-O : O(n)
- Average Case (Teta Notation)
  - $\circ$  T(n) = average time over all inputs of size n, inputs can have a uniform distribution
  - $\circ$  Presentation of Big-Theta :  $\Theta(n)$
- Best Case (Omega Notation)
  - $\circ T(n)$  = min time on any input of size n, for example sorted array
  - $\circ$  Presentation of Big-Omega :  $\Omega(n)$



# **Array Sorting Algorithms Time and Space Complexity**

| very-fast | Algorithm      | Time Complexity |                    |               | Space<br>Complexity |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| fast      |                | Best            | Average            | Worst         | Worst               |
| medium    | Quick Sort     | $\Omega(nlgn)$  | $\Theta(nlgn)$     | $O(n^2)$      | O(lgn)              |
| slow      | Merge Sort     | $\Omega(nlgn)$  | $\Theta(nlgn)$     | O(nlgn)       | O(n)                |
| very-slow | Tim Sort       | $\Omega(n)$     | $\Theta(nlgn)$     | O(nlgn)       | O(n)                |
|           |                |                 | , ,                |               |                     |
|           | Heap Sort      | $\Omega(nlgn)$  | $\Theta(nlgn)$     | O(nlgn)       | O(1)                |
|           | Bubble Sort    | $\Omega(n)$     | $\Theta(n^2)$      | $O(n^2)$      | O(1)                |
|           | Insertion Sort | $\Omega(n)$     | $\Theta(n^2)$      | $O(n^2)$      | O(1)                |
|           | Selection Sort | $\Omega(n^2)$   | $\Theta(n^2)$      | $O(n^2)$      | O(1)                |
|           | Tree Sort      | $\Omega(nlgn)$  | $\Theta(nlgn)$     | $O(n^2)$      | O(n)                |
|           | Shell Sort     | $\Omega(nlgn)$  | $\Theta(n(lgn)^2)$ | $O(n(lgn)^2)$ | O(1)                |
|           | Bucket Sort    | $\Omega(n+k)$   | $\Theta(n+k)$      | $O(n^2)$      | O(n)                |
|           | Radix Sort     | $\Omega(nk)$    | $\Theta(nk)$       | O(nk)         | O(n+k)              |
|           | Counting Sort  | $\Omega(n+k)$   | $\Theta(n+k)$      | O(n+k)        | O(k)                |
|           | Cube Sort      | $\Omega(n)$     | $\Theta(nlgn)$     | O(nlgn)       | O(n)                |



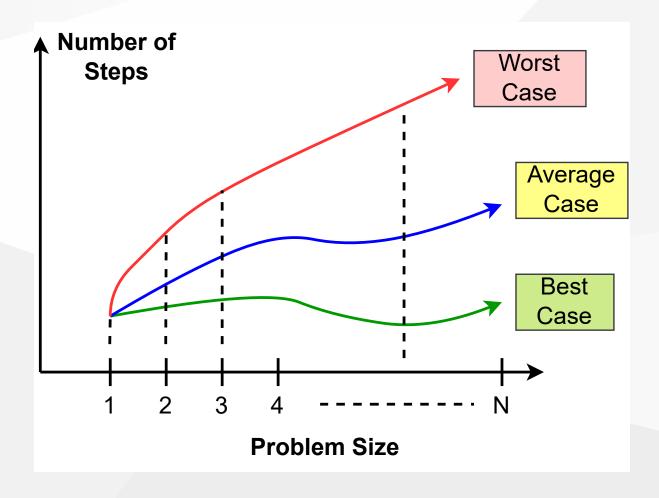
### Comparison of Time Analysis Cases

For insertion sort, worst-case time depends on the speed of primitive operations such as

- Relative Speed (on the same machine)
- Absolute Speed (on different machines)
- Asymptotic Analysis
  - Ignore machine-dependent constants
  - $\circ$  Look at the growth of  $T(n)|n
    ightarrow\infty$



# **Asymptotic Analysis (1)**





### Asymptotic Analysis (2)

### **Theta-Notation (Average-Case)**

- Drop low order terms
- Ignore leading constants

e.g

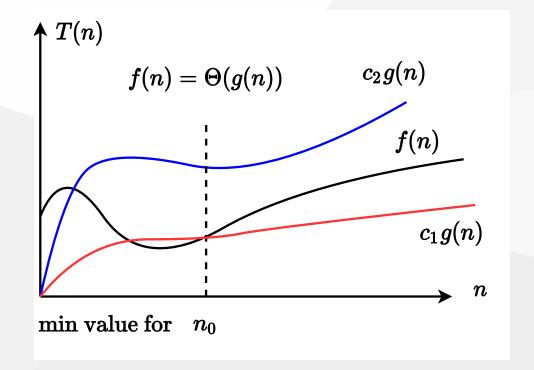
$$2n^2 + 5n + 3 = \Theta(n^2)$$
  $3n^3 + 90n^2 - 2n + 5 = \Theta(n^3)$ 

ullet As n gets large, a  $\Theta(n^2)$  algorithm runs faster than a  $\Theta(n^3)$  algorithm



### Asymptotic Analysis (3)

For both algorithms, we can see a minimum item size in the following chart. After this point, we can see performance differences. Some algorithms for small item size can be run faster than others but if you increase item size you will see a reference point that notation proof performance metrics.





#### **Insertion Sort - Runtime Analysis (1)**

```
Times
           Insertion-Sort(A)
Cost
     n 1. for j=2 to A.length
c1
  n-1 2. key = A[j]
c2
  n-1 3. //insert A[j] into the sorted sequence A[1...j-1]
c3
     n-1 4. i = j - 1
c4
       5. while i>0 and A[i]>key do
     k5
c5
     k6 6.
                    A[i+1] = A[i]
c6
     k6 7.
                    i = i - 1
c7
           8. A[i+1] = key
c8
     n-1
```

we have two loops here, if we sum up costs as follow we can see big-O worst case notation.

$$k_5 = \sum_{j=2}^n t_j$$
 and  $k_6 = \sum_{j=2}^n t_i - 1$ 



### **Insertion Sort - Runtime Analysis (2)**

cost function can be evaluated as follow;

$$T(n) = c_1 n + c_2 (n-1) + 0 (n-1) + c_4 (n-1) + c_5 \sum_{j=2}^n t_j + c_6 \sum_{j=2}^n t_i - 1 + c_7 \sum_{j=2}^n t_i - 1 + c_8 (n-1)$$



#### **Insertion Sort - Runtime Analysis (3)**

$$\sum_{j=2}^n j = (n(n+1)/2)-1$$
 and  $\sum_{j=2}^n j-1 = n(n-1)/2$ 



### **Insertion Sort - Runtime Analysis (4)**

$$T(n) = (c_5/2 + c_6/2 + c_7/2)n^2 + (c_1 + c_2 + c_4 + c_5/2 - c_6/2 - c_7/2 + c_8)n - (c_2 + c_4 + c_5 + c_6)$$



