

# CS341: ALGORITHMS (F23)

## Lecture 1

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# COURSE MECHANICS



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- **In person**
  - Lectures
  - “Lab” section is for tutorials
- **Course website:** <https://student.cs.uwaterloo.ca/~cs341/>
  - Syllabus, calendar, policies, slides, assignments...
  - Read this and **mark** important dates.
- **Keep up with the lectures:** Material **builds** over time...
- **Piazza:** For questions and announcements.

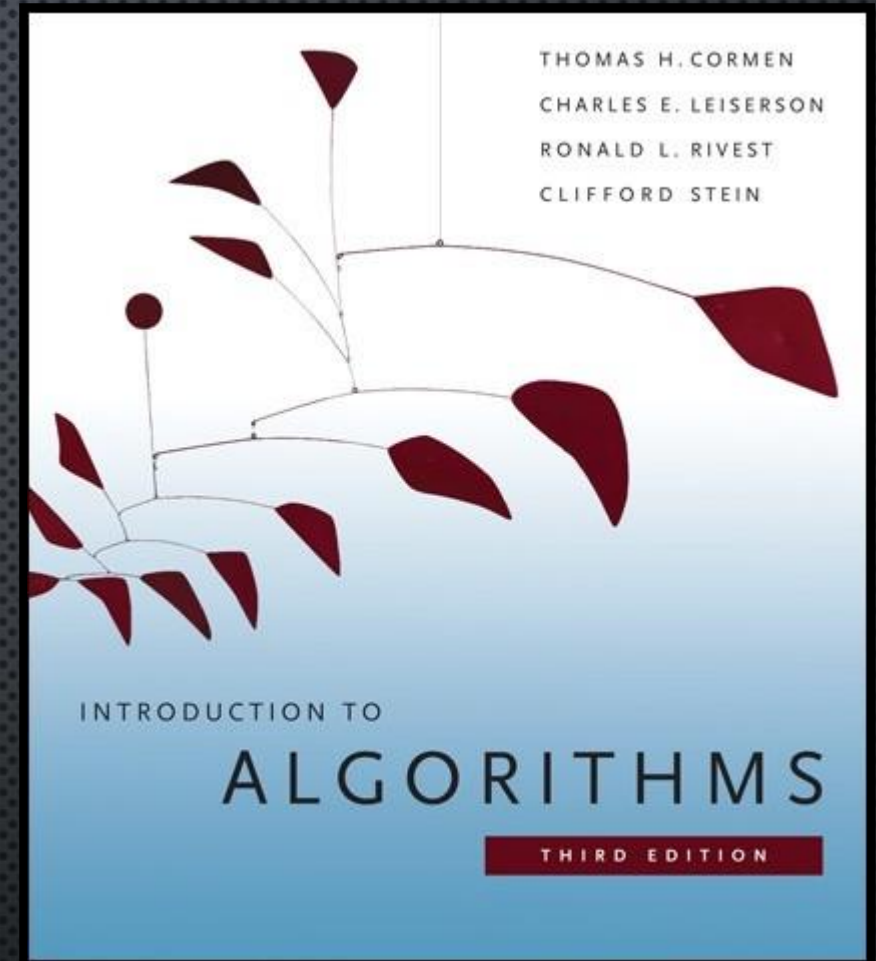


# ASSESSMENTS

- **All sections** have **same** assignments, midterm and final
- Sections are roughly synchronized to ensure necessary content is taught
- Tentative plan is 5 assignments, midterm, final
- See website for grading scheme, etc.

