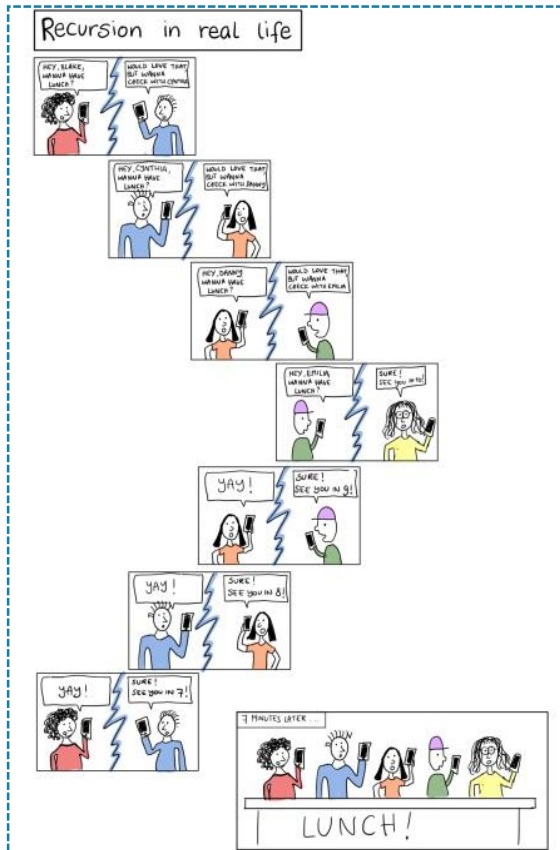




CS F211: DATA STRUCTURES & ALGORITHMS (2ND SEMESTER 2024-25) RECURSION & ALGORITHM COMPLEXITY

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WHAT IS RECURSION?

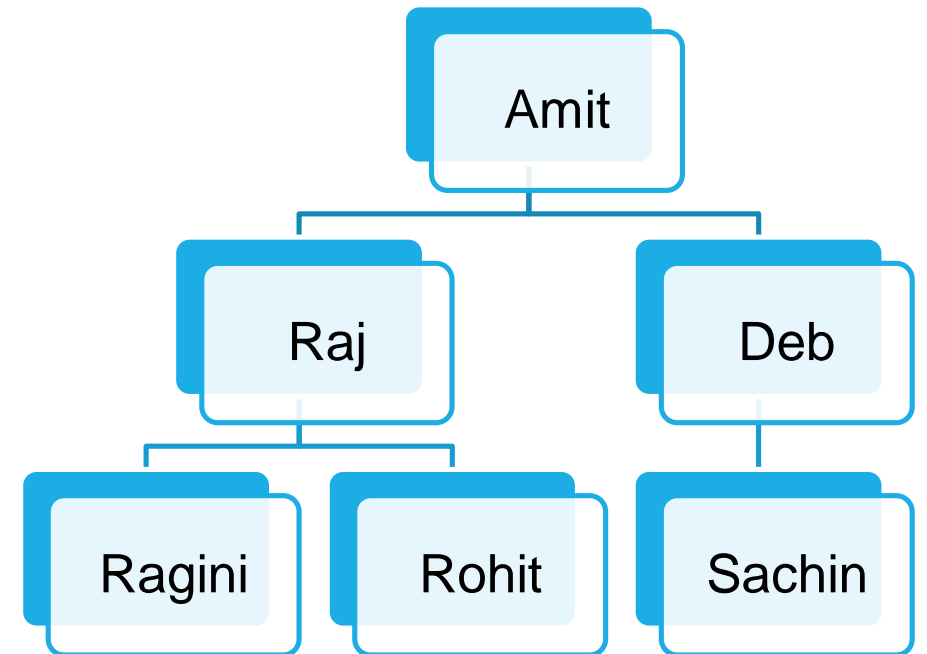


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```
root
├── dir1
│   └── file1.txt
├── dir2
│   └── dir3
│       └── targetFile.txt
```

```
function search(currentDir):
    if targetFile exists in currentDir:
        return currentDir;
    for each childDir in currentDir:
        result = search(childDir)
        if result is not null:
            return result;
    return null;
```

(How many people work under Amit?)



(Business organization chart)

Many more: Factorial, Fibonacci seq., Towers of Hanoi, Merge sort, Quick sort, Binary search ...

LINEAR RECURSION

- A linear recursive function is a function that makes **at most one recursive call** each time it is invoked (as opposed to one that would call itself multiple times during its execution).

```
int gcd(int a, int b) {  
    if (b == 0) {  
        return a;  
    } else {  
        return gcd(b, a % b);  
    }  
}
```

Euclidean Algorithm (Recursive)

```
int sumArrayRecursive(int arr[], int n) {  
    // What is the base case?  
  
    // Recursive step:  
    return arr[0] + sumArrayRecursive(???, ???);  
}  
}  
  
int main() {  
    int arr[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};  
    int n = sizeof(arr) / sizeof(arr[0]);  
    int sum = sumArrayRecursive(arr, n);  
    cout << "Sum of array elements: " << sum << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

TAIL RECURSION: REVERSING AN ARRAY

```
void reverseArray(int arr[], int start, int end)
{
    if (start >= end) { //reached ???
        return;
    }
    swap(arr[start], arr[end]);
    reverseArray(arr, start + 1, end - 1);
}
```

```
void reverseArray(int arr[], int size) {
    int start = 0;
    int end = size - 1;
    while (start < end) {
        swap(arr[start], arr[end]);
        start++;
        end--;
    }
}
```

- Tail recursion occurs when a linearly recursive method makes its recursive call as its last step.
- Such methods can be easily converted to non-recursive methods (which saves on some resources).

WHAT ABOUT FACTORIAL?

```
int factorial(int n) {  
    if (n == 0) {  
        return 1;  
    } else {  
        return _____;  
    }  
}
```

Is it tail recursive?

```
int tail_factorial(int n, int acc) {  
    if (n == 0) {  
        return acc;  
    } else {  
        return tail_factorial(n - 1, n * acc);  
    }  
}  
int factorial(int n) {  
    return tail_factorial(n, 1);  
}
```

What about this?

```
int factorial_iterative(int n) {int prod = 1; for (int i = 1; i <= n; ++i) { prod *= i;} return prod;}
```

BINARY RECURSION

- What is binary recursion?

Algorithm BinarySum(A, i, n):

Input: An array A and integers i and n

Output: The sum of the n integers in A starting at index i

if $n == 1$ **then**

return $A[i]$;

return

 BinarySum($A, i, n/2$) + BinarySum($A, i + n/2, n/2$)

Let us see the recursion trace...

```
void towerOfHanoi(int n, char source, char
dest, char aux) {
    if (n == 1) {
        cout << "Move disk 1 from " <<
            source << " to " << dest << endl;
        return;
    }
    towerOfHanoi(n - 1, source, aux, dest);
    cout << "Move disk " << n << " from "
        << source << " to " << dest << endl;
    towerOfHanoi(n - 1, aux, dest, source);
}
```

Used heavily in merging and tree traversals...

COMPUTING FIBONACCI NUMBERS: BETTER WAY...

```
1 #include<bits/stdc++.h>
2 using namespace std;
3
4 int fib(int n)
5 {
6     if (n <= 1)
7         return n;
8     return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);
9 }
10
11 int main ()
12 {
13     int n = 9;
14     cout << fib(n);
15     getchar();
16     return 0;
17 }
```

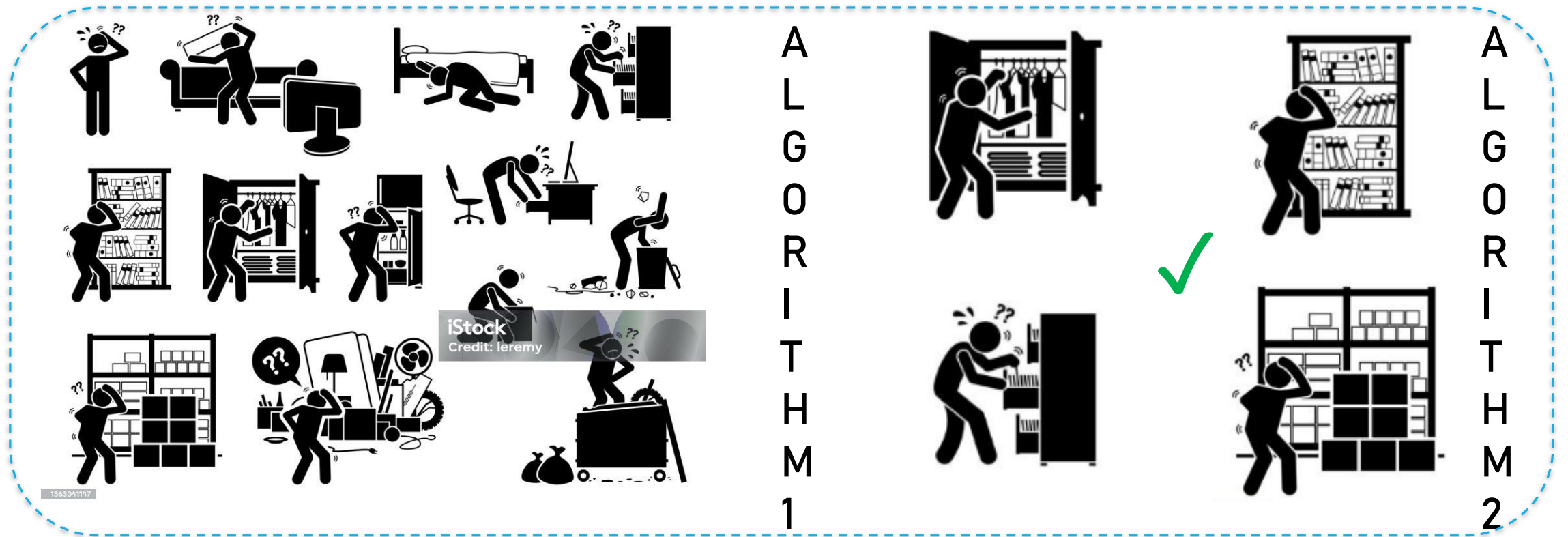
Is binary recursion better here?

```
int fibonacci(int n) {
    if (n <= 1) {
        return n;
    }
    int first = 0;
    int second = 1;
    int result;
    for (int i = 2; i <= n; i++) {
        result = first + second;
        first = second;
        second = result;
    }
    return result;
}
```

