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Introduction to

# *Algorithm Design and Analysis*

[2] Asymptotics



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# In the Last Class...

- **Algorithm – the spirit of computing**
  - Model of computation
- **Algorithm design and analysis**
  - Design
    - Correctness proof by induction
  - Analysis
    - Worst-case / average-case complexity



# Asymptotic Behavior

- **Asymptotic growth rate of functions**
  - Basic idea
- **Key notations**
  - $O, \Omega, \Theta$
  - $o, \omega$
- **Brute force enumeration**
  - By iteration
  - By recursion

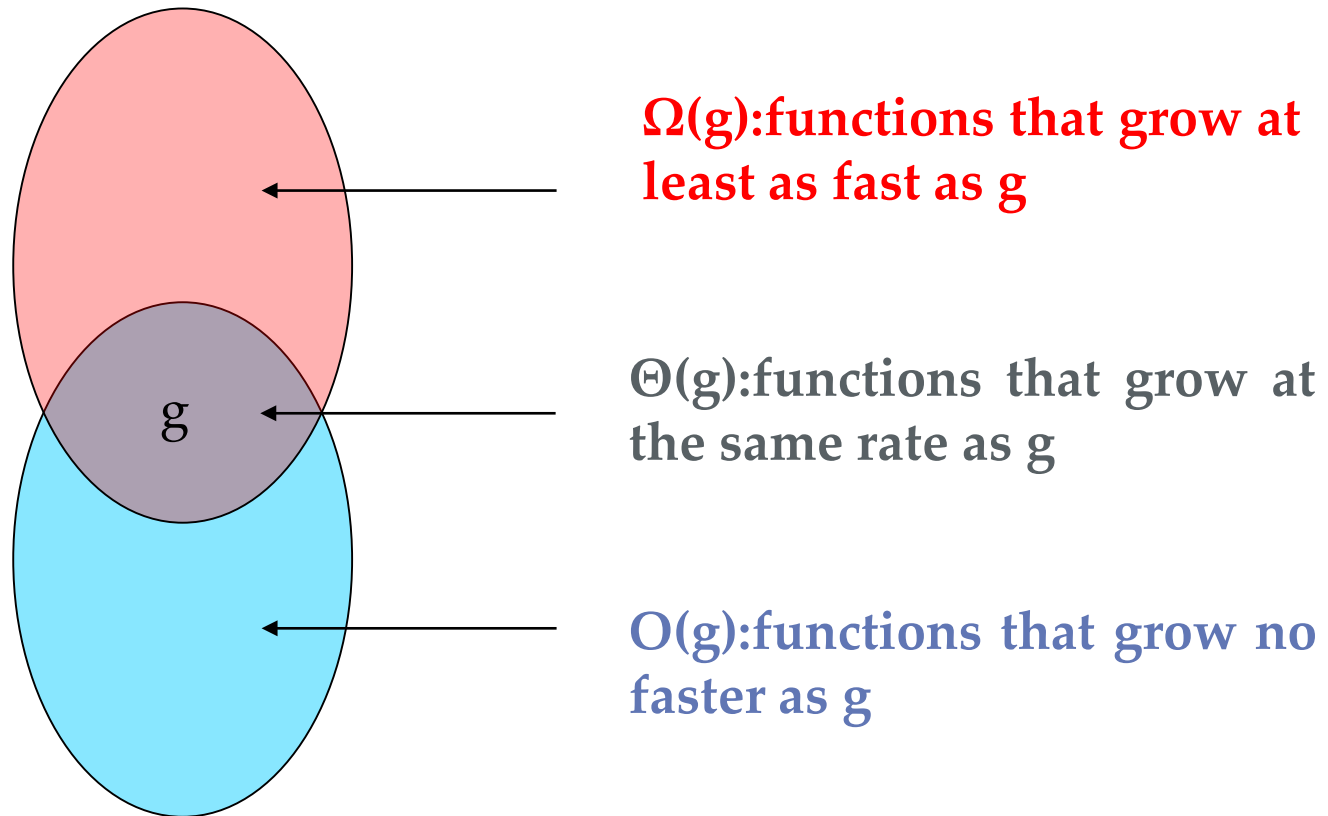


# How to Compare Two Algorithms

- **Algorithm analysis, with *simplifications***
  - Measuring the cost by the number of critical operations
  - Large input size only
    - Only the leading term in  $f(n)$  is considered
    - Constant coefficients are ignored
- **Capturing the essential part in the cost in a mathematical way**
  - Asymptotic growth rate of  $f(n)$