# TEXTBOOK

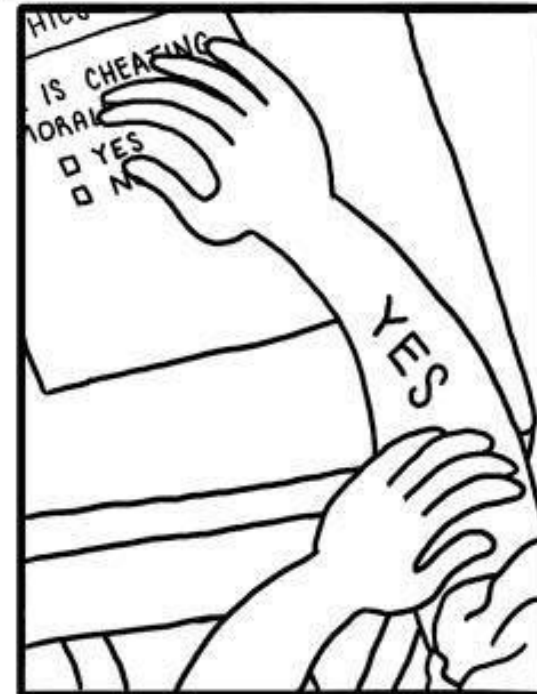
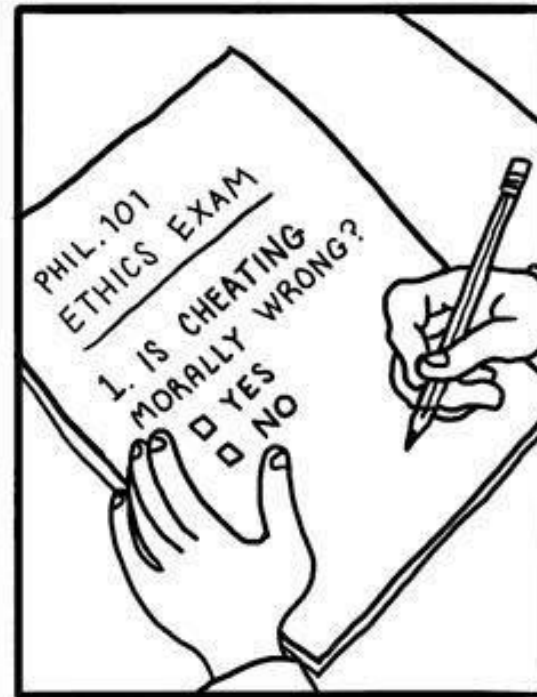
- Available **for free** via library website!
- You are expected to know
  - entire textbook sections, as listed on course website
  - **all the material presented in lectures** (unless we explicitly say you aren't responsible for it)
- Some other textbooks cover some material better... see [www](http://www)





# ACADEMIC OFFENSES

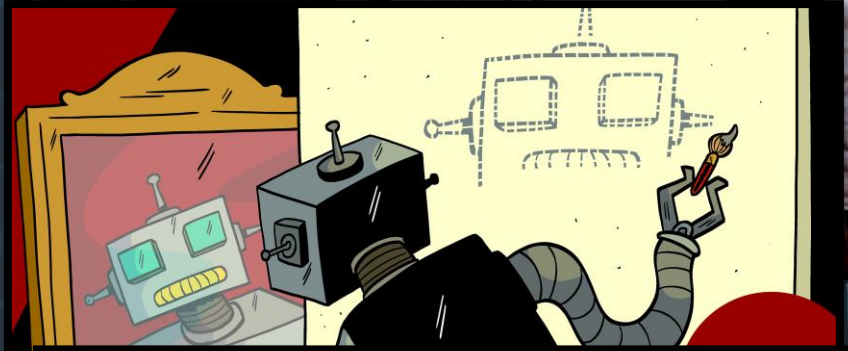
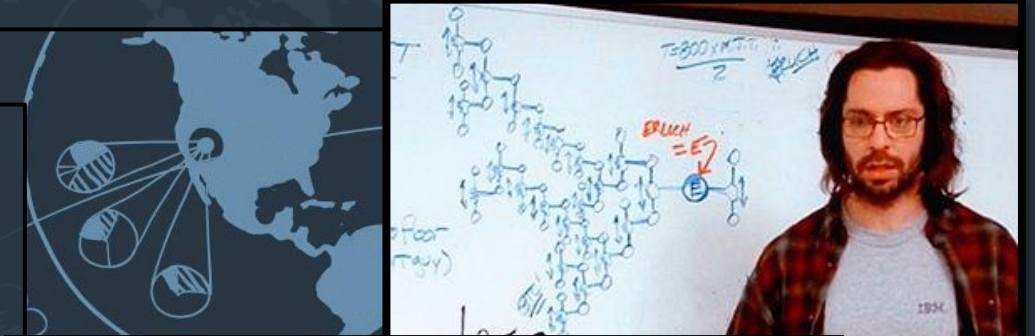
- Beware plagiarism
  - **High level discussion** about solutions with individual students is **OK**
  - Don't take written notes away from such discussions
  - Class-wide discussion of solutions is **not OK** (until deadline+2 days)