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 using namespace std;
3
4
5
6 int fib(int n, int a = 0, int b = 1)
7 {
8     if (n == 0)
9         return a;
10    if (n == 1)
11        return b;
12    return fib(n - 1, b, a + b);
13 }
14
15 // Driver Code
16 int main()
17 {
18     int n = 9;
19     cout << "fib(" << n << ") = "
20         << fib(n) << endl;
21     return 0;
22 }
```

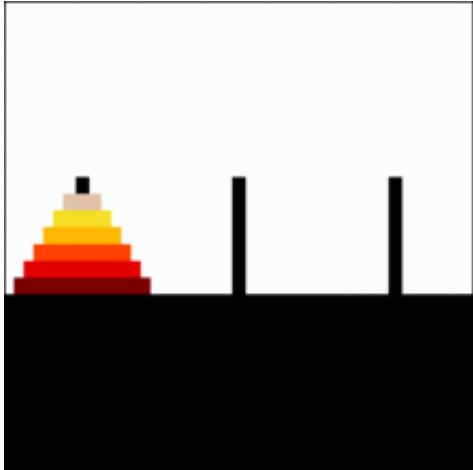
What is the type of this rec.?

WHAT IS ALGORITHM COMPLEXITY?

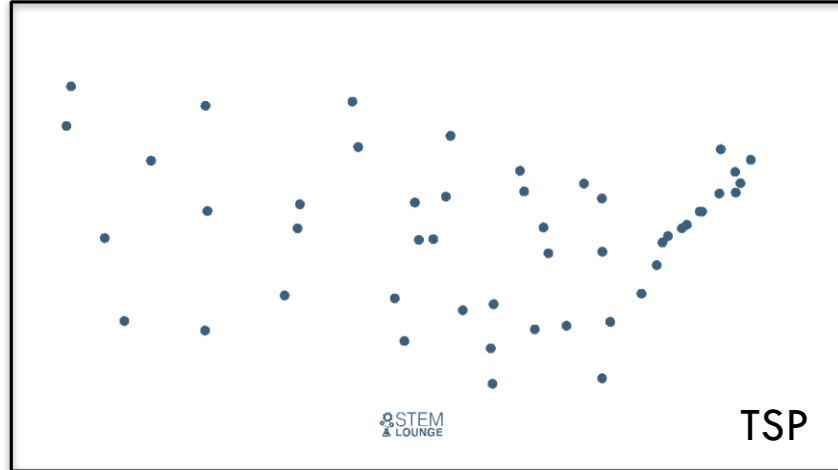


(A metaphor: searching car keys in your home)

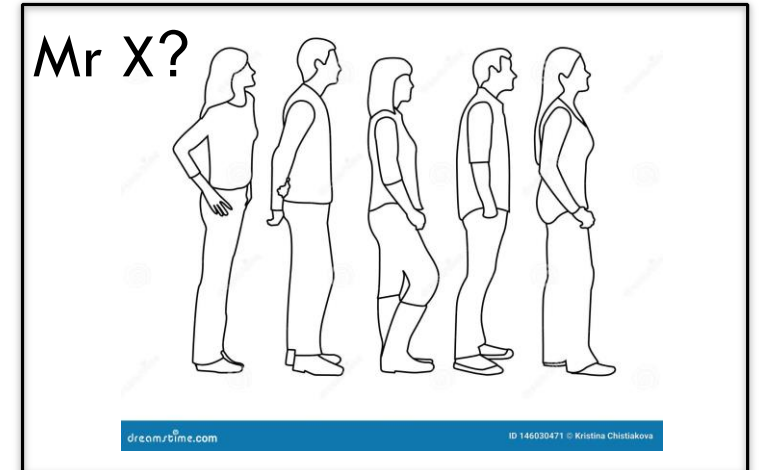
FEW MORE COMPLEXITY EXAMPLES...



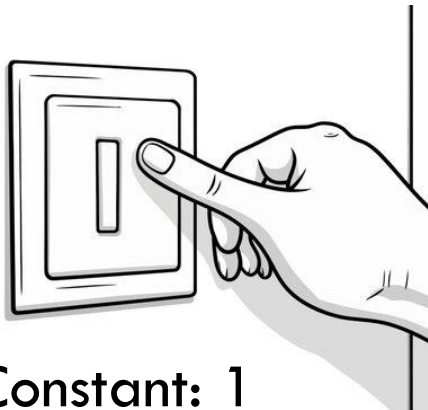
Exponential: 2^n



Quadratic (greedy heuristics): n^2



Linear: n



Constant: 1

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Logarithmic: $\log(n)$



Log-linear: $n \cdot \log(n)$

TASK FOR YOU...

You want to look for a word in a dictionary that has every word sorted alphabetically. **How many algorithms are there and which one would you prefer?**

WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

Metaphor: Daily Budget and Spending

Problem Statement:

Problem Name: "Maximum Subarray Sum"

Input: An array of integers.

Output: maximum sum.

Constraints:

- Time Limit: 1 second
- Memory Limit: 256 MB
- $1 \leq \text{Array Size} \leq 10^6$
- $-10^9 \leq \text{Array Element} \leq 10^9$

Hypothetical Example

Input :arr[] = {100, 200, 300, 400}, k = 2 Output : ???

```
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
  for (int j = i; j < n; j++) {
    int currentSum = 0;
    for (int k = i; k <= j; k++) {
      currentSum += arr[k];
    }
    if (currentSum > maxSum) {
      maxSum = currentSum;
    }
  }
}
```

Complexity?

```
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
  int currentSum = 0;
  for(int j = i; j < n; j++) {
    currentSum += arr[j];
    if (currentSum > maxSum){
      maxSum = currentSum;
    }
  }
}
```

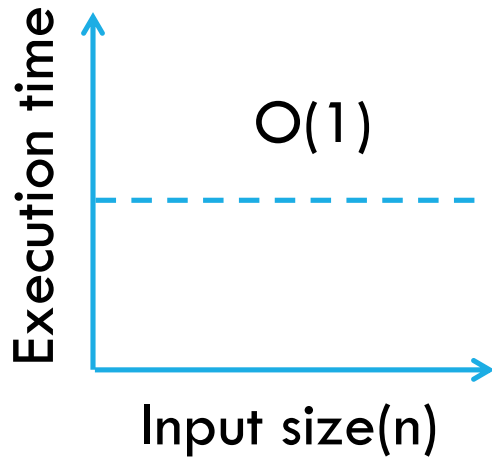
Complexity?