## **Insertion Sort - Runtime Analysis (5)**

$$T(n) = an^2 + bn + c$$



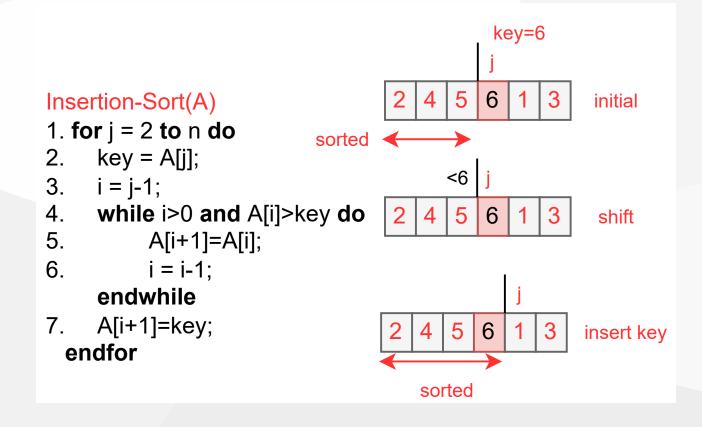
**Insertion Sort - Runtime Analysis (6)** 

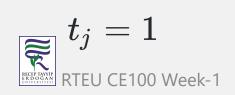
 $O(n^2)$ 



#### **Best-Case Scenario (Sorted Array) (1)**

Problem-1, If A[1...j] is already sorted, what will be  $t_j=?$ 





#### **Best-Case Scenario (Sorted Array) (2)**

Parameters are taken from image

$$T(n) = c_1 n + c_2 (n-1) + c_3 (n-1) + c_4 \sum_{j=2}^n t_j + c_5 \sum_{j=2}^n (t_j-1) + c_6 \sum_{j=2}^n (t_j-1) + c_7 (n-1)$$

$$t_j=1$$
 for all  $j$ 

$$T(n) = (c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + c_4 + c_7)n - (c_2 + c_3 + c_4 + c_7)$$

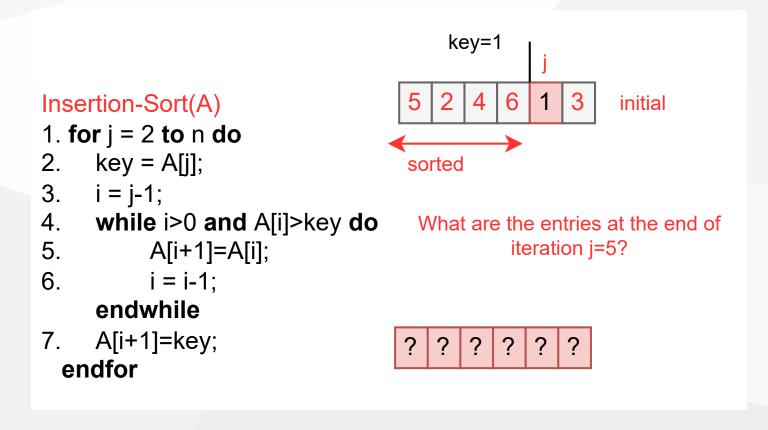
$$T(n) = an - b$$

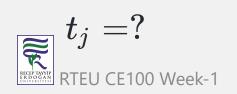
$$\Omega(n)$$



#### Worst-Case Scenario (Reversed Array) (1)

Problem-2 If A[j] is smaller than every entry in A[1...j-1], what will be  $t_j=?$ 





#### Worst-Case Scenario (Reversed Array) (2)

The input array is reverse sorted  $t_j=j$  for all j after calculation worst case runtime will be

$$T(n) = 1/2(c_4 + c_5 + c_6)n^2 + (c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + 1/2(c_4 - c_5 - c_6) + c_7)n - \ (c_2 + c_3 + c_4 + c_7)$$

$$T(n)=1/2an^2+bn-c$$
  $O(n^2)$ 



## **Asymptotic Runtime Analysis of Insertion-Sort**

```
Insertion-Sort(A)
1. for j = 2 to n do
2. key = A[j];
3. i = j-1;
  while i>0 and A[i]>key do
         A[i+1]=A[i];
         i = i-1;
    endwhile
    A[i+1]=key;
 endfor
```

#### Insertion-Sort Worst-case (input reverse sorted)

Inner Loop is  $\Theta(j)$ 

$$T(n) = \sum_{j=2}^n \Theta(j) = \Theta(\sum_{j=2}^n j) = \Theta(n^2)$$



#### Insertion-Sort Average-case (all permutations uniformly distributed)

Inner Loop is  $\Theta(j/2)$ 

$$T(n) = \sum_{j=2}^n \Theta(j/2) = \sum_{j=2}^n \Theta(j) = \Theta(n^2)$$



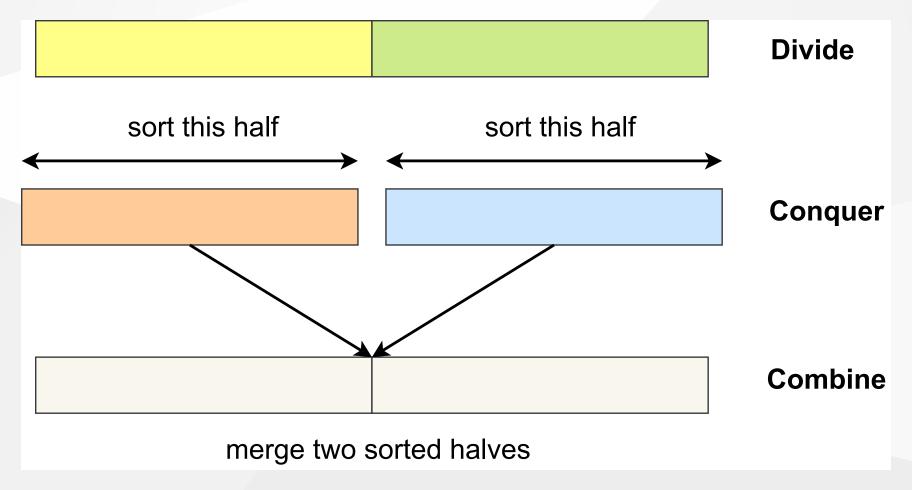
### **Array Sorting Algorithms Time/Space Complexities**

To compare this sorting algorithm please check the following map again.

