

# *Algorithms - 1 Brief Introduction*

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## What we focus on the algorithms:

### 1. Correctness:

In order to make sure that algorithm works, we need to

- a. prove result is correct
- b. prove that the algorithm always terminate

Normally we can use Loop Invariant to prove the correctness:

**Loop invariant:** A property that is true before the start of each loop, and true just after the loop ends

Initialization: similar to base case - Prove the loop invariant is true prior to the first iteration of the loop

Maintenance: If the loop invariant is true before an iteration, it remains true before the next iteration

Termination: When the loop terminates, the loop invariant gives us a useful property that helps show that the algorithm is correct

Examples:

#### insertion sort

```
INSERTION-SORT(A)
  for j in range(2, len(A)): # after every loop A[:j] is sorted
    key = A[j]
    i = j - 1
    while i > 0 and A[i] > key: # find a suitable place for key
      A[i+1] = A[i]
      i = i-1
    A[i+1] = key
```

*Outer Loop invariant:* At the start of each iteration of the for loop index by j, the subarray A[1..j-1] consists of the elements originally in A[1..j-1], but in sorted order

*Inner Loop Invariant:* At the start of each iteration of the while loop, the subarray  $A[i+1..j]$  consists of elements greater than the key, and contains the items originally in  $A[i+1..j-1]$  in the same sorted order. The items in position  $A[1..i]$  are unchanged.

pow

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/39492263/prove-correctness-of-power-algorithm-using-loop-invariance>

```
def Pow(x,y)
    e = 1
    while(y>0):
        if y%2 ==0:
            x = x*x
            y = y/2
        else:
            e = e*x
            y = y - 1
    return e
```

$y_i, e_i, x_i$  for  $i^{th}$  iteration of the loop

loop invariant:  $p_i \geq 0$  and  $e_i(x_i)^{y_i} = (x_0)^{y_0}$

loop terminates, there exists iteration  $n$  such that  $y_n = 0, e_n = (x_0)^{p_0}$

## 2. Running Time

How can we estimate the running time based on the size of the input: **RAM**

each of normal instructions takes a constant amount of time

running time =  $\sum \text{cost of statement} \cdot \text{number of times statement is executed}$

Usually we use worst case, when cover randomized algorithms use average time

### Asymptotic Notation

used to describe the growth of function whose domain is the set of natural numbers

drop lower-order terms, drop constant coefficients

Asymptotic Upper Bound Notation:

Big-O:  $f(n)$  is  $O(g(n))$  if there **exists** a  $c > 0$  and an  $n_0$  such that  $f(n) \leq cg(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$

Little-o:  $f(n)$  is  $o(g(n))$  if for **any**  $c > 0$  and an  $n_0$  such that  $f(n) < cg(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$

Asymptotic Lower Bound Notation:

Big-Omega:  $f(n)$  is  $\Omega(g(n))$  if there **exists** a  $c > 0$  and an  $n_0$  such that  $f(n) \geq cg(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$

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Asymptotic Lower Bound Notation:

Big-Theta:  $f(n)$  is  $\theta(g(n))$  if it is both  $O(g(n))$  and  $\Omega(g(n))$

Some useful facts:

$\log_{200} n \in \log_2 n$

$\log n! \in n \log n$

$n^n$  dominant  $n!$  dominant  $C^n$

$\log_a b = \log_a c^{\log_c b} = \log_c b \cdot \log_a c$

Stirling's approximation:  $n! = \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n (1 + O(\frac{1}{n}))$

<https://www.desmos.com/calculator/0zixrhft0q> Drawing lines

## Structure of this folder:

### datas tructure

- heap, hashtable, tree,

### Algorithms

#### divide and conquer

- matrix multiplication, big integer multiplication, closest pair points

### Sorting

- insertion sort, heapsort, quick sort, ...

## Reference/ Good resources

Algorithm Design and Applications[A4]  
CLRS