# WHY IS CS341 IMPORTANT FOR YOU?

- Algorithms is the heart of CS
  - It appears often in later courses
  - It dominates **technical interviews**
    - Master this material...  
make your interviews easy!
- Designing algorithms is **creative** work
  - Useful for some of the more interesting jobs out there
- And, you want to graduate...



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**CS 341 Algorithms**

[Watch a video introduction to this course on YouTube.](#)

**Objectives**

To study efficient algorithms, effective algorithm design techniques and approaches to handling situations in which no feasible...

**Intended Audience**

CS 341 is a required course for all CS major academic plans and is normally completed in a student's 3B term. A course in algorithms and algorithm design is considered essential for all Computer Science graduates. CS 234 is available for students in other plans

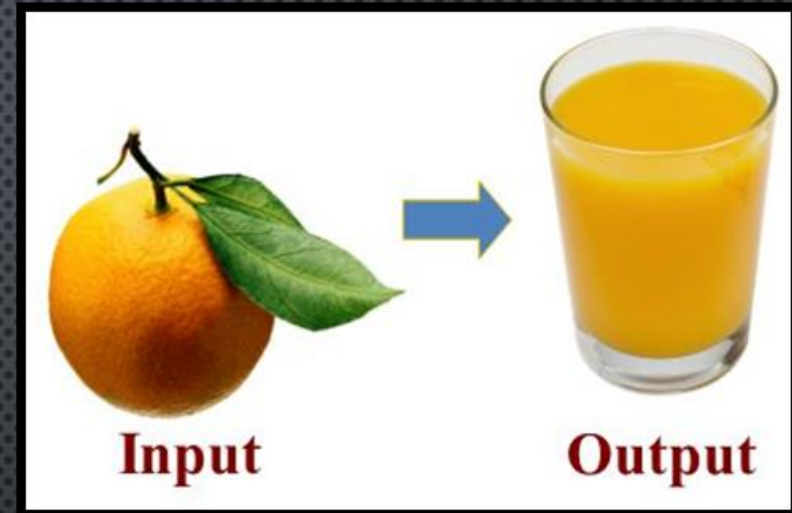
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# MODELS OF COMPUTATION

# WHAT IS A **COMPUTATIONAL PROBLEM**?

- Informally: A description of input, and the **desired output**



# WHAT IS AN **ALGORITHM**?

- Informally: A well-defined **procedure** (sequence of steps) to solve a **computational problem**





# ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

- Every program uses **resources**
  - CPU instructions / cycles → **time**
  - Memory (RAM) → **space**
  - Others: I/O, network bandwidth/messages, locks...  
(not covered in this course)
- **Analysis** is the study of **how many** resources an algorithm uses
  - Usually using big-O notation (to ignore constant factors)

When your interviewer asks for the time complexity of your algorithm but you have no idea what that means

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Big Oof notation

...

Reply

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**Running Time of a Program:**  $T_M(I)$  denotes the running time of a program  $M$  on a problem instance  $I$ .

**Worst-case Running Time as a Function of Input Size:**  $T_M(n)$  denotes the *maximum* running time of program  $M$  on instances of size  $n$ :

$$T_M(n) = \max\{T_M(I) : \text{Size}(I) = n\}.$$

**Average-case Running Time as a Function of Input Size:**  $T_M^{avg}(n)$  denotes the *average* running time of program  $M$  over all instances of size  $n$ :

$$T_M^{avg}(n) = \frac{1}{|\{I : \text{Size}(I) = n\}|} \sum_{\{I : \text{Size}(I) = n\}} T_M(I).$$

But how do we know how much **time**  $M$  will take on input  $I$ ?