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### Merge Sort : Divide / Conquer / Combine (1)





### Merge Sort : Divide / Conquer / Combine (2)

Divide: we divide the problem into a number of subproblems

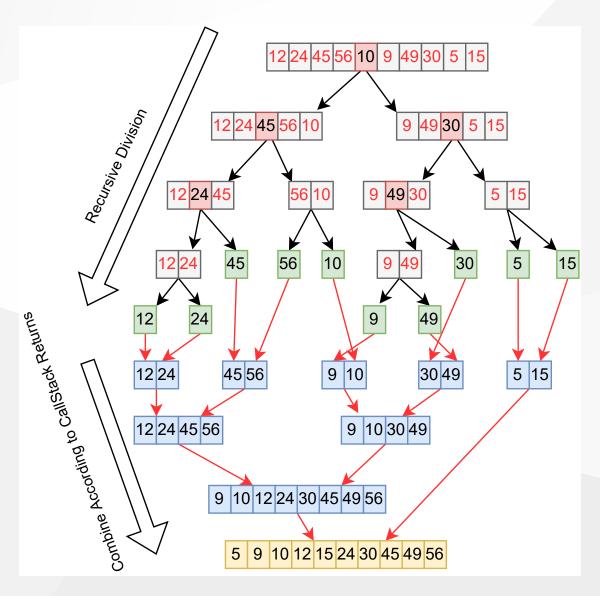
Conquer: We solve the subproblems recursively

Base-Case: Solve by Brute-Force

Combine: Subproblem solutions to the original problem



### Merge Sort Example





#### Merge Sort Algorithm (initial setup)

Merge Sort is a recursive sorting algorithm, for initial case we need to call Merge-Sort(A,1,n) for sorting A[1..n]

initial case

```
A : Array
p : 1 (offset)
r : n (length)
Merge-Sort(A,1,n)
```



#### Merge Sort Algorithm (internal iterations)

internal iterations

```
A : Array
 : offset
r : length
Merge-Sort(A,p,r)
    if p=r then
                              (CHECK FOR BASE-CASE)
       return
    else
        q = floor((p+r)/2)
                             (DIVIDE)
       Merge-Sort(A,p,q) (CONQUER)
       Merge-Sort(A,q+1,r) (CONQUER)
       Merge(A,p,q,r)
                             (COMBINE)
    endif
```

# Merge Sort Algorithm (Combine-1)

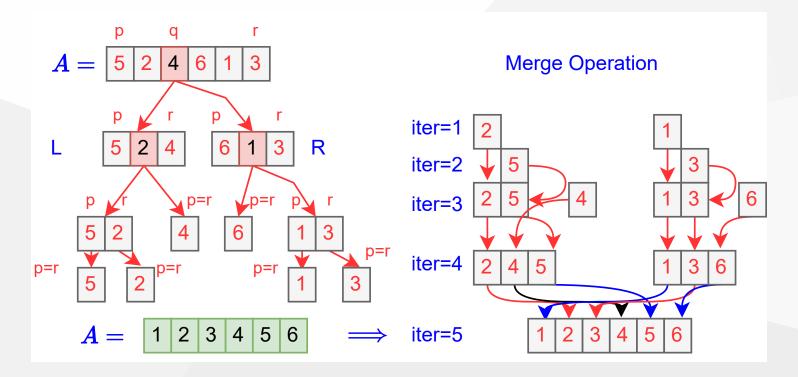
```
p = start - point
q = mid - point
r = end - point
```

```
Merge-Sort(A,p,r)
1. if p==r then
1. if p==r then 2. return; p = \frac{6}{2} = 3
3. else
     q = floor((p+r)/2)
     Merge-Sort(A,p,q);
     Merge-Sort(A,q+1,r);
     Merge(A,p,q,r)
                                              p=r
  endif
                                                                    p=r
                            p=r
                                                      p=r
                                                       5
```

#### Merge Sort Algorithm (Combine-2)

brute-force task, merging two sorted subarrays

The pseudo-code in the textbook (Sec. 2.3.1)





### Merge Sort Combine Algorithm (1)

```
Merge(A,p,q,r)
    n1 = q-p+1
    n2 = r-q
    //allocate left and right arrays
   //increment will be from left to right
    //left part will be bigger than right part
    L[1...n1+1] //left array
    R[1...n2+1] //right array
    //copy left part of array
    for i=1 to n1
        L[i]=A[p+i-1]
    //copy right part of array
    for j=1 to n2
        R[j]=A[q+j]
    //put end items maximum values for termination
    L[n1+1]=inf
    R[n2+1]=inf
    i=1, j=1
    for k=p to r
        if L[i]<=R[j]</pre>
            A[k]=L[i]
            i=i+1
        else
            A[k]=R[j]
            j=j+1
```



### What is the complexity of merge operation?

You can find by counting loops will provide you base constant nested level will provide you exponent of this constant, if you drop constants you will have complexity

we have 3 for loops

it will look like 3n and  $\Theta(n)$  will be merge complexity



#### **Merge Sort Correctness**

- Base case
  - p = r (Trivially correct)
- Inductive hypothesis
  - $\circ\,$  MERGE-SORT is correct for any subarray that is a strict (smaller) subset of A[p,q].
- General Case
  - $\circ$  MERGE-SORT is correct for A[p,q]. From inductive hypothesis and correctness of Merge.



#### Merge Sort Algorithm (Pseudo-Code)

```
A : Array
 : offset
r : length
Merge-Sort(A,p,r)
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                               (CHECK FOR BASE-CASE)
        return
    else
        q = floor((p+r)/2)
                              (DIVIDE)
        Merge-Sort(A,p,q)
                              (CONQUER)
        Merge-Sort(A,q+1,r)
                              (CONQUER)
        Merge(A,p,q,r)
                              (COMBINE)
    endif
```

#### Merge Sort Algorithm Complexity

```
A : Array
p : offset
r : length
Merge-Sort(A,p,r)----> T(n)
   if p=r then---->Theta(1)
       return
   else
       q = floor((p+r)/2)--->Theta(1)
       Merge-Sort(A,p,q)----> T(n/2)
       Merge-Sort(A,q+1,r)---> T(n/2)
       Merge(A,p,q,r)---->Theta(n)
   endif
```

### Merge Sort Algorithm Recurrence

We can describe a function recursively in terms of itself, to analyze the performance of recursive algorithms

$$T(n) = egin{cases} \Theta(1) & ext{if n=1} \ 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n) & otherwise \end{cases}$$



#### **How To Solve Recurrence (1)**

$$T(n) = egin{cases} \Theta(1) & ext{if n=1} \ 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n) & otherwise \end{cases}$$



#### How To Solve Recurrence (2)

We will assume  $T(n)=\Theta(1)$  for sufficiently small n to rewrite equation as

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$$

Solution for this equation will be  $\Theta(nlgn)$  with following recursion tree.