```
for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {
  currentSum = max(arr[i], currentSum + arr[i]);
  maxSum = max(maxSum, currentSum);
}
```

Efficient solution: Kadane's Algorithm using DP (Ignore -ve subarray sum): Complexity is ???

FUNCTIONS FOR ALGORITHM ANALYSIS

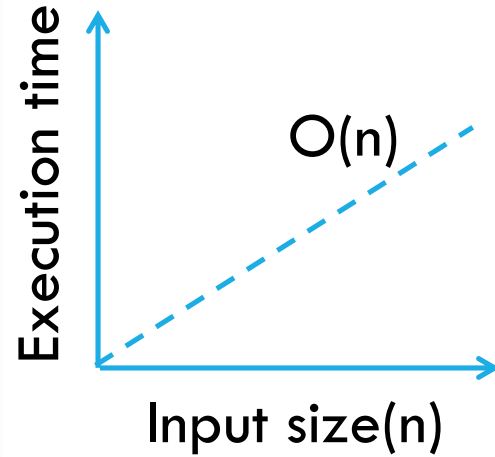
(Seating in the class everyday)



(Constant Function)

Ex.s: Array indexing, Variable assignment, Basic arithmetic operations, ...

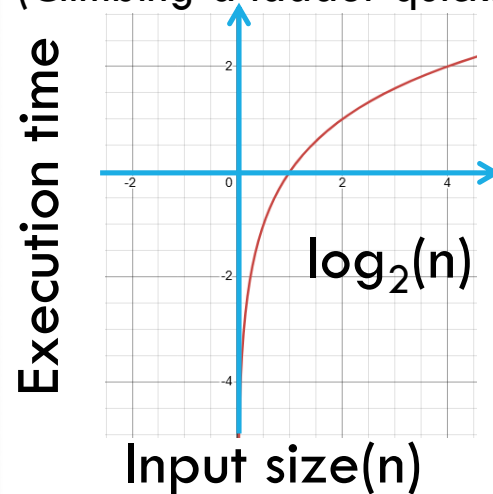
(Reading chapters of book)



(Linear Function)

Ex.s: Searching in unsorted array, Printing all elements of a list, ...

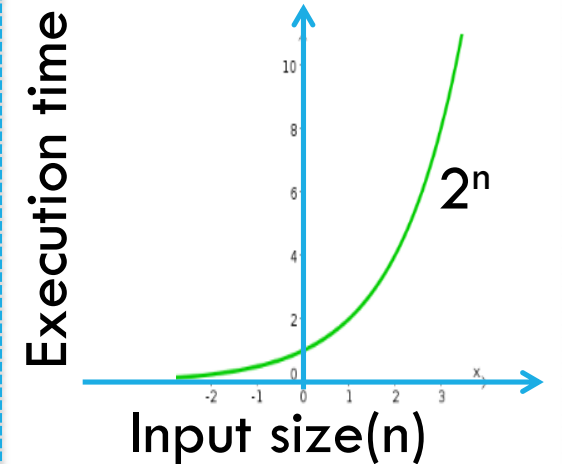
(Climbing a ladder quickly)



(Logarithmic Function)

Ex.s: Finding a word in a dictionary, Treasure hunt, etc...

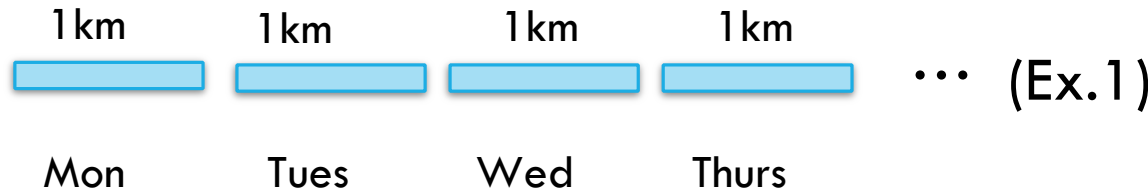
(Population growth)



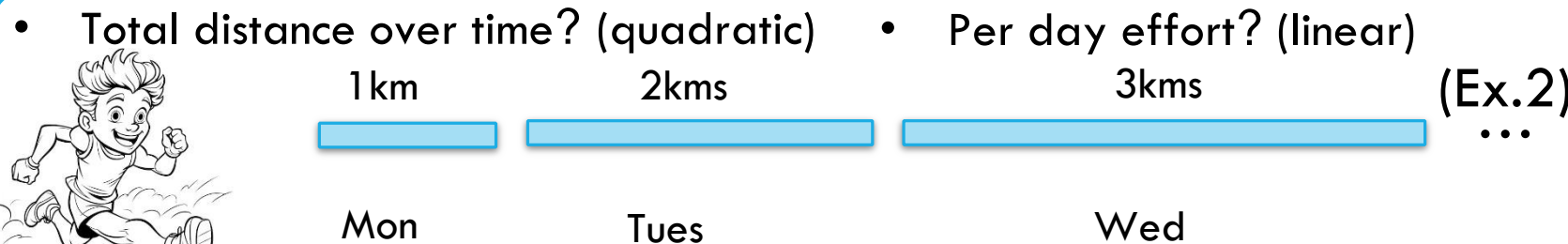
(Exponential Function)

Ex.s: Fibonacci sequence, Towers of Hanoi, Generating all subsets of set, etc...

COMPLEXITY EXAMPLES FROM REAL LIFE

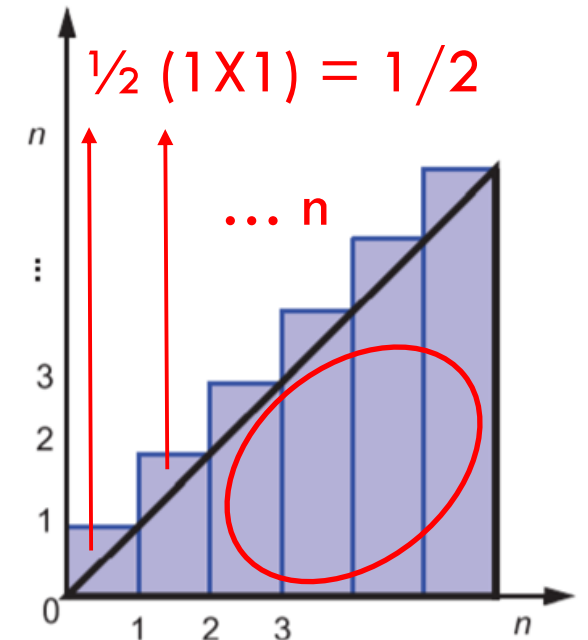


- Total distance over time? (linear)
- Per day effort? (constant)



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

$$\rightarrow \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \text{ for } n \geq 1$$



Que: $1 + 4 + 9 + 16 + 25 + \dots n$ cubic $\left\{ \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \right\}$

TASKS FOR YOU... COMPLEXITY?

```
function isEvenOrOdd(n) {  
    if (n%2 == 0)  
        return even;  
    else  
        return odd;  
}  
  
list<int> numbers {1, 2, 3, 4};  
for(int number : numbers)  
{  
    cout << number <<" ";  
}  
  
(printing out all the elements)
```

```
int partition(int arr[], int low, int high) { int pivot=arr[high];  
int i = (low - 1);  
for (int j = low; j <= high - 1; j++) {  
    if (arr[j] < pivot) { i++; swap(&arr[i], &arr[j]); } }  
swap(&arr[i + 1], &arr[high]); return (i + 1);  
}
```

```
int binarySearch(int array[], int x,  
                int low, int high)  
{  
    while (low <= high)  
    {  
        int mid = low + (high - low) / 2;  
        if (array[mid] == x) return mid;  
        if (array[mid] < x)  
            low = mid + 1;  
        else  
            high = mid - 1;  
    }  
    return -1;  
}
```

POLYNOMIAL FUNCTIONS AND LOG-LOG PLOT