Depends on the **model of computation**



# MODELS OF COMPUTATION

- Make analysis possible
- Ones covered in this course
  - **Unit cost** model
  - **Word RAM** model
  - **Bit complexity** model

# UNIT COST MODEL

- Each variable (or array entry) is a **word**
- Words can contain unlimited bits
- **Basic operations on words take  $O(1)$  time**
  - Read/write a word in  $O(1)$
  - Add two words in  $O(1)$
  - Multiply two words in  $O(1)$
- **Space complexity** is the **number of words** used (excluding the input)



# BUT SOMETIMES WE CARE ABOUT WORD SIZE

- Suppose we want to **limit** the size of words
- Must consider how many **bits** are needed to represent a number  $n$

**Need  $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$  bits to store  $n$**

**i.e.,  $\Theta(\log n)$  bits**

| n in decimal | n in binary | $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$ |
|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 1            | 1           | $\lfloor 0 \rfloor + 1 = 1$    |
| 2            | 10          | $\lfloor 1 \rfloor + 1 = 2$    |
| 3            | 11          | $\lfloor 1.58 \rfloor + 1 = 2$ |
| 4            | 100         | $\lfloor 2 \rfloor + 1 = 3$    |
| 5            | 101         | $\lfloor 2.32 \rfloor + 1 = 3$ |
| 6            | 110         | $\lfloor 2.58 \rfloor + 1 = 3$ |
| 7            | 111         | $\lfloor 2.81 \rfloor + 1 = 3$ |
| 8            | 1000        | $\lfloor 3 \rfloor + 1 = 4$    |
| 9            | 1001        | $\lfloor 3.17 \rfloor + 1 = 4$ |
| 10           | 1010        | $\lfloor 3.32 \rfloor + 1 = 4$ |
| 11           | 1011        | $\lfloor 3.46 \rfloor + 1 = 4$ |
| 12           | 1100        | $\lfloor 3.58 \rfloor + 1 = 4$ |

# WORD RAM MODEL

- Key difference: we care about the **size of words**
- Words can contain  $O(\lg n)$  bits, where **n** is the **number of words in the input**
  - Word size depends on input size!
  - Intuition: if the input is an **array of n words**, a **word** is large enough to store an **array index**
- **Basic operations on words still take  $O(1)$  time**
  - (but the values they can contain are limited)



# BIT COMPLEXITY MODEL

- Each variable (or array entry) is a **bit string**
- Size of a variable  $x$  is the number of bits it needs
  - It takes  **$O(\log v)$  bits** to represent a **value  $v$**
  - So if  $v$  is stored in  $x$ , the size of  $x$  must be  $\Omega(\lg v)$  bits
- **Basic operations** are performed on **individual bits**
  - Read/write a bit in  $O(1)$
  - Add/multiply two bits in  $O(1)$
- **Space complexity** is the total **number of bits** used (excluding the input)

# BENTLEY'S PROBLEM

A worked example to demonstrate algorithm design & analysis



# Bentley's Problem (introductory example)

Given an array of  $n$  integers,  $A[1], \dots, A[n]$ , find the maximum sum of consecutive entries of  $A$  (return 0 if all entries of  $A$  are negative).

## Example 1

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

Array index

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Solution: 19  
(take **all** of  $A[1..8]$ )

## Example 2

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| -1 | -7 | -4 | -1 | -2 | -1 | -3 | -1 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|

Index

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Solution: 0  
(take **no** elements of  $A$ )

## Example 3

|   |    |   |   |   |    |   |    |
|---|----|---|---|---|----|---|----|
| 1 | -7 | 4 | 0 | 2 | -1 | 3 | -1 |
|---|----|---|---|---|----|---|----|

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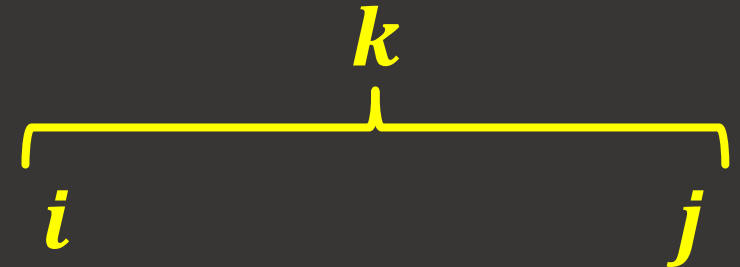
Solution: 8  
(take  $A[3..7]$ )

