

# Analysis Tools

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# What We Have Done

- list: singly, circular, doubly
- recursion: linear (in class), binary, multiple (in reading)
- asymptotic notations: big- $O$ , big- $\Theta$ , big- $\Omega$

# What We Will Do

- more about analysis tools
- stack, queue, deque: “special” data structures that can be built on “generic” ones (array, list)
- difficult homework 3 for the spring break (to encourage people to ask TA questions)

# Asymptotic Notations

- goal: rough total rather than exact steps when input size **large**
- why rough total? constant not matter much

compare two complexity functions  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  when  $n$  large

**growth** of functions matters

— $n^3$  would eventually be bigger than  $1000n$

- which is faster?  $n^2$  or  $10n$ ?
- which is faster?  $n$  or  $n^2$  or  $2^n$ ?
- which is faster?  $5n$  or  $n$ ?

*similar*

# Asymptotic Notations: Symbols

- $f(n)$  grows slower than or similar to  $g(n)$ :  $f(n) = O(g(n))$   
—like  $f(n) [\leq] g(n)$
- $f(n)$  grows faster than or similar to  $g(n)$ :  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$   
—like  $f(n) [\geq] g(n)$
- $f(n)$  grows similar to  $g(n)$ :  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$   
—like  $f(n) [\approx] g(n)$

(note:  $=$  in the asymptotic notations more like “ $\in$ ”)

# Asymptotic Notations: Definitions

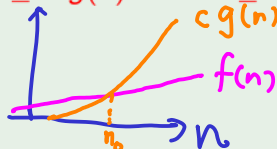
- $f(n)$  grows slower than or similar to  $g(n)$ :

$f(n) = O(g(n))$ , iff exist  $c, n_0$  such that  $f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$

$$g(n) \stackrel{\updownarrow}{=} \Omega(f(n))$$

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- $f(n)$  grows similar to  $g(n)$ :

$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ , iff  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  and  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$

$$c_1, c_2, n_0$$

$$n \geq n_0$$

$$c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$$

# Analysis of Sequential Search

## Sequential Search

```
for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $n - 1$  do  
  if  $list[i] == searchnum$   
    return  $i$   
  end if  
end for  
return  $-1$ 
```

- best case (e.g.  $searchnum$  at 0): time  $\Theta(1)$
- worst case (e.g.  $searchnum$  at last or not found): time  $\Theta(n)$
- in general: time  $\Omega(1)$  and  $O(n)$

# Analysis of Binary Search

## Binary Search

```
left ← 0, right ← n - 1
while left ≤ right do
    middle ← floor((left + right)/2)
    if list[middle] > searchnum
        left ← middle + 1
    else if
        list[middle] < searchnum
            right ← middle - 1
    else
        return middle
    end if
end while
return -1
```

- best case (e.g. *searchnum* at *middle*): time  $\Theta(1)$
- worst case (e.g. *searchnum* not found):  
because  $(right - left)$  is halved in each WHILE iteration, needs time  $\Theta(\log n)$  iterations if not found
- in general:  
time  $\Omega(1)$  and  $O(\log n)$

often care about the worst case (and thus see  $O(\cdot)$  often)



# Asymptotic Notation: Prove from Definition

$$\log_2 n$$

$$n$$

$$\log_2 n \leq c \cdot n$$
  
$$\frac{1}{\ln 2} \leq c$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 0$$
  
$$\Downarrow$$
  
$$f(n) = o(g(n))$$

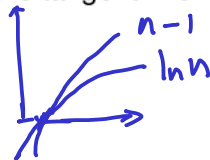
Prove that  $\log_2 n$  is  $O(n)$ .

## Informal thoughts:

- i.e., show that there exists  $n_0$  and  $c$  such that  $\log_2 n \leq cn$  for  $n \geq n_0$ .
- $\ln n \leq n - 1 \leq n$  for  $n \geq 1$  because  $g(n) = n - 1$  is the tangent line of  $f(n) = \ln n$
- so  $\ln 2 \log_2 n \leq n$  for  $n \geq 1$ , where are  $n_0$  and  $c$ ?

## Formal proof:

$$\frac{1}{\ln 2} \leq c$$



Take  $n_0 = \dots, c = \dots$ ;

for  $n \geq n_0, \dots$  so  $\log_2 n \leq cn$ . That is,  $\log_2 n = O(n)$ .