```

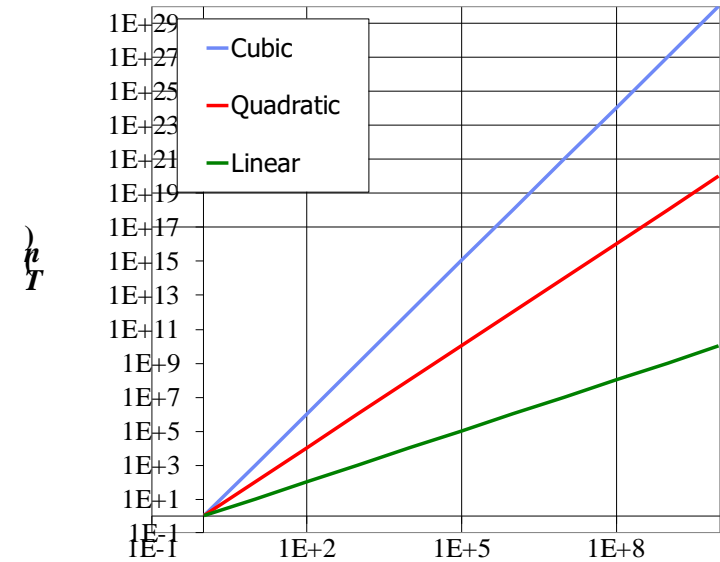
1: procedure NAIVE-MATRIX-MULTIPLY(A, B)
2:   n = A.rows
3:   let C be a new n × n matrix
4:   for i = 1 to n do
5:     for j = 1 to n do
6:       cij = 0
7:       for k = 1 to n do
8:         cij = cij + aik · bkj
9:       end for
10:    end for
11:  end for
12:  return C
13: end procedure

```

No of multiplications:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n n$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n n^2 \rightarrow n^3$$



Interestingly, all the functions that we have listed are part of large class of functions called, polynomials:

$$g(n) = a_0 + a_1n + a_2n^2 + a_3n^3 + \dots + a_d n^d \quad \text{What is } d?$$

(In this log-log graph, the slope of the line corresponds to the growth rate)

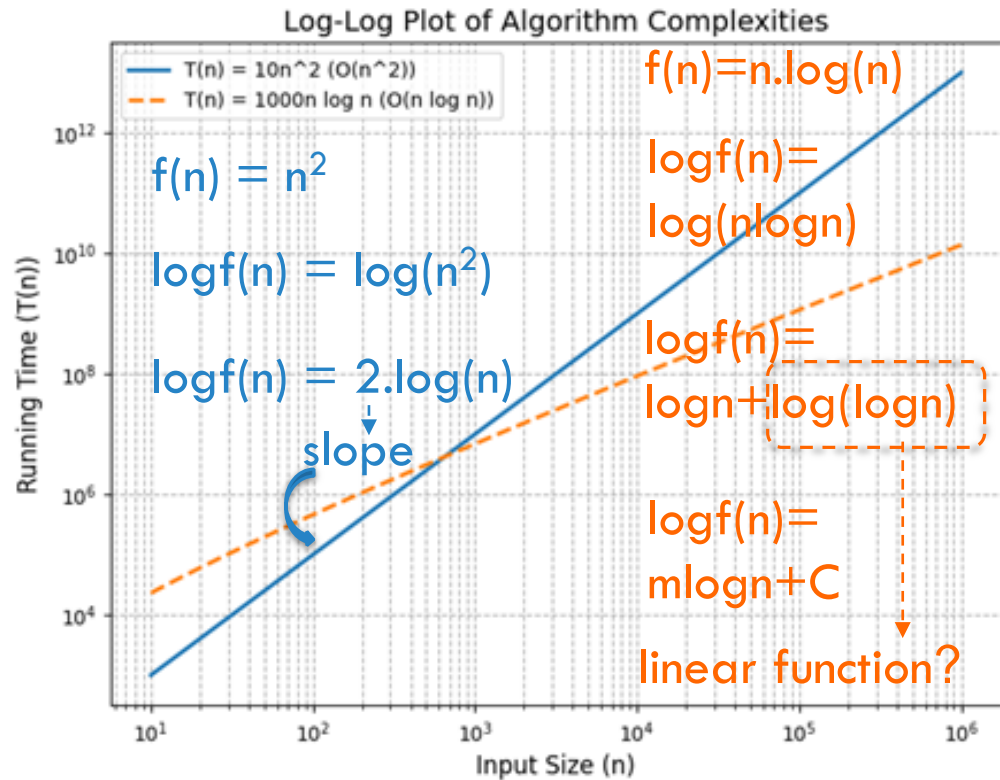
-Power law relations become linear.

$y = k \cdot x^n$ (y: dependent and x is independent)

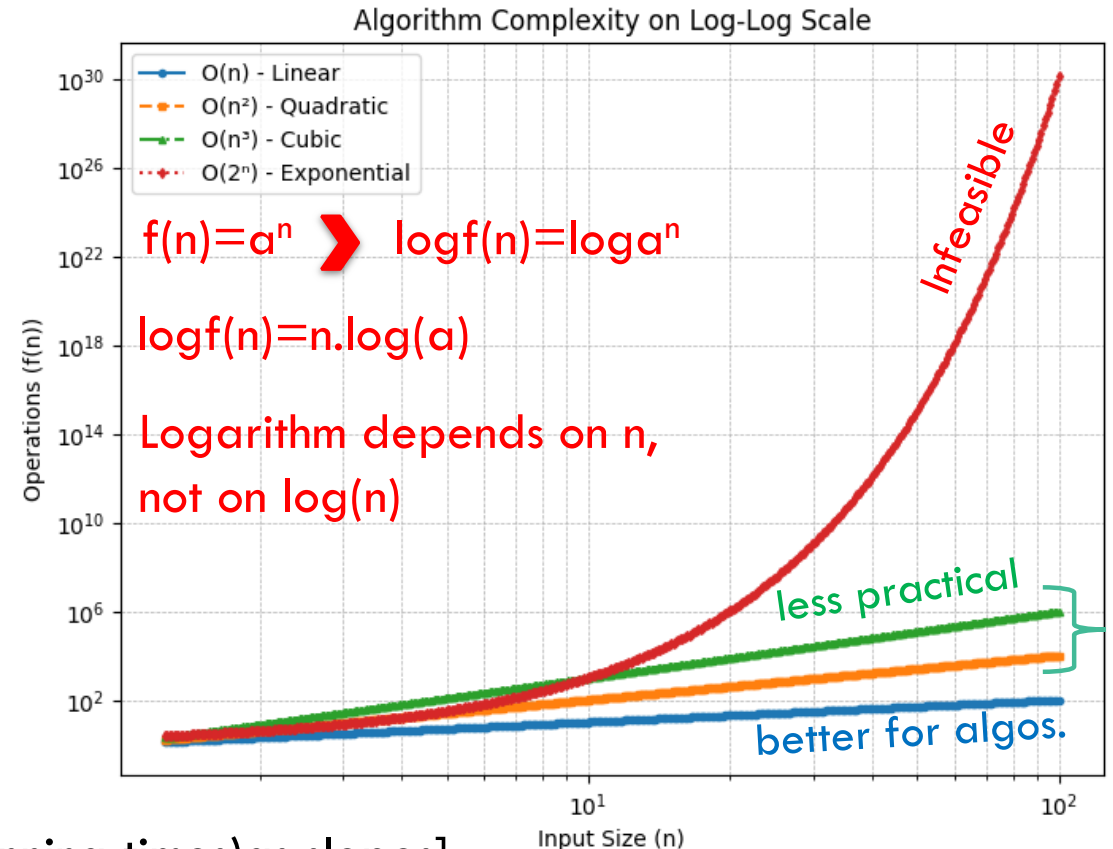
$\log(y) = \log(k) + n \cdot \log(x)$, where n is the slope and $\log(k)$ is the intercept.

GROWTH RATE OF AN ALGORITHM

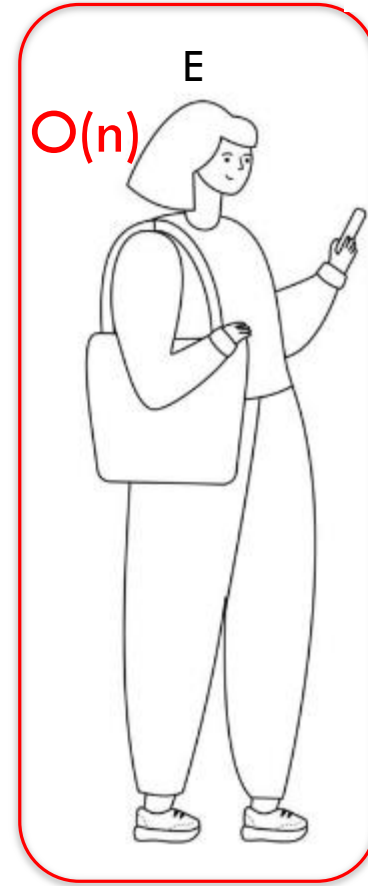
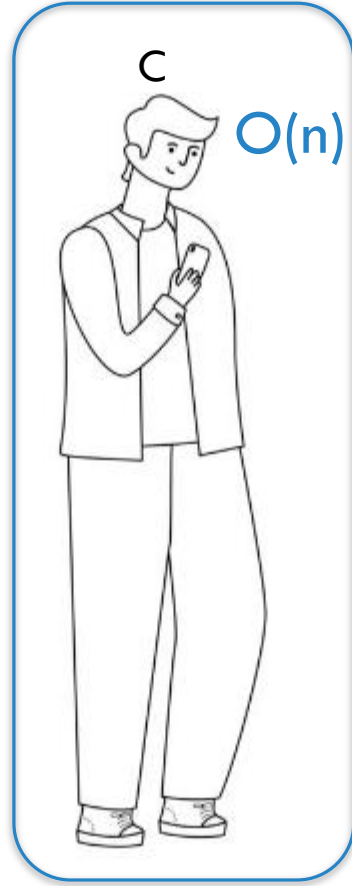
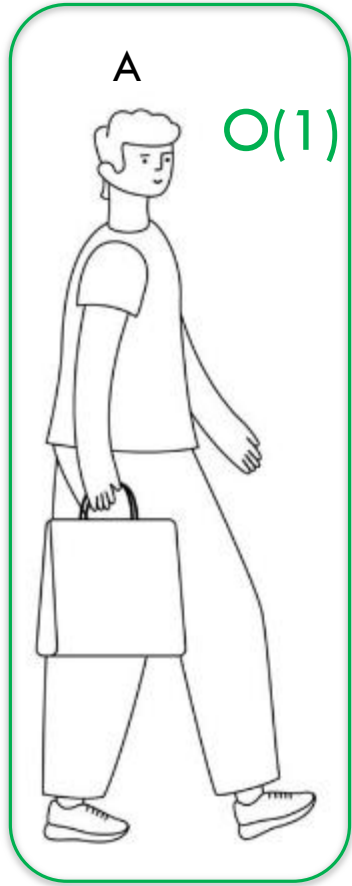
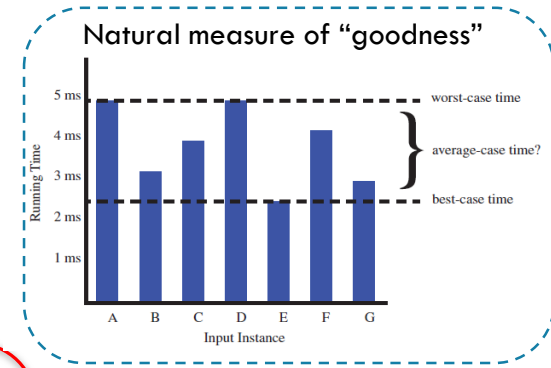
-It describes the rate at which the algorithm's resource requirements (time or memory) grow relative to the input size.



[log-log plot with growth rates (running times) as slopes]



BEST CASE, WORST CASE, AVERAGE CASE



Find A: how many comparisons?

Lower bound

Find E: how many comparisons?

Upper bound

Middle: how many comparisons?

Typical performance

$\rightarrow (1+2+3+\dots+n)/n \rightarrow (n(n+1)/2)/n \rightarrow (n+1)/2 \approx n/2$ Linear fun of n (ignoring $1/2$)

- Why worst case is important and Average case is most difficult to compute?

EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS: COMPLEMENT TO BIG-O