# Bentley's Problem: Solution 1

Design: brute force

```
max := 0;
for i := 1 to n do
  for j := i to n do
    // compute A[i] + ... + A[j]
    sum := 0;
    for k := i to j do
      sum := sum + A[k];
    // compare to maximum sum observed so far
    if sum > max then max := sum;
```

Try all combinations of  $i, j$   
And for each combination,  
sum over  $k = i..j$



|   |    |   |   |   |    |   |    |
|---|----|---|---|---|----|---|----|
| 1 | -7 | 4 | 0 | 2 | -1 | 3 | -1 |
|---|----|---|---|---|----|---|----|

**Time:**

in unit cost model?



# Bentley's Problem: Solution 2

Design: slightly better  
brute force

```
max := 0;
for i := 1 to n do
  // for each j, compute A[i] + ... + A[j]
  sum := 0;
  for j := i to n do
    // update sum by adding the next entry A[j]
    sum := sum + A[j];
    // compare to maximum sum observed so far
    if sum > max then max := sum;
```

Avoid repeatedly summing over  $k = i..j$

|   |    |   |   |   |    |   |    |
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$i = j$   $j$   $j$   $j$

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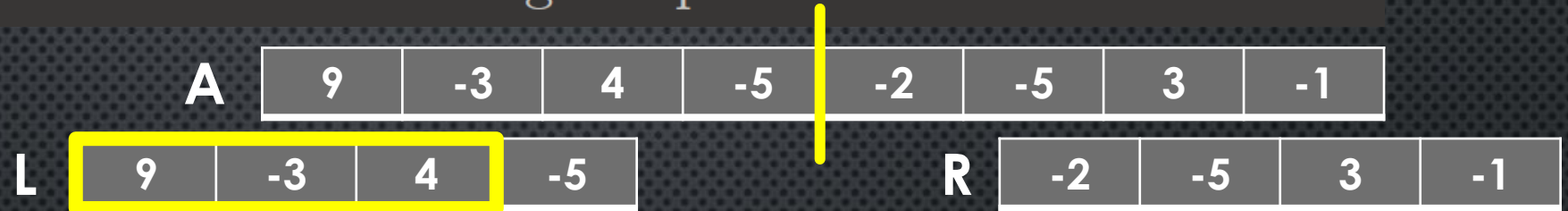
# Bentley's Problem: Solution 3

Divide-and-Conquer can also be used here:

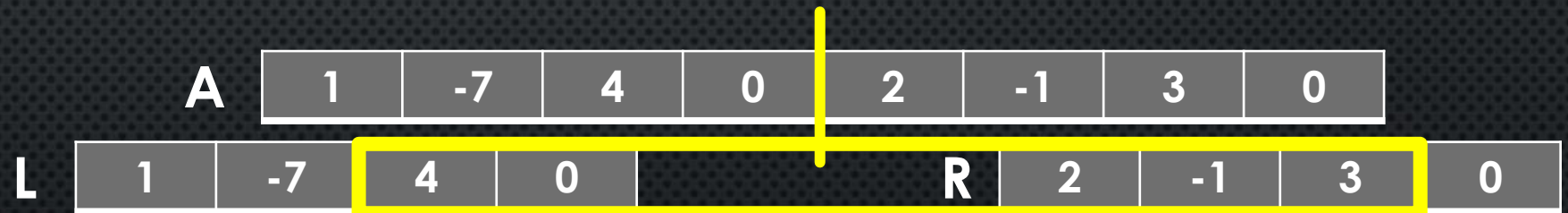
Divide an array into two equally-sized parts.

Our solution must either be entirely in the left part, or entirely in the right part, or it must be crossing the partition line.