# Relative Growth Rate



# “Big Oh”

- **Basic idea**  $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ 
  - For sufficiently large input size,  $g(n)$  is an upper bound for  $f(n)$
- **Definition – “ $\varepsilon - N$ ”**
  - Giving  $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , then  $O(g)$  is the set of  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , such that for some  $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and some  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f(n) \leq cg(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$
- **Definition – “ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$ ”**
  - $f \in O(g)$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = c < \infty$



# Example


- Let  $f(n)=n^2$ ,  $g(n)=n\log n$ , then:

- $f \notin O(g)$ , since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n \log n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\log n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{n \ln 2}} = +\infty$$

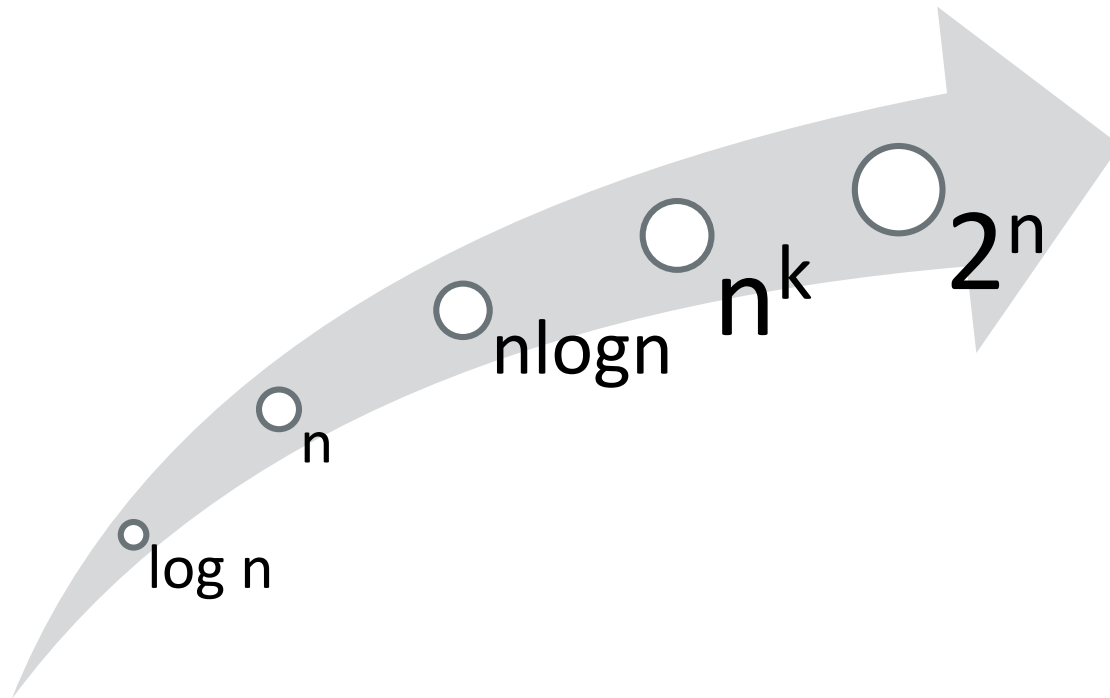
- $g \in O(f)$ , since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \log n}{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n \ln 2} = 0$$



L'Hospital's  
rule

# Asymptotic Growth Rate





# Asymptotic Order

- Logarithm  $\log n$

$$\log n \in O(n^\alpha) \text{ for any } \alpha > 0$$

- Power  $n^k$

$$n^k \in O(c^n) \text{ for any } c > 1$$

- Factorial  $n!$

$$n! \approx \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \quad (\text{Stirling's formula})$$