```

void bubbleSort(int arr[], int n) {
  for (int i = 0; i < n-1; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < n-i-1; j++) {
      if (arr[j] > arr[j+1]) {
        int temp = arr[j];
        arr[j] = arr[j+1];
        arr[j+1] = temp;
      }
    }
  }
}

```

... (with a main function calling it)



Flat profile:

% time	cumulative seconds	self seconds	calls	self ms	total ms	name
95.00	1.90	1.90	1	1900	1900	bubbleSort
5.00	2.00	0.10				main

Call graph:

index	% time	self	children	called	name
					<spontaneous>
caller [1]	100.0	0.10	1.90		main [1]
		1.90	0.00	1/1	bubbleSort [2]

callee [2]	95.0	1.90	0.00	1/1	main [1]
					bubbleSort [2]

Question: How do you now verify the quadratic complexity of this algorithm? **What are the challenges?**

USING A TIMER FROM CHRONO

```
1 #include <chrono>
2 class Timer
3 {
4 private:
5     std::chrono::time_point<std::chrono::high_resolution_clock> startTimePoint;
6     std::chrono::time_point<std::chrono::high_resolution_clock> endTimePoint;
7     double getTimeDifference();
8
9 public:
10    Timer();
11    void start();
12    void stop();
13    double getDurationInSeconds();
14    double getDurationInMilliseconds();
15    double getDurationInMicroSeconds();
16 };
17 Timer::Timer() {}
18 void Timer::start()
19 {
20     startTimePoint = std::chrono::high_resolution_clock::now();
21 }
22 void Timer::stop()
23 {
24     endTimePoint = std::chrono::high_resolution_clock::now();
25 }
26 double Timer::getTimeDifference()
27 {
28     auto start = std::chrono::time_point_cast<std::chrono::microseconds>(
29     auto end = std::chrono::time_point_cast<std::chrono::microseconds>(en
30     return end - start;
31 }
32 double Timer::getDurationInSeconds()
33 {
34     return getDurationInMilliseconds() * 0.001; // in seconds
35 }
36 double Timer::getDurationInMilliseconds()
37 {
38     return getTimeDifference() * 0.001; // in milli seconds
39 }
40 double Timer::getDurationInMicroSeconds()
41 {
42     return getTimeDifference(); // in micro-seconds
43 }
```

Inside main()

```
98     Timer timer; // initialize timer class object.
99
100    timer.start(); // start timer.
101
102    linearSearch(arr, n, n); // call to linear search
103
104    timer.stop(); // stop timer.
105
106    // function to get time in milli seconds
107    double milliSecs = timer.getDurationInMilliseconds();
108
109    cout << "Linear Search took: " << milliSecs << " ms." << endl;
110
111    timer.start(); // start timer.
112
113    binarySearch(arr, n, n); // call to binary search
114
115    timer.stop(); // stop timer.
116
117    // function to get time in milli seconds
118    milliSecs = timer.getDurationInMilliseconds();
119
120    cout << "Binary Search took: " << milliSecs << " ms." << endl;
```

This week's Lab

```
Linear Search took: 37.647 ms.
Binary Search took: 0.002 ms.
Enter the size of the array: 7
Enter a sorted list of 7 elements:
10 20 30 40 50 60 70
Enter the target item to search for: 40
40 FOUND at index 3
Binary Search took: 0 ms. recursive

...Program finished with exit code 0
Press ENTER to exit console.
```

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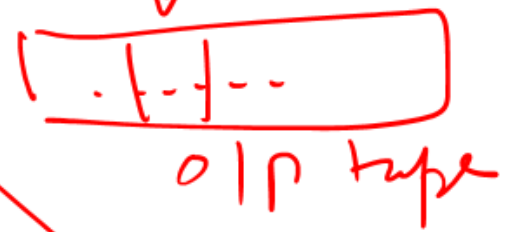
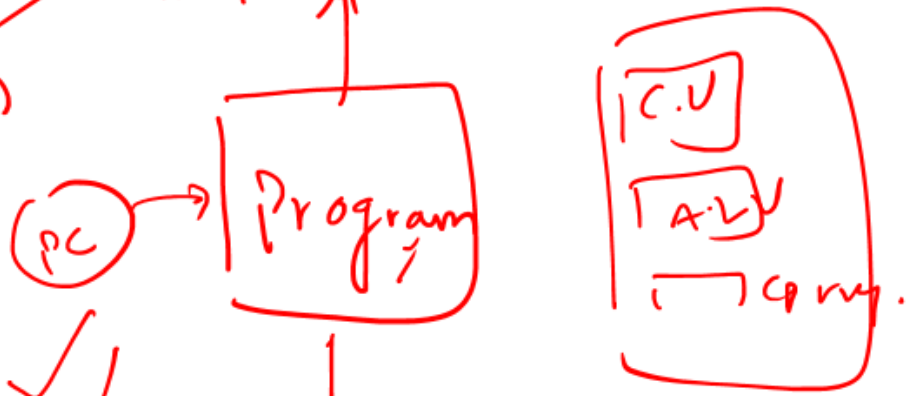
```
221 // finds and returns the n'th node from the end of the list.
222 template <typename DT>
223 SinglyLinkedList<DT>::nthNodeFromEnd(int n)
224 {
225     // code here
226     counter = 0;
227     tmp = NULL;
228     nthNodeFromEndRecursive(head, n);
229     return tmp; // return the n'th node from the end
230 }
231
232 // recursive solution to find out the n'th node from the end.
233 template <typename DT>
234 void SinglyLinkedList<DT>::nthNodeFromEndRecursive(SinglyLinkedList<DT>*head,int n)
235 {
236     if (head == NULL)
237         return;
238
239     nthNodeFromEndRecursive(head->next, n);
240     counter++;
241     if (counter == n)
242     {
243         tmp = head;
244     }
245 }
246
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258
259 case '6':
310     cout << "Enter N: ";
311     cin >> a;
312     timer.start();
313     node = list.nthNodeFromEnd(a);
314     timer.stop();
315     if (node == NULL)
316         cout << "Such a node does not exist." << endl;
317     else
318         cout << "N'th node from the end: " << node->dataItem << endl;
319     cout << "Time spent: " << timer.getDurationInMilliseconds() << " ms." << endl;
320     break;
```

```
Please enter one of the following choices:
1 : Insert at end
2 : Delete from end
3 : Print Forward
4 : Print Backward
5 : Reverse List
6 : Get N'th node from the end
7 : Exit
3
10 20 30 40
Time spent: 0.019 ms.
+-----+
Please enter one of the following choices:
1 : Insert at end
2 : Delete from end
3 : Print Forward
4 : Print Backward
5 : Reverse List
6 : Get N'th node from the end
7 : Exit
6
Enter N: 2
N'th node from the end: 30
Time spent: 0.001 ms.
+-----+
Please enter one of the following choices:
1 : Insert at end
2 : Delete from end
3 : Print Forward
4 : Print Backward
5 : Reverse List
6 : Get N'th node from the end
7 : Exit
```

Lab no:5

THEORETICAL ANALYSIS: THE RAM MODEL

$\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \approx \frac{n^2}{2}$ (3) $O(1)$



Add
Sub
Mul
Div
Comp
 $O(n)$



RAM/IO
int s = s;
b = s[10];

```

int max(int a, int b)
{
    if (a < b)
        max = a;
    else
        max = b;
    return max;
}
    
```

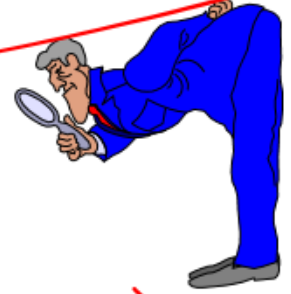
Ex. From previous class

Middle $O(n)$

ARRAYMAX: ANOTHER EXAMPLE

Let us see an example!

$$n - i + i + 2(n-1)$$