**Case 1:** optimal sol'n is entirely in L



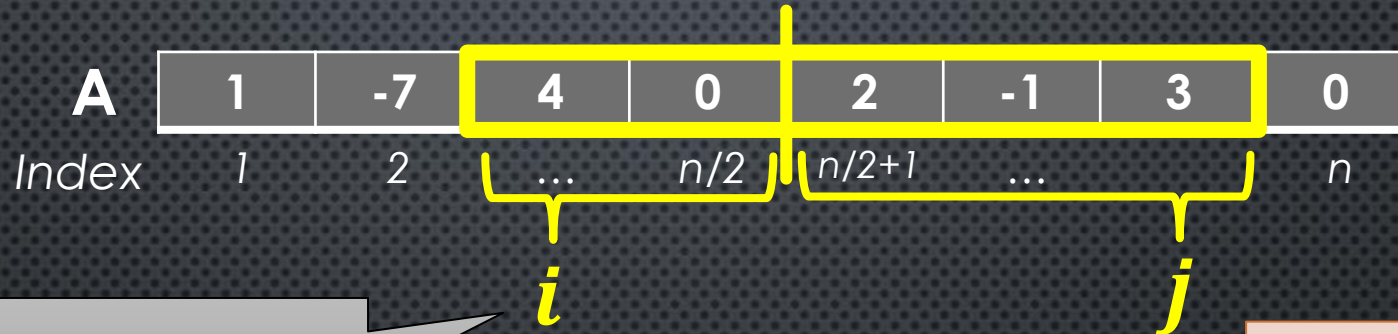
**Case 2:** optimal sol'n is entirely in R



**Case 3:** optimal sol'n crosses the partition



**Find:** maximum subarray **going over the middle** partition



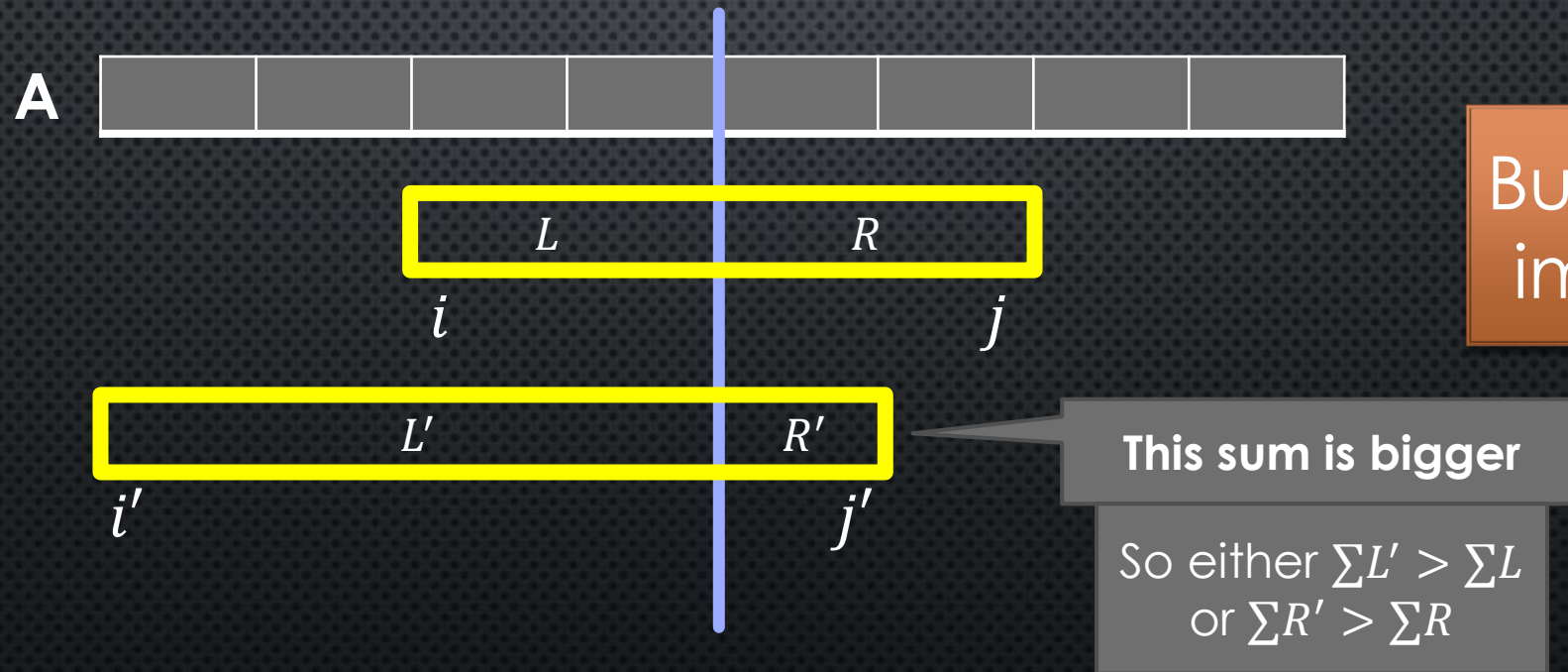
Find  $i$  that maximizes the sum over  $i \dots n/2$