# “Big $\Omega$ ”

- **Basic idea of  $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$** 
  - Dual of “O”
- **Definition – “ $\varepsilon - N$ ”**
  - Giving  $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , then  $\Omega(g)$  is the set of  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , such that for some  $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and some  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f(n) \geq cg(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$
- **Definition – “ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$ ”**
  - $f \in \Omega(g)$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = c > 0$  (the limit may be  $\infty$ )



# The Set $\Theta$

- **Basic idea of  $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$** 
  - Roughly the same
  - $\Theta(g) = O(g) \cap \Omega(g)$
- **Definition – “ $\varepsilon - N$ ”**
  - Giving  $g:\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , then  $\Theta(g)$  is the set of  $f:\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , such that for some  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and some  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,
$$0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n), \text{ for all } n \geq n_0$$
- **Definition – “ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$ ”**
  - $f \in \Theta(g)$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = c$  ( $0 < c < \infty$ )



# Some Empirical Data

algorithm		1	2	3	4
Run time in <i>ns</i>		$1.3n^3$	$10n^2$	$47n\log n$	$48n$
time for size	$10^3$	1.3s	10ms	0.4ms	0.05ms
	$10^4$	22m	1s	6ms	0.5ms
	$10^5$	15d	1.7m	78ms	5ms
	$10^6$	41yrs	2.8hrs	0.94s	48ms
	$10^7$	41mill	1.7wks	11s	0.48s
max Size in time	sec	920	10,000	$1.0 \times 10^6$	$2.1 \times 10^7$
	min	3,600	77,000	$4.9 \times 10^7$	$1.3 \times 10^9$
	hr	14,000	$6.0 \times 10^5$	$2.4 \times 10^9$	$7.6 \times 10^{10}$
	day	41,000	$2.9 \times 10^6$	$5.0 \times 10^{10}$	$1.8 \times 10^{12}$
time for 10 times size		$\times 1000$	$\times 100$	$\times 10+$	$\times 10$

on 400Mhz Pentium II, in C

from: Jon Bentley: *Programming Pearls*



# Properties of $O$ , $\Omega$ and $\Theta$

- **Transitive property:**
  - If  $f \in O(g)$  and  $g \in O(h)$ , then  $f \in O(h)$
- **Symmetric properties**
  - $f \in O(g)$  if and only if  $g \in \Omega(f)$
  - $f \in \Theta(g)$  if and only if  $g \in \Theta(f)$
- **Order of sum function**
  - $O(f+g) = O(\max(f, g))$



# “Little Oh”

- **Basic idea of  $f(n) \in o(g(n))$** 
  - **Non-ignorable** gap between  $f$  and its upper bound  $g$
- **Definition – “ $\varepsilon - N$ ”**
  - Giving  $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , then  $o(g)$  is the set of  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , such that for **any**  $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , there **exists some**  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  
$$0 \leq f(n) < cg(n), \text{ for all } n \geq n_0$$
- **Definition – “ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$ ”**
  - $f \in o(g)$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 0$



# “Little $\omega$ ”

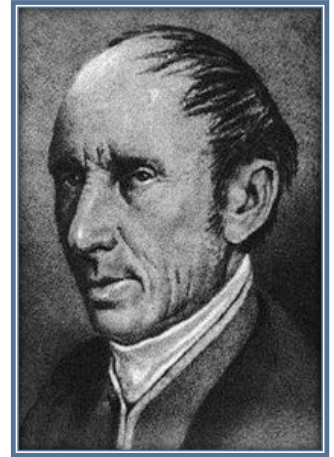
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$$0 \leq cg(n) < f(n), \text{ for all } n \geq n_0$$
- **Definition – “ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$ ”**
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# Do You Know Infinity

- **Mathematical analysis**  
(differentiation / integration)
  - Firm foundation
- **How to talk about *infinity*?**
  - $(\varepsilon - N)$ -definition
  - $(\varepsilon - \delta)$ -definition