```
int arraymax (int a[], int n) {  
    max = A[0];  
    for (int i = 1; i < n; i++)  
        if (A[i] > max) max = A[i];  
    return max;  
}
```

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 + 3n - 2 + 2n \\ & - 2 + 2n - 2 + 1 \\ & 7n - 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$O(n)$$

$$2$$

$$i < n$$

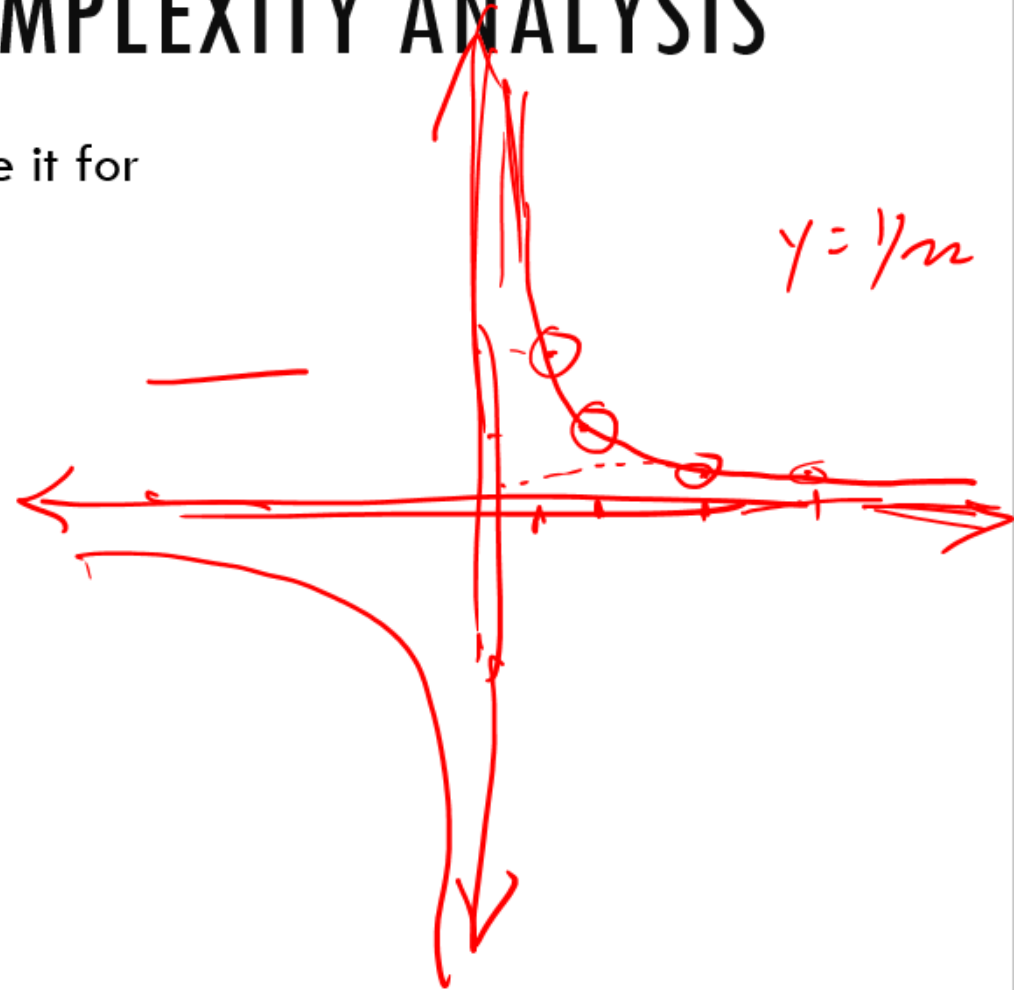
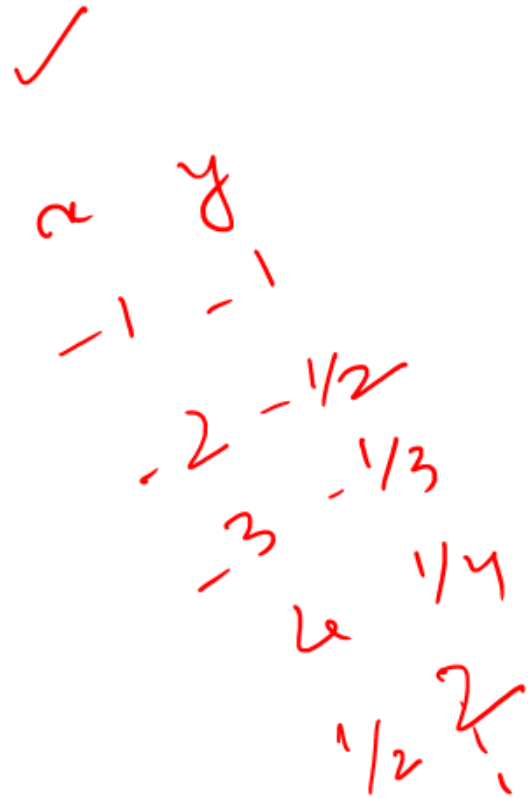
$$2(n-1)$$

$$2(n-1)$$

$$i++$$

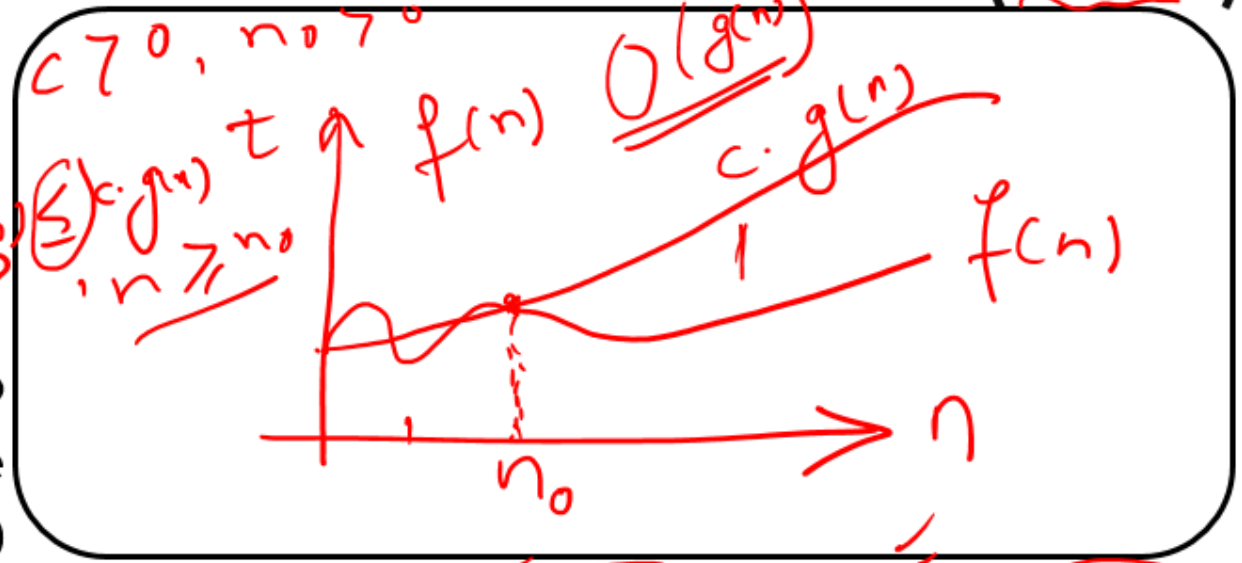
ASYMPTOTIC NOTATION FOR COMPLEXITY ANALYSIS

- What is an Asymptote of a curve in maths? Let us see it for $y = 1/x$.



COMPLEXITY ANALYSIS USING ASYMPTOTIC NOTATION (**BIG O**)

- Why **Big O**? • Let us define it!
- Why is it called a **tight upper bound**?
- Because, it is as close as possible to the actual growth rate of the function. (Ex: Aryan is at most 20 years old, ~~Aryan is at most 25 years old~~, Aryan is at most 30 years old. Which one is tight and which one is a loose bound?)
- Linear search is $O(n)$, also $O(n^2)$, also $O(n^3)$, ... **which one is tight?**



Data (n)	Fast Comp. ($0.01n$)	Slow Comp. ($100\log n$)
10	0.1 seconds	~332 seconds
100	1 second	~664 seconds
1,000	10 seconds	~997 seconds
10,000	100 seconds	~1329 seconds
1,00,000	1,000 sec (16.7 min)	~1661 sec (27.7 min)
10,00,000	10,000 sec (2.8 hrs)	~1993 sec (33.2 min)
100,00,000	100,000 sec (27.8 hr)	~2325 sec (38.8 min)

Linear search (written diagonally between columns)

Binary search (written diagonally between columns)

BIG O EXAMPLES



$f(n) \in O(g(n))$
 $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$

Justify: the function, $f(n)=4n+20$ is $O(n)$

$$4n+20 \leq c \cdot n$$

$$4n+20 \leq 5n$$

$$cn - 4n \geq 20$$

$$n(c-4) \geq 20$$

$$n \geq \frac{20}{c-4}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{matrix} c=5 \\ n_0=20 \end{matrix}}$$

Justify: the function, $f(n)=n^2 \neq O(n)$

$$n^2 \leq c \cdot n$$

$$n \leq c$$

$$\boxed{n \leq c}$$

$$\sqrt{50} \leq 100$$

$$\begin{matrix} 40, 50, 20 \\ < 20, 50 \end{matrix}$$

$$n \geq n_0$$

$$200 \geq 50$$

BIG O EXAMPLES CONTINUED...

$$2 \times 1000 + 100 \times 4 \times 1000 \leq 3000$$

$$2996 \leq 3000$$

High Low

$$n = 100$$

$$200 + 100 \times 4 \times 100$$

$$864 \times 300$$

$$8 \leq 4 \times 2 \quad 16 \leq 16$$

Justify: the function, $f(n) = 2^{n+2}$ is $O(2^n)$

$$2^{n+2} \leq c \cdot 2^n$$

$$2 \cdot 2^2 \leq c \cdot 2^1$$

$$c = 4$$

$$n_0 = 1$$

Justify: the function, $f(n) = 2n + 100 \cdot \log_2 n$ is $O(n)$

Solutions: $c = 102, n_0 = 1$ And $c = 3, n_0 = 1000$. Which one to choose?

$$2n + 100 \log_2 n \leq c \cdot n$$

$$2 + 100 \frac{\log_2 n}{n} \leq c$$

$$2 + 100 \frac{1}{1} \leq 3 \cdot 1$$

$$\frac{2n + 100 \log_2 n}{2n + 100 \log_2 n} \leq \frac{c \cdot n}{2n + 100 \log_2 n}$$

$$2 \leq 102$$

Analogy: It takes at most 102 minutes to reach your destination. (an overestimate, but works no matter what?)

It actually takes around 3 minutes per kilometer, but only if you're on the highway. (accurate, but applies to long distances)

$$f(n) = (n+1)^2 = n^2 + 2n + 1 \leq c \cdot n^2$$

BIG O EXAMPLES CONTINUED...

$$c = 5$$

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

Justify: the function, $f(n) = n^2 + n + 2$ is $O(n^2)$

Ans: $c = 2$, and $n_0 = 2$.

$$n^2 + n + 2 \leq c \cdot n^2$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{2}{n^2} \leq c$$

$$n^2 + n + 2 \leq 2 \cdot n^2$$

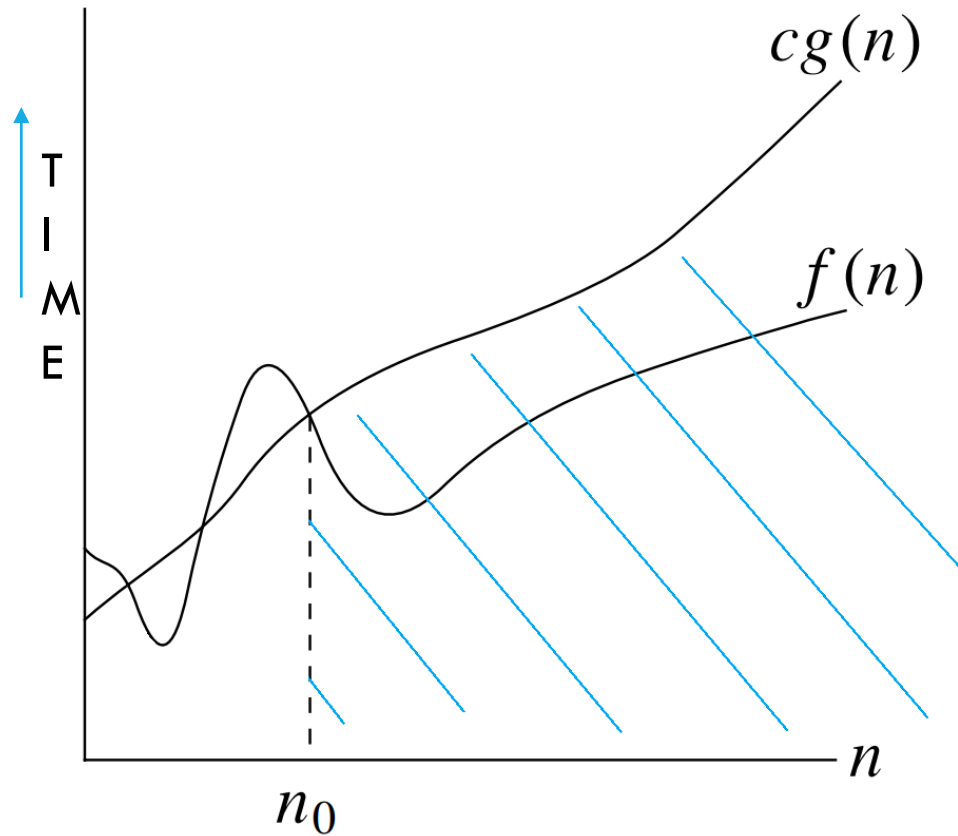
Justify: the function $f(n) = 3n^3 + 20n^2 + 5$ is $O(n^3)$

Ans: $c = 4$, and $n_0 = 21$.

$$3n^3 + 20n^2 + 5 \leq c \cdot n^3$$

$$3 + \frac{20}{n} + \frac{5}{n^3} \leq c$$

RECAP: BIG-O



$f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$

- Why is it called tight upper bound?
- What is the relation between Big-O and growth rate?
- How to choose an appropriate combination of c and n_0 out of many possible ones?

There exists $c > 0$ and n_0 such that $f(n) \leq cg(n)$ whenever $n \geq n_0$.

RECURSIVE FUNCTIONS: RECURRENCE RELATION (EX1)