Find  $j$  that maximizes the sum over  $(\frac{n}{2} + 1) \dots j$

**We can prove  $A[i \dots j]$  is the maximum subarray going over the middle partition!**

# WHY $A[i \dots j]$ IS MAXIMAL

- Suppose not for contradiction
- Then some  $A[i' \dots j']$  that crosses the **partition** has a **larger** sum



But both are impossible!



```

1 function solveDnC(A)
2   let n = sizeof(A)
3
4   // base case
5   if n == 1 then return max(0, A[1])
6
7   // recursive case
8   maxL = solveDnC(A[1 .. n/2])
9   maxR = solveDnC(A[n/2+1 .. n])
10
11  // compute maxM
12  tempSum = 0
13  maxI = 0
14  for i = n/2 .. 1
15    tempSum = tempSum + A[i]
16    if tempSum > maxI then maxI = tempSum
17
18  tempSum = 0
19  maxJ = 0
20  for j = n/2+1 .. n
21    tempSum = tempSum + A[j]
22    if tempSum > maxJ then maxJ = tempSum
23
24  maxM = maxI + maxJ
25  return max( maxL, maxR, maxM )

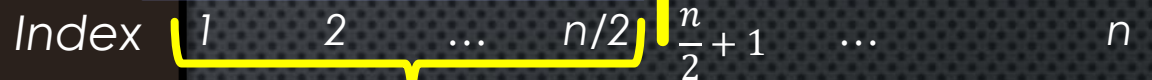
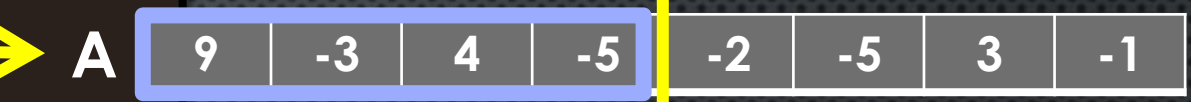
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maxL = 10

maxR = 3

maxM = maxI + maxJ = 5



maxI = 5

maxJ = 0

Return max( 10, 3, 5 ) = 10

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21    tempSum = tempSum + A[j]
22    if tempSum > maxJ then maxJ = tempSum
23
24  maxM = maxI + maxJ
25  return max( maxL, maxR, maxM )

```



maxL = 4

maxR = 4

maxM = maxI + maxJ = 8



maxI = 4

maxJ = 4

Return max( 4, 4, 8 ) = 8



**Time:**  $\Theta(n \log n)$   
(in unit cost model)

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How do we analyze this running time?  
Need new mathematical techniques!

Recurrence relations, recursion tree  
methods, master theorem...

This result is really quite good...  
but can we do **asymptotically** better?

# ANALYSIS IN THE BIT COMPLEXITY MODEL

- Revisiting Solution 1

```
max := 0;
for i := 1 to n do
  for j := i to n do
    // compute A[i] + ... + A[j]
    sum := 0;
    for k := i to j do
      sum := sum + A[k];
    // compare to maximum sum observed so far
    if sum > max then max := sum;
```

Can only add a **pair of bits** in  $O(1)$  time. How many bits are added here?