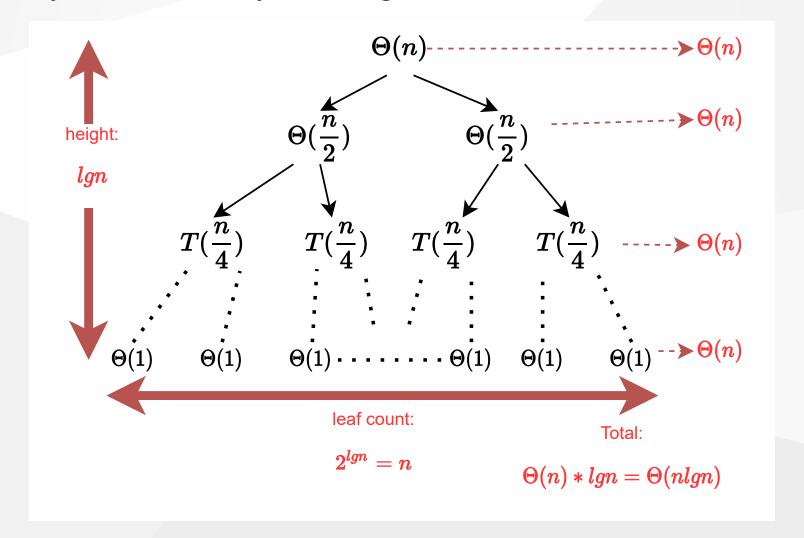
#### How To Solve Recurrence (3)

Multiply by height  $\Theta(lgn)$  with each level cost  $\Theta(n)$  we can found  $\Theta(nlgn)$ 



## How To Solve Recurrence (4)

This tree is binary-tree and binary-tree height is related with item size.





# How Height of a Binary Tree is Equal to logn? (1)

Merge-Sort recursion tree is a perfect binary tree, a binary tree is a tree which every node has at most two children, A perfect binary tree is binary tree in which all internal nodes have exactly two children and all leaves are at the same level.



# How Height of a Binary Tree is Equal to logn? (2)

Let n be the number of nodes in the tree and let  $l_k$  denote the number of nodes on level k. According to this;

- $ullet \ l_k=2l_{k-1}$  i.e. each level has exactly twice as many nodes as the previous level
- ullet  $l_0=1$  , i.e. on the first level we have only one node (the root node)
- The leaves are at the last level,  $l_h$  where h is the height of the tree.



# How Height of a Binary Tree is Equal to logn? (3)

The total number of nodes in the tree is equal to the sum of the nodes on all the levels: nodes n

$$egin{aligned} 1+2^1+2^2+2^3+...+2^h &= n \ 1+2^1+2^2+2^3+...+2^h &= 2^{h+1}-1 \ 2^{h+1}-1 &= n \ 2^{h+1} &= n+1 \ log_2 2^{h+1} &= log_2 (n+1) \ h+1 &= log_2 (n+1) \ h=log_2 (n+1)-1 \end{aligned}$$



# How Height of a Binary Tree is Equal to logn? (3)

If we write it as asymptotic approach, we will have the following result

height of tree is 
$$h = log_2(n+1) - 1 = O(logn)$$

also

number of leaves is 
$$l_h = (n+1)/2$$

nearly half of the nodes are at the leaves

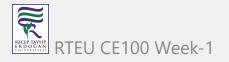


### Review

 $\Theta(nlgn)$  grows more slowly than  $\Theta(n^2)$ 

Therefore Merge-Sort beats Insertion-Sort in the worst case

In practice Merge-Sort beats Insertion-Sort for n>30 or so



# **Asymptotic Notations**



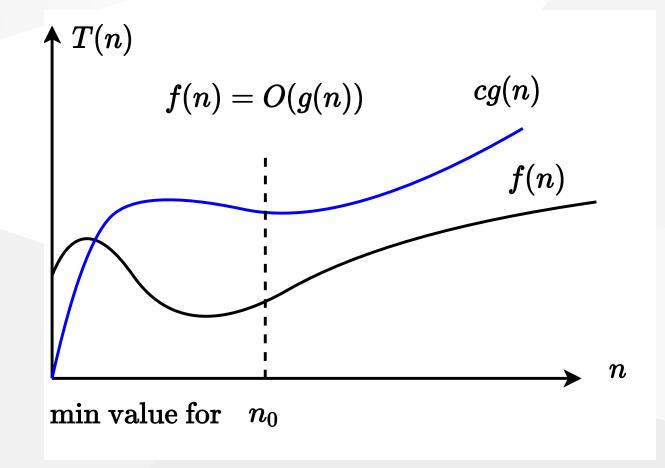
### Big-O / O- Notation : Asymptotic Upper Bound (Worst-Case) (1)

f(n) = O(g(n)) if  $\exists$  positive constants c,  $n_0$  such that

$$0 \leq f(n) \leq cg(n), orall n \geq n_0$$



## Big-O / O- Notation : Asymptotic Upper Bound (Worst-Case) (2)





### Big-O / O- Notation : Asymptotic Upper Bound (Worst-Case) (3)

Asymptotic running times of algorithms are usually defined by functions whose domain are  $N=0,1,2,\ldots$  (natural numbers)



### Big-O / O- Notation : Asymptotic Upper Bound (Worst-Case) (4)

### Example-1

Show that  $2n^2 = O(n^3)$ 

we need to find two positive constant c and  $n_0$  such that:

$$0 \le 2n^2 \le cn^3$$
 for all  $n \ge n_0$ 

Choose c=2 and  $n_0=1$ 

$$2n^2 \le 2n^3$$
 for all  $n \ge 1$ 

Or, choose c=1 and  $n_0=2$ 

$$2n^2 \le n^3$$
 for all  $n \ge 2$ 



### Big-O / O- Notation : Asymptotic Upper Bound (Worst-Case) (5)

### Example-2

Show that  $2n^2+n=O(n^2)$ 

We need to find two positive constant c and  $n_0$  such that:

$$0 \leq 2n^2 + n \leq cn^2 ext{ for all } n \geq n_0$$

$$2+(1/n) \leq c ext{ for all } n \geq n_0$$

Choose c=3 and  $n_0=1$ 

$$2n^2 + n \le 3n^2$$
 for all  $n \ge 1$ 



## Big-O / O- Notation : Asymptotic Upper Bound (Worst-Case) (6)

We can say the followings about f(n) = O(g(n)) equation

The notation is a little sloppy

One-way equation, e.q.  $n^2={\cal O}(n^3)$  but we cannot say  ${\cal O}(n^3)=n^2$ 



### Big-O / O- Notation : Asymptotic Upper Bound (Worst-Case) (7)

O(g(n)) is in fact a set of functions as follow

$$O(g(n)) = \{f(n): \exists ext{ positive constant } c, n_0 ext{ such that } 0 \leq f(n) \leq cg(n), orall n \geq n_0 \}$$