```
void fun(int n) {  
    if (n > 0)  
    {  
        printf("%d", n);  
        fun(n-1);  
    }  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int x = 4;  
    fun(x);  
    return 0;  
}
```

- A recurrence relation is a way to define a function or sequence **in terms of itself**.
- Let us solve it?

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c, n \leq 0 \\ T(n-1) + k, n > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$T(n-1) = T(n-1-1) + k$$

$$\rightarrow T(n) = T(n-2) + k + k = T(n-2) + 2k$$

...

$$\rightarrow T(n) = T(n-i) + i.k \rightarrow n-i = 0 \rightarrow T(0) + n.k \rightarrow \boxed{c + nk}$$

O(n)



EXAMPLE 2

$$T(n) = 2 T(n/2) + n \quad \text{Where, } T(1) = 1$$

$$T(n/2) = 2 T(n/4) + (n/2)$$

$$\rightarrow T(n) = 2 \{2.T(n/4) + (n/2)\} + n = 4 T(n/4) + 2.n$$

$$T(n/4) = 2.T(n/8) + (n/4)$$

$$\rightarrow T(n) = 4. \{2.T(n/8) + (n/4)\} + 2.n = 8.T(n/8) + 3.n$$

$$T(n) = 2^i.T(n/2^i) + i.n$$



Assuming $n/2^i = 1$

$$\rightarrow n = 2^i$$

$$T(n) = n.T(1) + \log_2 n.n$$

$$\rightarrow T(n) = n + n \log_2 n$$

$$\rightarrow O(n \log_2 n)$$



Log-linear


BIG-O RULES

1. If an algorithm performs a certain sequence of steps $f(N)$ times for a function f , it takes $O(f(N))$ steps.


This algorithm examines each of the N items once, so its performance ???.

2. If an algorithm performs an operation that takes $f(N)$ steps and then performs another operation that takes $g(N)$ steps for function f and g , the algorithm's total performance is ???.

The total runtime of the algorithm is ???.



```
int findBiggestNumber(int arr[], int size) {
    int biggest = arr[0];
    for (int i = 1; i < size; i++) {
        if (arr[i] > biggest) {
            biggest = arr[i];
        }
    }
    return biggest;
}
```



```
int findBiggestNumber(int arr[], int size) {
    int biggest = arr[0]; // ?
    for (int i = 1; i < size; i++) { // ?
        if (arr[i] > biggest) {
            biggest = arr[i];
        }
    }
    return biggest; // ?
}
```

CONTINUED...

3. If an algorithm takes $O(f(N) + g(N))$ steps and the function $f(N)$ is **bigger** than $g(N)$, algorithm's performance can be simplified to $O(f(N))$.

`findBiggestNumber` algorithm has $O(N+2)$ runtime. When N grows very large, the function N is larger than our constant value 2 , so algorithm's runtime can be simplified to **???**.

4. If an algorithm performs an operation that takes $f(N)$ steps, and every step performs another operation that takes $g(N)$ steps, algorithm's total performance is **???**.



```
int findBiggestNumber(int arr[], int size) {  
    int biggest = arr[0]; // O(1)  
    for (int i = 1; i < size; i++) { //O(n)  
        if (arr[i] > biggest) {  
            biggest = arr[i];  
        }  
    }  
    return biggest; //O(1)  
}
```