# Sequential and Binary Search

- Input: **any** integer array *list* with size *n*, an integer *searchnum*
- Output: if *searchnum* is not within *list*, -1; otherwise, **othernum**

## DIRECT-SEQ-SEARCH (*list*, *n*, *searchnum*)

```
for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $n - 1$  do
  if  $list[i] == searchnum$ 
    return  $i$ 
  end if
end for
return -1
```

## SORT-AND-BIN-SEARCH (*list*, *n*, *searchnum*)

```
SEL-SORT(list, n)
return BIN-SEARCH(list, n, searchnum)
```

↙ linear (in  $n$ )

- DIRECT-SEQ-SEARCH is  $O(n)$  time
- SORT-AND-BIN-SEARCH is  $O(n^2)$  time for SEL-SORT (**Why?**) and  $O(\log n)$  time for BIN-SEARCH

quadratic  
logarithmic

want: show asymptotic complexity of SORT-AND-BIN-SEARCH as its bottleneck

# Some Properties of Big-Oh

## Theorem ( 封閉律 )

if  $f_1(n) = O(g_2(n))$ ,  $f_2(n) = O(g_2(n))$  then  $f_1(n) + f_2(n) = O(g_2(n))$

- When  $n \geq n_1$ ,  $f_1(n) \leq c_1 g_2(n)$
- When  $n \geq n_2$ ,  $f_2(n) \leq c_2 g_2(n)$
- So, when  $n \geq \underbrace{\max(n_1, n_2)}_{n_0}$ ,  $f_1(n) + f_2(n) \leq \underbrace{(c_1 + c_2)}_c g_2(n)$

# Some Properties of Big-Oh

## Theorem ( 遞移律 )

*if  $f_1(n) = O(g_1(n))$ ,  $g_1(n) = O(g_2(n))$  then  $f_1(n) = O(g_2(n))$*

- When  $n \geq n_1$ ,  $f_1(n) \leq c_1 g_1(n)$
- When  $n \geq n_2$ ,  $g_1(n) \leq c_2 g_2(n)$
- So, when  $n \geq \max(n_1, n_2)$ ,  $f_1(n) \leq c_1 c_2 g_2(n)$

# Some Properties of Big-Oh

## Theorem ( 併吞律 )

if  $f_1(n) = O(g_1(n))$ ,  $f_2(n) = O(g_2(n))$  and  $g_1(n) = O(g_2(n))$  then  
 $f_1(n) + f_2(n) = O(g_2(n))$

*Proof: use two theorems above.*

# Some Properties of Big-Oh

## Theorem

If  $f(n) = a_m n^m + \cdots + a_1 n + a_0$ , then  $f(n) = O(n^m)$

*Proof: use the theorem above.*

similar proof for  $\Omega$  and  $\Theta$

## Some More on Big-Oh

RECURSIVE-BIN-SEARCH is  $O(\log n)$  time and  $O(\log n)$  space

- by 遞移律, time also  $O(n)$
- time also  $O(n \log n)$
- time also  $O(n^2)$
- also  $O(2^n)$
- ...

prefer the tightest Big-Oh!

# Practical Complexity

some input sizes are time-wise **infeasible** for some algorithms

when 1-billion-steps-per-second

$n$	$n$	$n \log_2 n$	$n^2$	$n^3$	$n^4$	$n^{10}$	$2^n$
10	$0.01 \mu s$	$0.03 \mu s$	$0.1 \mu s$	$1 \mu s$	$10 \mu s$	10s	$1 \mu s$
20	$0.02 \mu s$	$0.09 \mu s$	$0.4 \mu s$	$8 \mu s$	$160 \mu s$	2.84h	1ms
30	$0.03 \mu s$	$0.15 \mu s$	$0.9 \mu s$	$27 \mu s$	$810 \mu s$	6.83d	1s
40	$0.04 \mu s$	$0.21 \mu s$	$1.6 \mu s$	$64 \mu s$	2.56ms	121d	18m
50	$0.05 \mu s$	$0.28 \mu s$	$2.5 \mu s$	$125 \mu s$	6.25ms	3.1y	13d
100	$0.10 \mu s$	$0.66 \mu s$	$10 \mu s$	1ms	100ms	3171y	$4 \cdot 10^{13} y$
$10^3$	$1 \mu s$	$9.96 \mu s$	1ms	1s	16.67m	$3 \cdot 10^{13} y$	$3 \cdot 10^{284} y$
$10^4$	$10 \mu s$	$130 \mu s$	100ms	1000s	115.7d	$3 \cdot 10^{23} y$	
$10^5$	$100 \mu s$	1.66ms	10s	11.57d	3171y	$3 \cdot 10^{33} y$	
$10^6$	1ms	19.92ms	16.67m	32y	$3 \cdot 10^7 y$	$3 \cdot 10^{43} y$	

note: similar for space complexity,  
e.g. store an  $N$  by  $N$  double matrix when  $N = 50000$ ?