### Big-O / O- Notation : Asymptotic Upper Bound (Worst-Case) (8)

In other words O(g(n)) is in fact, the set of functions that have asymptotic upper bound g(n)

e.q  $2n^2=O(n^3)$  means  $2n^2\in O(n^3)$ 



### Big-O / O- Notation : Asymptotic Upper Bound (Worst-Case) (9)

### Example-1

$$10^9 n^2 = O(n^2)$$

$$0 \le 10^9 n^2 \le cn^2 \text{ for } n \ge n_0$$

choose 
$$c=10^9$$
 and  $n_0=1$ 

$$0 \le 10^9 n^2 \le 10^9 n^2 \text{ for } n \ge 1$$

#### **CORRECT**



### Big-O / O- Notation : Asymptotic Upper Bound (Worst-Case) (10)

#### Example-2

$$100n^{1.9999} = O(n^2)$$

$$0 \le 100n^{1.9999} \le cn^2 \text{ for } n \ge n_0$$

choose 
$$c=100$$
 and  $n_0=1$ 

$$0 \le 100n^{1.9999} \le 100n^2 \text{ for } n \ge 1$$

#### **CORRECT**



### Big-O / O- Notation: Asymptotic Upper Bound (Worst-Case) (11)

### Example-3

$$10^{-9}n^{2.0001} = O(n^2)$$

$$0 \le 10^{-9} n^{2.0001} \le cn^2 \text{ for } n \ge n_0$$

$$10^{-9} n^{0.0001} \le c \text{ for } n \ge n_0$$

**INCORRECT** (Contradiction)



### Big-O / O- Notation : Asymptotic Upper Bound (Worst-Case) (12)

If we analysis  $O(n^2)$  case, O-notation is an upper bound notation and the runtime T(n) of algorithm A is **at least**  $O(n^2)$ .

 $O(n^2)$ : The set of functions with asymptotic **upper bound**  $n^2$ 

 $T(n) \geq O(n^2)$  means  $T(n) \geq h(n)$  for some  $h(n) \in O(n^2)$ 

h(n)=0 function is also in  $O(n^2)$ . Hence :  $T(n)\geq 0$  , runtime must be nonnegative.

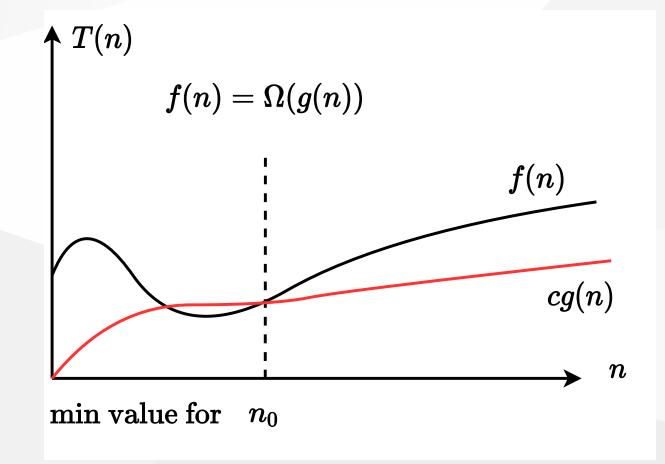


### Big-Omega / $\Omega$ -Notation : Asymptotic Lower Bound (Best-Case) (1)

 $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$  if  $\exists$  positive constants  $c, n_0$  such that  $0 \leq cg(n) \leq f(n), orall n \geq n_0$ 



### Big-Omega / $\Omega$ -Notation : Asymptotic Lower Bound (Best-Case) (2)





### Big-Omega / $\Omega$ -Notation : Asymptotic Lower Bound (Best-Case) (3)

### Example-1

Show that  $2n^3=\Omega(n^2)$ 

We need to find two positive constants c and  $n_0$  such that:

$$0 \le cn^2 \le 2n^3 \text{ for all } n \ge n_0$$

Choose c=1 and  $n_0=1$ 

$$n^2 < 2n^3$$
 for all  $n > 1$ 



### Big-Omega / $\Omega$ -Notation : Asymptotic Lower Bound (Best-Case) (4)

### Example-4

Show that  $\sqrt{n} = \Omega(lgn)$ 

We need to find two positive constants c and  $n_0$  such that:

$$clgn \leq \sqrt{n} ext{ for all } n \geq n_0$$

Choose c=1 and  $n_0=16$ 

$$lgn \leq \sqrt{n}$$
 for all  $n \geq 16$ 



### Big-Omega / $\Omega$ -Notation : Asymptotic Lower Bound (Best-Case) (5)

 $\Omega(g(n))$  is the set of functions that have asymptotic lower bound g(n)

 $\Omega(g(n)) = \{f(n): \exists ext{ positive constants } c, n_0 ext{ such that } 0 \leq cg(n) \leq f(n), orall n \geq n_0 \}$ 