```
bool containsDuplicates(int arr[], int n) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
        for (int j = i + 1; j < n; j++) {  
            if (arr[i] == arr[j]) {  
                return true; // duplicate found  
            } } }  
    return false; } O(n2)
```


BIG-O AND GROWTH RATE

- The big-O notation gives an **upper bound** on the growth rate of a function without capturing hardware details.
- The statement “ $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ ” means that the growth rate of $f(n)$ is **no more than** the growth rate of $g(n)$.
- We can use the big-O notation to rank functions according to their growth rate.

	$f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$	$g(n)$ is $O(f(n))$
$g(n)$ grows more	Yes	No
$f(n)$ grows more	No	Yes
Same growth	Yes	Yes

- $O(1)$ – constant time, the time is independent of n , e.g. **array look-up**
- $O(\log n)$ – logarithmic time, e.g. **binary search**
- $O(n)$ – linear time, e.g. **linear search**
- $O(n \log n)$ – e.g. **efficient sorting algorithms**
- $O(n^2)$ – quadratic time, e.g. **selection sort**
- $O(n^k)$ – polynomial (where k is some constant)
- $O(2^n)$ – exponential time, very slow!
- $O(1) < O(\log n) < O(n) < O(n * \log n) < O(n^2) < O(n^3) < O(2^n)$

STRICT UPPER BOUND: SMALL-O

- What about small o ? (Upper bound that is not tight)
- **Used in Asymptotic proofs.**
- If $f(n) = o(g(n))$, it means $f(n)$ grows **strictly slower than** $g(n)$.

↓
not a tight bound but an overestimate

$$0 \leq f(n) < c \cdot g(n) \quad \text{Or,} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 0$$

Let $f(n) = n \log n$, and $g(n) = n^2$ Prove that $f(n)$ is $o(g(n))$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \log n}{n^2} \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n}{n} \rightarrow$$

L-Hospital Rule $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d(\log n)/dn}{d(n)/dn} \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/n}{1} = 0$

Hence, $n \log n = o(n^2)$

Prove that: $n = o(n^2)$

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

Hence, $n = o(n^2)$

Prove that: $n^2 \neq o(n^2)$

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

Hence, $n^2 \neq o(n^2)$ Rather, $n^2 = O(n^2)$

Big-O allows equality, but small-o requires strict growth separation.

BEST CASE **BIG Ω** AND AVERAGE CASE **BIG Θ**

Big-Omega Notation (Ω)

- Just like Big-O provides asymptotic upper-bound, **Big- Ω** provides asymptotic **lower-bound** on the running time.
- $f(n)$ is $\Omega(g(n))$ if there exists a constant $c > 0$ and an integer constant $n_0 \geq 1$ such that $f(n) \geq c.g(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0$

Let, $f(n) = 3n \cdot \log n + 2n$ Justification: $3n \cdot \log n + 2n \geq 3n \cdot \log n$, for $n \geq 2$

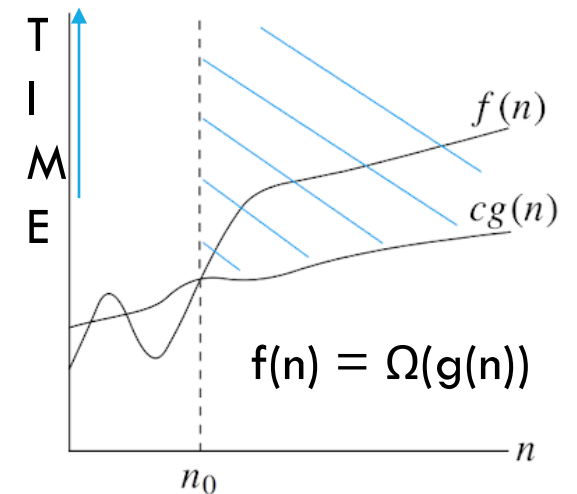
Big-Theta Notation (Θ)

$f(n)$ is $\Theta(g(n))$, if: $f(n)$ is both $O(g(n))$ and $\Omega(g(n))$

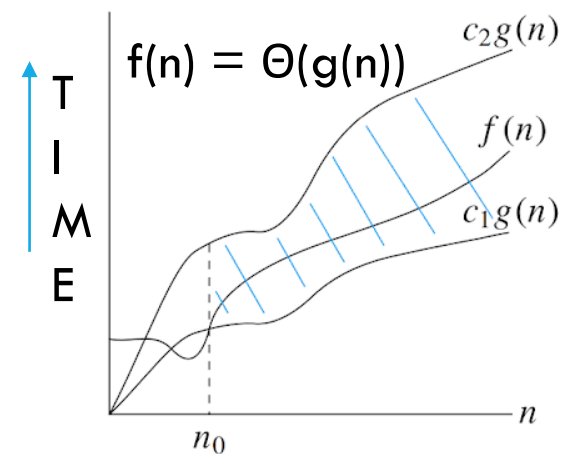
$f(n)$ is $\Theta(g(n))$ if there are constants $c_1 > 0$ and $c_2 > 0$ and an integer constant $n_0 \geq 1$ such that $c_1.g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2.g(n)$ for $n \geq n_0$

$3n \log n + 4n + 5 \log n$ is $\Theta(n \log n)$ $3n \log n \leq 3n \log n + 4n + 5 \log n \leq (3+4+5) n \log n$ for $n \geq 2$

Que. For You: **Linear search**, **Binary search**? $O(n)$, $\Omega(1)$, $\Theta(n/2)$ $O(\log n)$, $\Omega(1)$, $\Theta(\log n)$



$\Omega(n \log n)$



EXAMPLES OF BIG- Ω AND BIG- Θ

- $5n^2$ is $\Omega(n^2)$
 - $f(n)$ is $\Omega(g(n))$ if there is a constant $c > 0$ and an integer constant $n_0 \geq 1$ such that $f(n) \geq c.g(n)$ for $n \geq n_0$
 - For, say $c = 5$ and $n_0 = 1 \rightarrow 5.1^2 \geq 5.1^2$ True.
- $5n^2$ is $\Omega(n)$
 - $f(n)$ is $\Omega(g(n))$ if there is a constant $c > 0$ and an integer constant $n_0 \geq 1$ such that $f(n) \geq c.g(n)$ for $n \geq n_0$
 - For, say $c = 1$ and $n_0 = 1 \rightarrow 5.1^2 \geq 1.1$ True.
- $5n^2$ is $\Theta(n^2)$
 - $f(n)$ is $\Theta(g(n))$ if it is $\Omega(n^2)$ and $O(n^2)$. We have already seen the former, for the latter recall that $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ if there is a constant $c > 0$ and an integer constant $n_0 \geq 1$ such that $f(n) \leq c.g(n)$ for $n \geq n_0$
 - Let $c = 5$ and $n_0 = 1$

PREFIX AVERAGE EXAMPLE

- The i -th prefix average of an array X is average of the first $(i + 1)$ elements of X :

$$A[i] = (X[0] + X[1] + \dots + X[i]) / (i + 1)$$

Applications:
Eco (Mutual
Fund Avgs.)

Algorithm *prefixAverages1*(X, n)

Input array X of n integers

Output array A of prefix averages of X

$A \leftarrow$ new array of n integers n

for $i \leftarrow 0$ to $n - 1$ **do** n

$s \leftarrow 0$ n

for $j \leftarrow 0$ to i **do** $1 + 2 + \dots + n$

$s \leftarrow s + X[j]$ $1 + 2 + \dots + n$

$A[i] \leftarrow s / (i + 1)$ n

return A 1

$O(n^2)$

Algorithm *prefixAverages2*(X, n)

Input array X of n integers

Output array A of prefix averages of X

$A \leftarrow$ new array of n integers n

$s \leftarrow 0$ 1

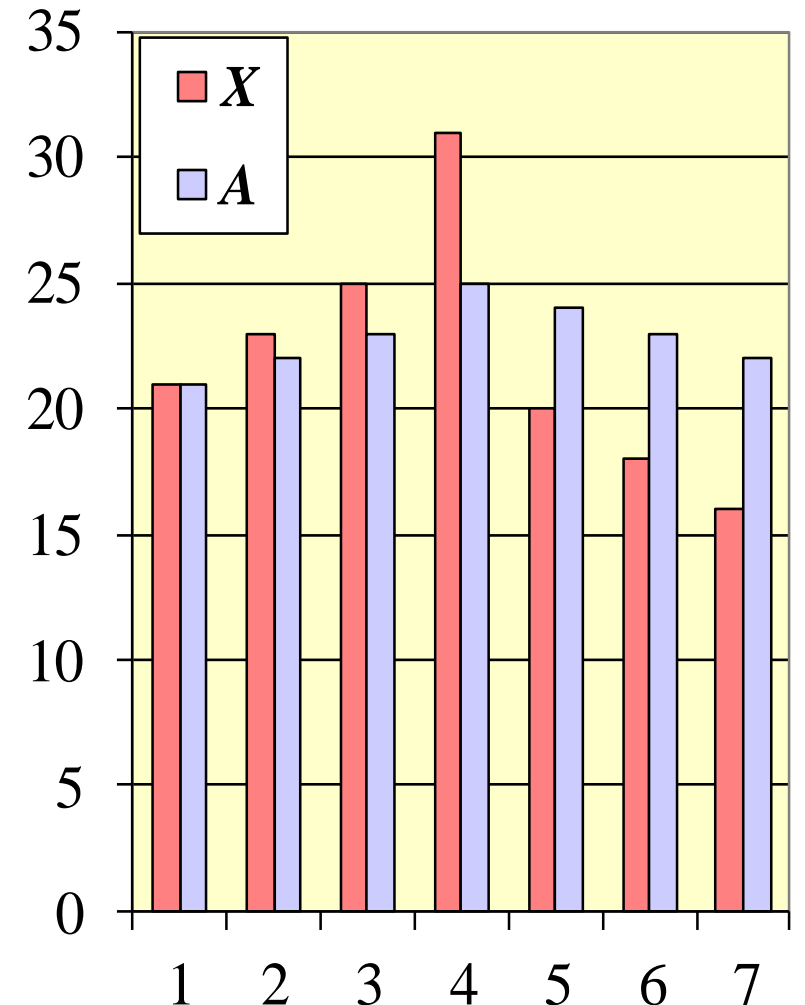
for $i \leftarrow 0$ to $n - 1$ **do** n

$s \leftarrow s + X[i]$ n

$A[i] \leftarrow s / (i + 1)$ n

return A 1

$O(n)$





THANK YOU!

Next Class: Common Data structures (Stacks, Queues, Deques etc.)