Cauchy



Weierstrass





# Brute Force Enumeration by Iteration

- **Swapping array elements**
  - $\langle \text{time, space} \rangle$ 
    - From  $\langle O(n^2), O(1) \rangle$
    - To  $\langle O(n), O(n) \rangle$
    - To  $\langle O(n), O(1) \rangle$
- **Maximum subsequence sum**
  - Time
    - From  $O(n^3)$
    - To  $O(n^2)$
    - To  $O(n \log n)$
    - To  $O(n)$



# Swapping Array Elements

- E.g., 1,2,3,4 | 5,6,7  $\Rightarrow$  5,6,7,1,2,3,4
- Brute force

	Time	Space
BF1	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
BF2	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Your Task	$O(n)$	$O(1)$

Space sensitive

Time sensitive

- Your task
  - Both time and space efficient

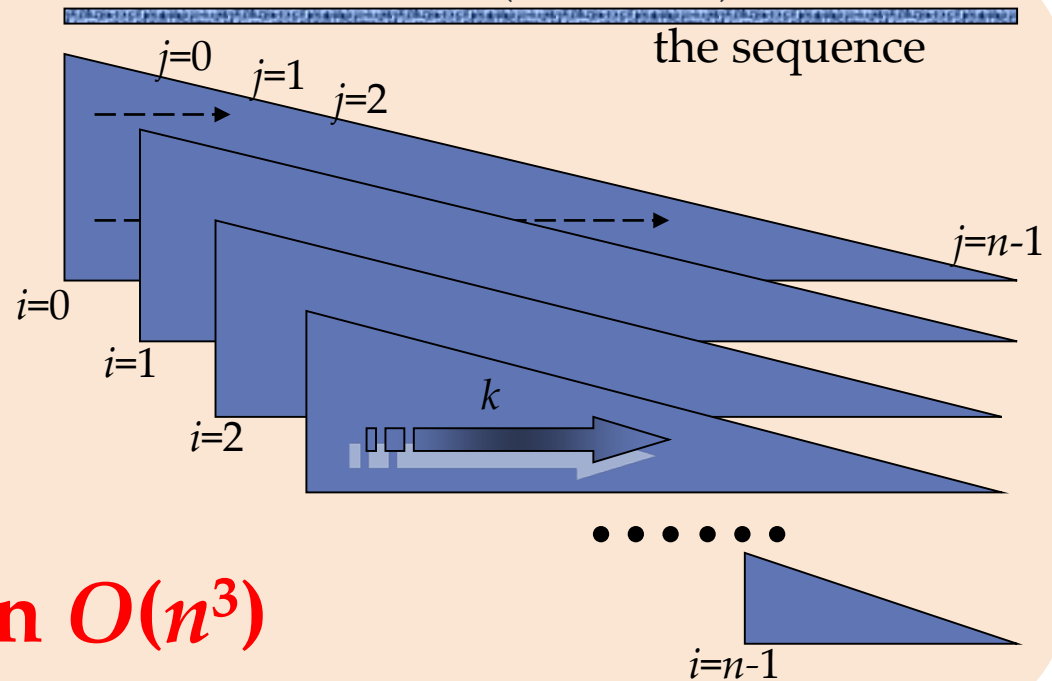
# Max-sum Subsequence

- The problem: Given a sequence  $S$  of integer, find the **largest sum** of a **consecutive subsequence** of  $S$ . (0, if all negative items)

○ An example: -2, 11, -4, 13, -5, -2; the result 20: (11, -4, 13)

A brute-force algorithm:

```
MaxSum = 0;
for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
  for (j = i; j < N; j++)
  {
    ThisSum = 0;
    for (k = i; k <= j; k++)
      ThisSum += A[k];
    if (ThisSum > MaxSum)
      MaxSum = ThisSum;
  }
return MaxSum;
```



in  $O(n^3)$

# More Precise Complexity

The total cost is :  $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i}^{n-1} \sum_{k=i}^j 1$

$$\sum_{k=i}^j 1 = j - i + 1$$

$$\sum_{j=i}^{n-1} (j - i + 1) = 1 + 2 + \dots + (n - i) = \frac{(n - i + 1)(n - i)}{2}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 - \left(n + \frac{3}{2}\right) \sum_{i=1}^n i + \frac{1}{2} (n^2 + 3n + 2) \sum_{i=1}^n 1$$

$$= \frac{n^3 + 3n^2 + 2n}{6}$$



# Decreasing the Number of Loops

An improved algorithm

```
MaxSum = 0;
```

```
for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
```

```
{
```

```
    ThisSum = 0;
```

```
    for (j = i; j < N; j++)
```

```
    {
```

```
        ThisSum += A[j];
```