### Big-Omega / $\Omega$ -Notation : Asymptotic Lower Bound (Best-Case) (6)

#### Example-1

$$10^9 n^2 = \Omega(n^2)$$

$$0 \le cn^2 \le 10^9 n^2 \text{ for } n \ge n_0$$

Choose 
$$c=10^9$$
 and  $n_0=1$ 

$$0 \le 10^9 n^2 \le 10^9 n^2 \text{ for } n \ge 1$$

#### **CORRECT**



### Big-Omega / $\Omega$ -Notation : Asymptotic Lower Bound (Best-Case) (7)

### Example-2

$$100n^{1.9999}=\Omega(n^2)$$

$$0 \le cn^2 \le 100n^{1.9999} ext{ for } n \ge n_0$$

$$n^{0.0001} \le (100/c) \text{ for } n \ge n_0$$

**INCORRECT**(Contradiction)



### Big-Omega / $\Omega$ -Notation : Asymptotic Lower Bound (Best-Case) (8)

#### Example-3

$$10^{-9}n^{2.0001}=\Omega(n^2)$$

$$0 \le cn^2 \le 10^{-9} n^{2.0001}$$
 for  $n \ge n_0$ 

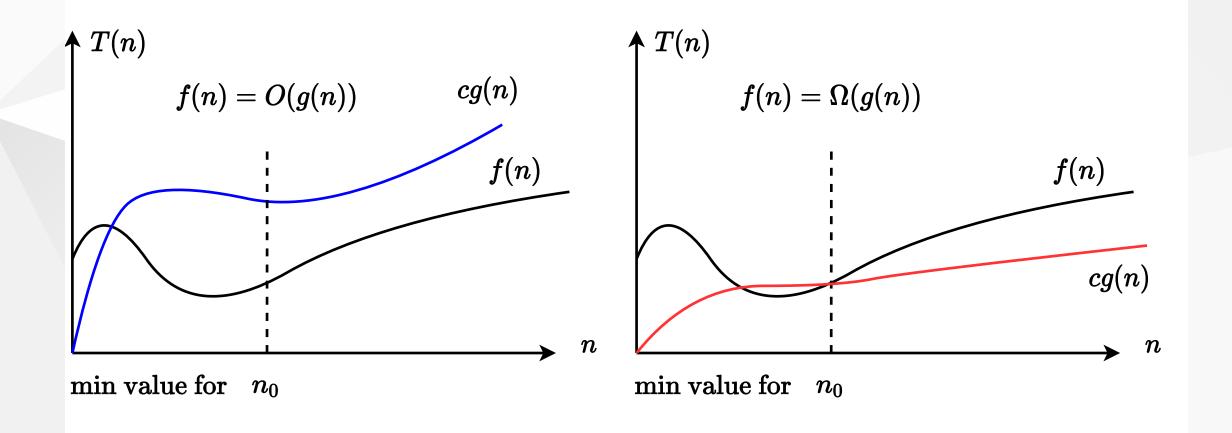
Choose 
$$c=10^{-9}$$
 and  $n_0=1$ 

$$0 \le 10^{-9} n^2 \le 10^{-9} n^{2.0001}$$
 for  $n \ge 1$ 

#### **CORRECT**

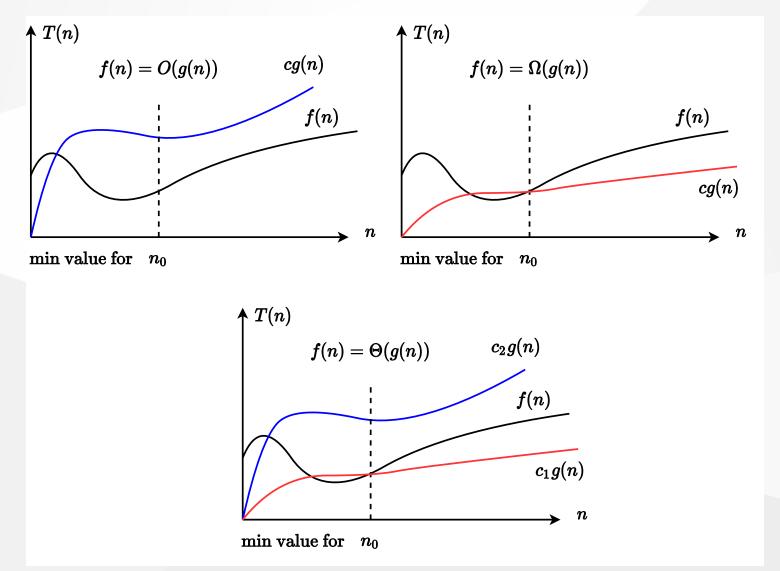


### Comparison of Notations (1)





### Comparison of Notations (2)

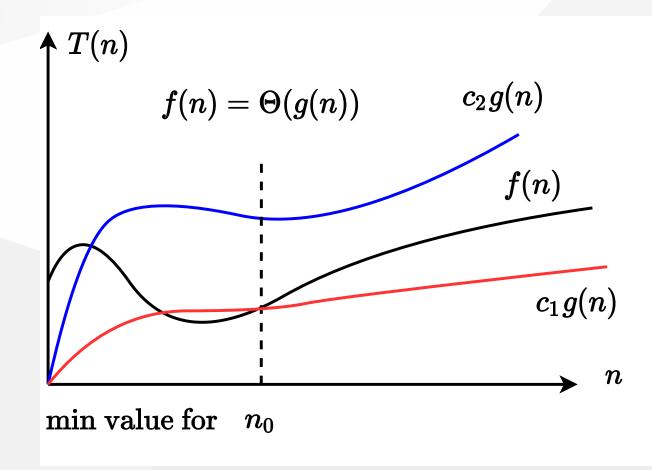


## Big-Theta $/\Theta$ -Notation : Asymptotically tight bound (Average Case) (1)

$$f(n)=\Theta(g(n))$$
 if  $\exists$  positive constants  $c_1,c_2,n_0$  such that  $0\leq c_1g(n)\leq f(n)\leq c_2g(n), orall n\geq n_0$ 



### Big-Theta $/\Theta$ -Notation : Asymptotically tight bound (Average Case) (2)





### Big-Theta $/\Theta$ -Notation : Asymptotically tight bound (Average Case) (3)

#### Example-1

Show that  $2n^2+n=\Theta(n^2)$ 

We need to find 3 positive constants  $c_1, c_2$  and  $n_0$  such that:

$$0 \leq c_1 n^2 \leq 2n^2 + n \leq c_2 n^2$$
 for all  $n \geq n_0$ 

$$c_1 \leq 2 + (1/n) \leq c_2$$
 for all  $n \geq n_0$ 

Choose 
$$c_1=2, c_2=3$$
 and  $n_0=1$ 

$$2n^2 \leq 2n^2 + n \leq 3n^2$$
 for all  $n \geq 1$ 



### Big-Theta $/\Theta$ -Notation : Asymptotically tight bound (Average Case) (4)

### Example-2.1

Show that  $1/2n^2-2n=\Theta(n^2)$ 

We need to find 3 positive constants  $c_1, c_2$  and  $n_0$  such that:

$$0 \le c_1 n^2 \le 1/2n^2 - 2n \le c_2 n^2 ext{ for all } n \ge n_0$$

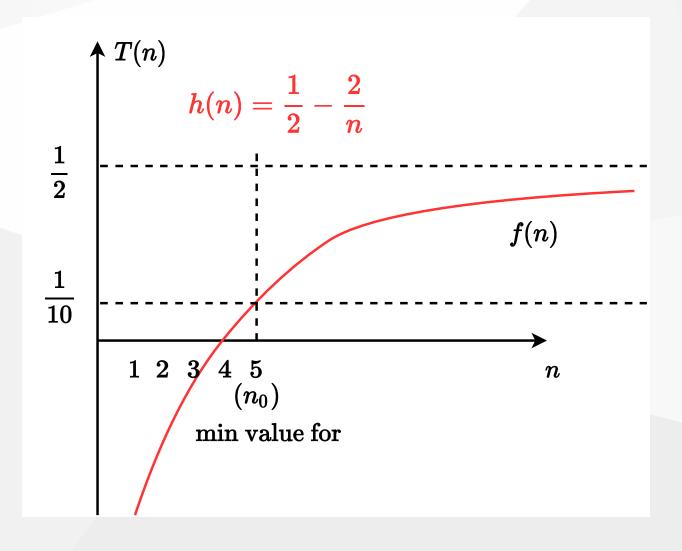
$$c_1 \leq 1/2 - 2/n \leq c_2 \text{ for all } n \geq n_0$$

Choose 3 positive constants  $c_1, c_2, n_0$  that satisfy  $c_1 \leq 1/2 - 2/n \leq c_2$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ 