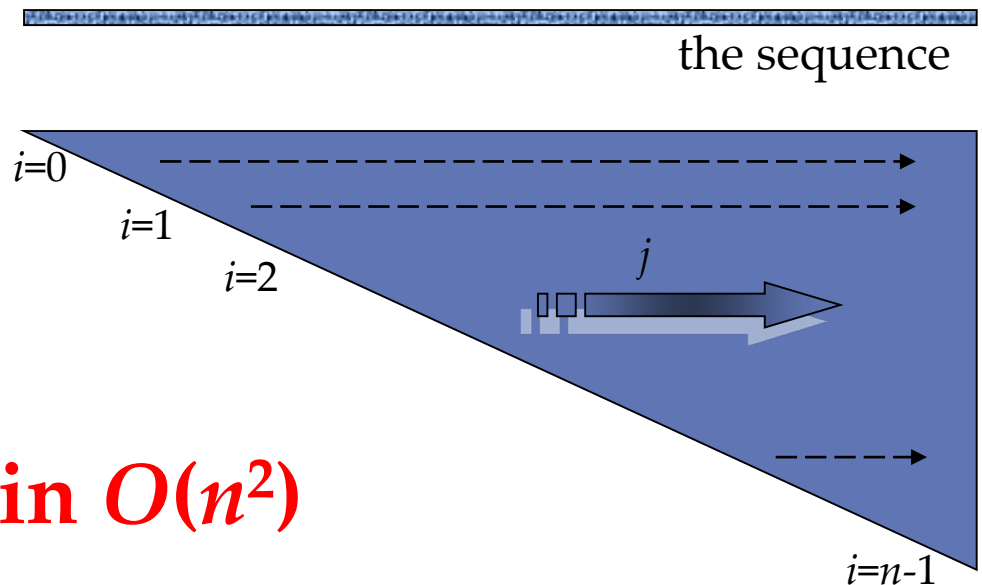
```
        if (ThisSum > MaxSum)
```

```
            MaxSum = ThisSum;
```

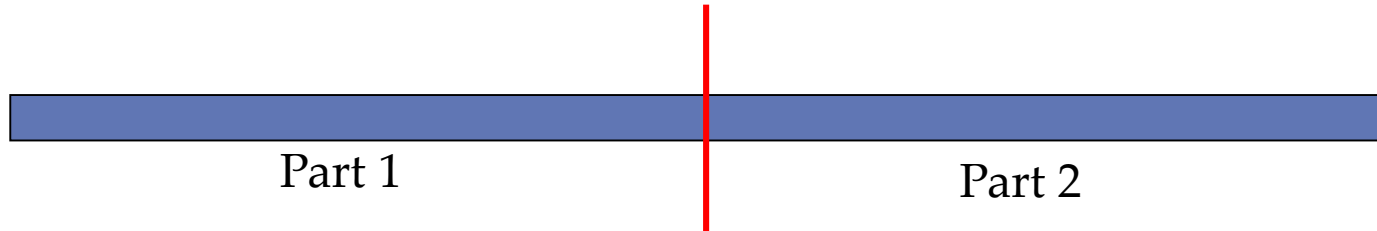
```
    }
```

```
}
```

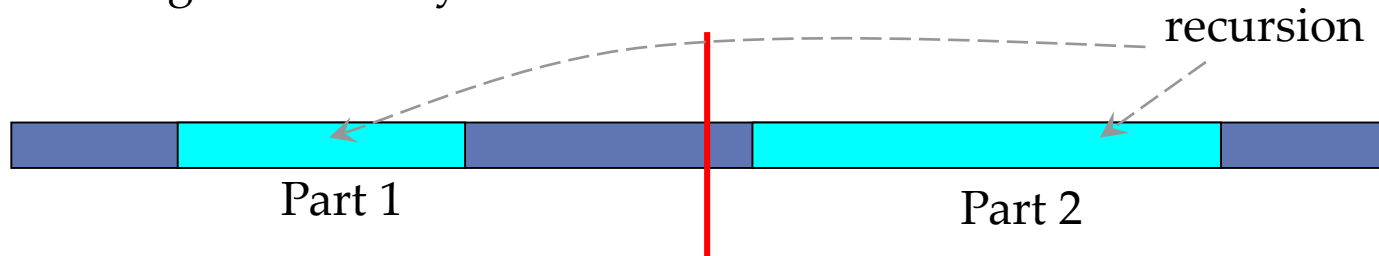
```
return MaxSum;
```



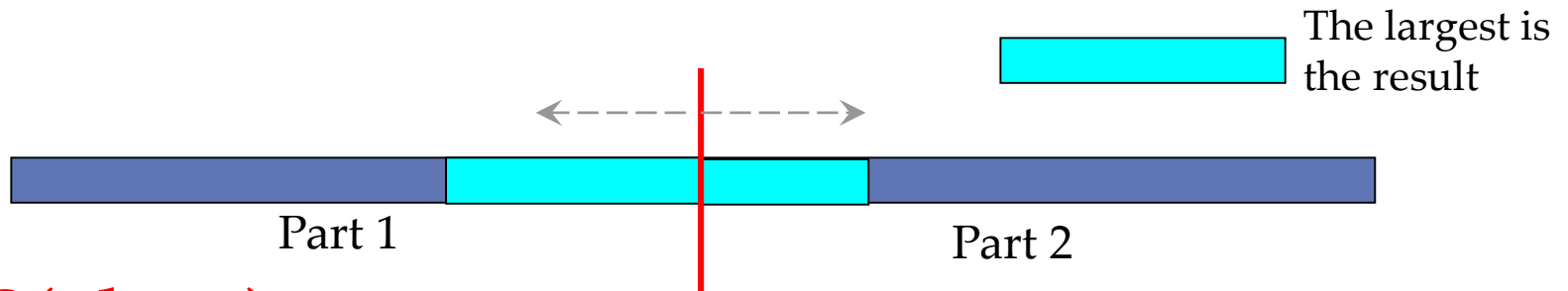
# Power of Divide and Conquer



the sub with largest sum may be in:



or:



in  $O(n \log n)$

# Power of Divide and Conquer

```
Center = (Left + Right) / 2;  
MaxLeftSum = MaxSubSum(A, Left, Center); MaxRightSum = MaxSubSum(A, Center + 1,  
Right);
```

```
MaxLeftBorderSum = 0; LeftBorderSum = 0;  
for (i = Center; i >= Left; i--)  
{  
    LeftBorderSum += A[i];  
    if (LeftBorderSum > MaxLeftBorderSum) MaxLeftBorderSum = LeftBorderSum;  
}
```

```
MaxRightBorderSum = 0; RightBorderSum = 0;  
for (i = Center + 1; i <= Right; i++)  
{  
    RightBorderSum += A[i];  
    if (RightBorderSum > MaxRightBorderSum) MaxRightBorderSum = RightBorderSum;  
}
```

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return Max3(MaxLeftSum, MaxRightSum,  
            MaxLeftBorderSum + MaxRightBorderSum);
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Note: this is the core part of the procedure, with base case and wrap omitted.