## Big-Theta $/\Theta$ -Notation : Asymptotically tight bound (Average Case) (5)

### Example-2.2





### Big-Theta $/\Theta$ -Notation : Asymptotically tight bound (Average Case) (6)

Example-2.3

$$1/10 \le 1/2 - 2/n \text{ for } n \ge 5$$

$$1/2 - 2/n \le 1/2 \text{ for } n \ge 0$$

Therefore we can choose  $c_1=1/10, c_2=1/2, n_0=5$ 

## Big-Theta $/\Theta$ -Notation : Asymptotically tight bound (Average Case) (7)

Theorem: leading constants & low-order terms don't matter

**Justification**: can choose the leading constant large enough to make high-order term dominate other terms



## Big-Theta $/\Theta$ -Notation : Asymptotically tight bound (Average Case) (8)

#### Example-1

$$10^9 n^2 = \Theta(n^2)$$
 Correct

$$100n^{1.9999}=\Theta(n^2)$$
 INCORRECT

$$10^9 n^{2.0001} = \Theta(n^2)$$
 Incorrect



## Big-Theta $/\Theta$ -Notation : Asymptotically tight bound (Average Case) (9)

 $\Theta(g(n))$  is the set of functions that have asymptotically tight bound g(n)

$$\Theta(g(n))=\{f(n):\exists ext{ positive constants } c_1,c_2,n_0 ext{ such that } 0\leq c_1g(n)\leq f(n)\leq c_2g(n), orall n\geq n_0\}$$



# Big-Theta $/\Theta$ -Notation : Asymptotically tight bound (Average Case) (10) Theorem:

$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$$
 if and only if  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  and  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ 

 $\Theta$  is stronger than both O and  $\Omega$ 

$$\Theta(g(n)) \subseteq O(g(n))$$
 and  $\Theta(g(n)) \subseteq \Omega(g(n))$ 



## Big-Theta $/\Theta$ -Notation : Asymptotically tight bound (Average Case) (11)

#### Example-1.1

Prove that  $10^{-8}n^2 \neq \Theta(n)$ 

We can check that  $10^{-8}n^2=\Omega(n)$  and  $10^{-8}n^2 
eq O(n)$ 

Proof by contradiction for O(n) notation

 $O(g(n)) = \{f(n): \exists ext{ positive constant } c, n_0 ext{ such that } 0 \leq f(n) \leq cg(n), orall n \geq n_0 \}$ 



## Big-Theta $/\Theta$ -Notation : Asymptotically tight bound (Average Case) (12)

#### Example-1.2

Suppose positive constants  $c_2$  and  $n_0$  exist such that:

$$10^{-8}n^2 \leq c_2 n, orall n \geq n_0$$

$$10^{-8}n \leq c_2, \forall n \geq n_0$$

Contradiction:  $c_2$  is a constant



## Summary of $O, \Omega$ and $\Theta$ notations (1)

O(g(n)) : The set of functions with asymptotic upper bound g(n)

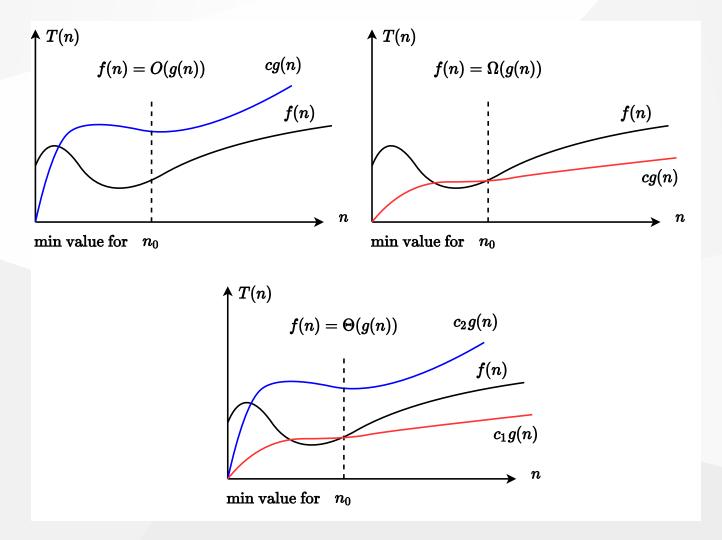
 $\Omega(g(n))$  : The set of functions with asymptotic lower bound g(n)

 $\Theta(n)$ : The set of functions with asymptotically tight bound g(n)

$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow f(n) = O(g(n)) \text{ and } f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$



## Summary of $O, \Omega$ and $\Theta$ notations (2)





## Small-o / o-Notation : Asymptotic upper bound that is not tight (1)

Remember, upper bound provided by big- O notation can be tight or not tight

Tight mean values are close the original function

e.g. followings are true

 $2n^2=O(n^2)$  is asymptotically tight

 $2n=O(n^2)$  is not asymptotically tight

According to this small-o notation is an upper bound that is not asymptotically tight

## Small-o / o-Notation : Asymptotic upper bound that is not tight (2)

Note that in equations equality is removed in small notations

$$o(g(n)) = \{f(n): ext{ for any constant } c > 0, \exists ext{ a constant } n_0 > 0, ext{ such that } 0 \leq f(n) < cg(n), \forall n \geq n_0 \}$$

$$\lim_{n o\infty}rac{f(n)}{g(n)}=0$$

e.g  $2n=o(n^2)$  any positive c satisfies but  $2n^2 
eq o(n^2)$  c=2 does not satisfy



## Small-omega / $\omega$ -Notation: Asymptotic lower bound that is not tight (1)

 $\omega(g(n)) = \{f(n): ext{ for any constant } c>0, \exists ext{ a constant } n_0>0, ext{ such that } 0 \leq cg(n) < f(n), \forall n \geq n_0$ 

$$\lim_{n o\infty}rac{f(n)}{g(n)}=\infty$$

e.g.  $n^2/2=\omega(n)$ , any positive c satisfies but  $n^2/2\neq\omega(n^2)$ , c=1/2 does not satisfy

#### (Important) Analogy to compare of two real numbers

$$egin{aligned} f(n) &= O(g(n)) &\leftrightarrow a \leq b \ f(n) &= \Omega(g(n)) &\leftrightarrow a \geq b \ f(n) &= \Theta(g(n)) &\leftrightarrow a = b \ f(n) &= o(g(n)) &\leftrightarrow a < b \ f(n) &= \omega(g(n)) &\leftrightarrow a > b \end{aligned}$$

## (Important) Analogy to compare of two real numbers

$$O \approx \leq$$
 $\Theta \approx =$ 

$$\Theta \approx =$$

$$\Omega\approx\geq$$

$$\omega \approx >$$

$$o \approx <$$



## (Important) Trichotomy property for real numbers

For any two real numbers a and b, we have either

$$a < b$$
, or  $a = b$ , or  $a > b$ 

Trichotomy property does not hold for asymptotic notation, for two functions f(n) and g(n), it may be the case that neither f(n)=O(g(n)) nor  $f(n)=\Omega(g(n))$  holds. e.g. n and  $n^{1+sin(n)}$  cannot be compared asymptotically



# **Examples**

| $5n^2=O(n^2)$       | TRUE  | $n^2 lgn = O(n^2)$      | FALSE |
|---------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| $5n^2=\Omega(n^2)$  | TRUE  | $n^2 lgn = \Omega(n^2)$ | TRUE  |
| $5n^2=\Theta(n^2)$  | TRUE  | $n^2 lgn = \Theta(n^2)$ | FALSE |
| $5n^2 = o(n^2)$     | FALSE | $n^2 lgn = o(n^2)$      | FALSE |
| $5n^2=\omega(n^2)$  | FALSE | $n^2 lgn = \omega(n^2)$ | TRUE  |
| $2^n=O(3^n)$        | TRUE  |                         |       |
| $2^n=\Omega(3^n)$   | FALSE | $2^n=o(3^n)$            | TRUE  |
| $2^n = \Theta(3^n)$ | FALSE | $2^n=\omega(3^n)$       | FALSE |

## **Asymptotic Function Properties**

Transitivity: holds for all

e.g. 
$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n)) \& g(n) = \Theta(h(n)) \Rightarrow f(n) = \Theta(h(n))$$

**Reflexivity**: holds for  $\Theta, O, \Omega$ 

e.g. 
$$f(n) = O(f(n))$$

**Symmetry**: hold only for  $\Theta$ 

e.g. 
$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow g(n) = \Theta(f(n))$$

**Transpose Symmetry**: holds for  $(O \leftrightarrow \Omega)$  and  $(o \leftrightarrow \omega)$ 

e.g. 
$$f(n) = O(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow g(n) = \Omega(f(n))$$



# Using O-Notation to Describe Running Times (1)

Used to bound worst-case running times, Implies an upper bound runtime for arbitrary inputs as well

#### **Example:**

Insertion sort has worst-case runtime of  $O(n^2)$ 

#### Note:

- ullet This  $O(n^2)$  upper bound also applies to its running time on every input
  - $\circ$  Abuse to say "running time of insertion sort is  $O(n^2)$ "
- ullet For a given n, the actual running time depends on the particular input of size n
  - $\circ$  i.e., running time is not only a function of n
- ullet However, worst-case running time is only a function of n

## Using O-Notation to Describe Running Times (2)

- When we say:
  - $\circ$  Running time of insertion sort is  $O(n^2)$
- What we really mean is
  - $\circ$  Worst-case running time of insertion sort is  $O(n^2)$
- or equivalently
  - $\circ$  No matter what particular input of size n is chosen, the running time on that set of inputs is  $O(n^2)$



## Using $\Omega$ -Notation to Describe Running Times (1)

Used to bound best-case running times, Implies a lower bound runtime for arbitrary inputs as well

#### **Example:**

Insertion sort has best-case runtime of  $\Omega(n)$ 

#### Note:

ullet This  $\Omega(n)$  lower bound also applies to its running time on every input



## Using $\Omega$ -Notation to Describe Running Times (2)

- When we say
  - $\circ$  Running time of algorithm A is  $\Omega(g(n))$
- What we mean is
  - $\circ$  For any input of size n, the runtime of A is at least a constant times g(n) for sufficiently large n
- It's not contradictory to say
  - $\circ$  worst-case running time of insertion sort is  $\Omega(n^2)$
  - $\circ$  Because there exists an input that causes the algorithm to take  $\Omega(n^2)$



## Using $\Theta$ -Notation to Describe Running Times (1)

Consider 2 cases about the runtime of an algorithm

- Case 1: Worst-case and best-case not asymptotically equal
  - $\circ$  Use  $\Theta$ -notation to bound worst-case and best-case runtimes separately
- Case 2: Worst-case and best-case asymptotically equal
  - $\circ$  Use  $\Theta$ -notation to bound the runtime for any input



## Using $\Theta$ -Notation to Describe Running Times (2)

- Case 1: Worst-case and best-case not asymptotically equal
  - $\circ$  Use  $\Theta$ -notation to bound the worst-case and best-case runtimes separately
  - We can say:
    - lacktriangle "The worst-case runtime of insertion sort is  $\Theta(n^2)$ "
    - lacktriangle "The best-case runtime of insertion sort is  $\Theta(n)$ "
  - But, we can't say:
    - lacktriangle "The runtime of insertion sort is  $\Theta(n^2)$  for every input"
  - $\circ$  A  $\Theta$ -bound on worst/best-case running time does not apply to its running time on arbitrary inputs



## Worst-Case and Best-Case Equation for Merge-Sort

e.g. for merge-sort, we have:

$$T(n) = \Theta(nlgn) egin{cases} T(n) = O(nlgn) \ T(n) = \Omega(nlgn) \end{cases}$$



## **Using Asymptotic Notation to Describe Runtimes Summary (1)**

- "The worst case runtime of Insertion Sort is  $O(n^2)$ "
  - $\circ$  Also implies: "The runtime of Insertion Sort is  $O(n^2)$ "
- ullet "The best-case runtime of Insertion Sort is  $\Omega(n)$ "
  - $\circ$  Also implies: "The runtime of Insertion Sort is  $\Omega(n)$ "



## Using Asymptotic Notation to Describe Runtimes Summary (2)

- ullet "The worst case runtime of Insertion Sort is  $\Theta(n^2)$ "
  - $\circ$  But: "The runtime of Insertion Sort is not  $\Theta(n^2)$ "
- ullet "The best case runtime of Insertion Sort is  $\Theta(n)$ "
  - $\circ$  But: "The runtime of Insertion Sort is not  $\Theta(n)$ "



### Using Asymptotic Notation to Describe Runtimes Summary (3)

#### Which one is true?

- ullet FALSE "The worst case runtime of Merge Sort is  $\Theta(nlgn)$ "
- ullet FALSE "The best case runtime of Merge Sort is  $\Theta(nlgn)$ "
- ullet TRUE "The runtime of Merge Sort is  $\Theta(nlgn)$ "
  - $\circ$  This is true, because the best and worst case runtimes have asymptotically the same tight bound  $\Theta(nlgn)$



### Asymptotic Notation in Equations (RHS)

- Asymptotic notation appears alone on the RHS of an equation:
  - implies set membership

$$lacksquare$$
 e.g.,  $n=O(n^2)$  means  $n\in O(n^2)$ 

Asymptotic notation appears on the **RHS** of an equation stands for some anonymous function in the set

- ullet e.g.,  $2n^2+3n+1=2n^2+\Theta(n)$  means:
- ullet  $2n^2+3n+1=2n^2+h(n)$ , for some  $h(n)\in\Theta(n)$

$$\circ$$
 i.e.,  $h(n)=3n+1$ 



## **Asymptotic Notation in Equations (LHS)**

- Asymptotic notation appears on the LHS of an equation:
  - stands for any anonymous function in the set
    - lacktriangledown e.g.,  $2n^2+\Theta(n)=\Theta(n^2)$  means:
  - $\circ$  for any function  $g(n) \in \Theta(n)$
  - $\circ \; \exists \; \mathsf{some} \; \mathsf{function} \; h(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$ 
    - such that  $2n^2 + g(n) = h(n)$
- RHS provides coarser level of detail than LHS



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