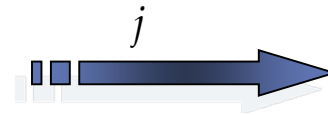
# A Linear Algorithm

First scan the array to eliminate the case of “all negative integers”

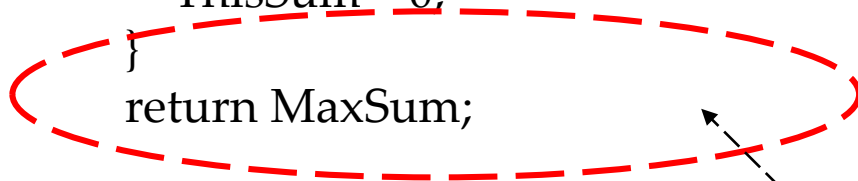
```
ThisSum = MaxSum = 0;
for (j = 0; j < N; j++)
{
    ThisSum += A[j];
    if (ThisSum > MaxSum)
        MaxSum = ThisSum;
    else if (ThisSum < 0)
        ThisSum = 0;
}
return MaxSum;
```



the sequence



This is an example of  
“online algorithm”



Negative item or subsequence  
cannot be a prefix of the  
subsequence we want.

**in  $O(n)$**



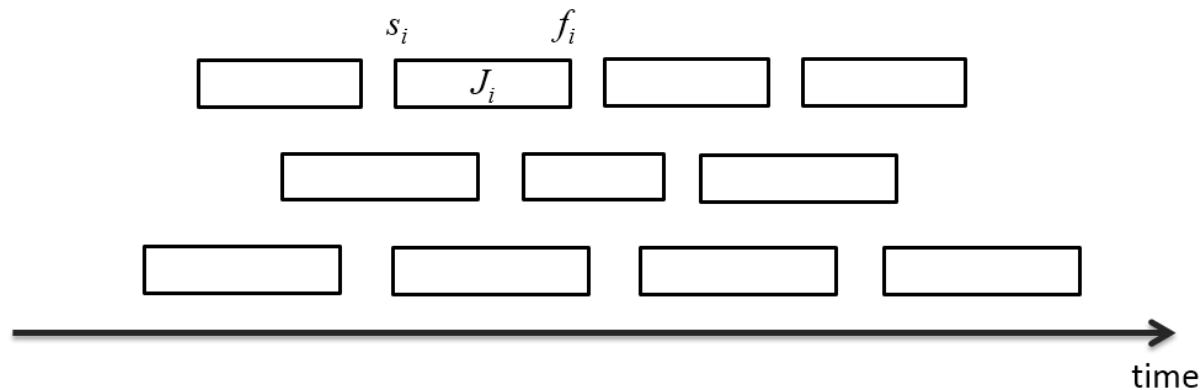
# Brute Force Enumeration by Recursion

- **Job scheduling**
  - Problem definition
  - Brute force recursion
  - Further improvements
- **Matrix chain multiplication**
  - Problem definition
  - Brute force recursion(s)
  - Further improvements



# Job Scheduling

- Jobs:  $J_i = [s_i, f_i)$
- Max number of **compatible** jobs
- Further improvements
  - Dynamic programming (L16)
  - Greedy algorithms (L14)



# Matrix Chain Multiplication

- The task:

Find the product:  $A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_{n-1} \times A_n$

$A_i$  is 2-dimensional array of different legal size

- The Challenge:

- Matrix multiplication is associative
- Different computing order results in great difference in the number of operations

- The problem:

- Which is the best computing order



# Cost of Matrix Multiplication

An example:  $A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3 \times A_4$   
 $30 \times 1 \quad 1 \times 40 \quad 40 \times 10 \quad 10 \times 25$

Let  $C = A_{p \times q} \times A_{q \times r}$

$((A_1 \times A_2) \times A_3) \times A_4$ : 20700 multiplications

$A_1 \times (A_2 \times (A_3 \times A_4))$ : 11750

$(A_1 \times A_2) \times (A_3 \times A_4)$ : 41200

$A_1 \times ((A_2 \times A_3) \times A_4)$ : 1400

$$c_{i,j} = \sum_{k=1}^q a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

There are  $q$  multiplication

$C$  has  $p \times r$  elements as  $c_{i,j}$

So,  $pqr$  multiplications altogether



# Solutions

- **Brute force recursion (L16)**
  - BF1
  - BF2
- **Dynamic programming (L16)**
  - Based on brute force recursion 2



*Thank you!*

*Q & A*

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