**$\text{size}(A[k]) \in O(\log A[k])$  bits.**

**$\text{size}(\text{sum}) \in ???$**

**$\text{sum} = A[i] + \dots + A[k - 1]$**

**so  $\text{size}(\text{sum}) \in O(\log(A[i] + \dots + A[k - 1]))$  bits**

**How to simplify?**



# COMPLEXITY OF ADDITION

Adding two numbers  $x+y$  takes  $O(\max\{\text{size}(x), \text{size}(y)\})$  bit operations

This can be rewritten  $O(\text{size}(x)+\text{size}(y))$   
 $= O(\lg x + \lg y)$

$$\begin{array}{r} + 10110 \\ 10111 \\ \hline 101101 \end{array}$$

Fun fact: the size of  $x+y$  can be 1 bit larger than either  $x$  or  $y$  (multiplication can double #bits)

Let  $M = \max\{A[1], \dots, A[n]\}$

$\text{size}(\text{sum}) \in O(\log(A[i] + \dots + A[k-1]))$

$\in O(\log(M + \dots + M))$  bits

$\in O(\log((k-i)M))$  bits

Optional: simplify to  $O(\log kM)$

# ADDING SUM AND A[K]

```
sum := sum + A[k];
```

- **Recall**  $\text{size}(sum) \in O(\log kM)$ ,  $\text{size}(A[k]) \in O(\log A[k])$  bits
- Adding them takes  $O(\log(kM) + \log A[k])$  bit operations
- And since  $\log A[k] \leq \log M$  we get:  
 $O(\log(kM) + \log M)$
- And the first term asymptotically dominates:  
 **$O(\log kM)$**



# ZOOMING OUT TO THE K LOOP

```
for k := i to j do
  sum := sum + A[k];
```

- The addition happens for all values of  $k$
- Total time for the loop is at most  $\sum_{k=i}^j O(\log kM)$
- Complicated to sum for  $k = i \dots j$   
so get an upper bound with  $k = 1 \dots n$
- $\sum_{k=1}^n O(\log kM) = O(\log M + \log 2M + \log 3M + \dots + \log nM)$
- $\subseteq O(\underbrace{\log nM + \log nM + \log nM + \dots + \log nM}_n)$
- $= O(n \log nM)$

Careful to check this does not affect the  $\Theta$  complexity (much).  
(Check by finding similar  $\Omega$  result.)

And similarly for this...

# ACCOUNTING FOR THE OUTER LOOPS

- $k$  loop is repeated at most  $n^2$  times
- Each time taking at most  $O(n \log nM)$  time
- So total runtime is  $O(n^3 \log nM)$  time

```
max := 0;
for i := 1 to n do
  for j := i to n do
    // compute A[i] + ... + A[j]
    sum := 0;
    for k := i to j do
      sum := sum + A[k];
    // compare to maximum sum observed so far
    if sum > max then max := sum;
```

Compare to unit cost model:  
 $O(n^3)$  time

Difference is due to  
(1) growth in variable sizes and  
(2) cost of bitwise addition

log-factor difference is common...



# HOW ABOUT WORD RAM?

- If each variable fits in a single word, the analysis (and result) is as in the unit cost model
- Since there are  $n$  input words, each  $A[k]$  will fit in one word only if  $\text{size}(A[k]) \in O(\log n)$ 
  - i.e., if  $O(\log A[k]) = O(\log n)$
- If a variable is too big to fit in a word, it is stored in multiple words, and analysis looks more like bit complexity model

# BENTLEY'S SOLUTIONS: RUNTIME IN PRACTICE

- Consider solutions implemented in C
  - Some values **measured** on a Threadripper 3970x
  - Red values **extrapolated** from measurements
  - 0 represents time under 0.01s

| n          | Sol.4 $O(n)$ | Sol.3 $O(n \lg n)$ | Sol.2 $O(n^2)$ | Sol.1 $O(n^3)$    |
|------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 100        | 0            | 0                  | 0              | 0                 |
| 1,000      | 0            | 0                  | 0              | 0.12              |
| 10,000     | 0            | 0                  | 0.036          | 2 minutes         |
| 100,000    | 0            | 0.002              | 3.582          | 33 hours          |
| 1M         | 0.001        | 0.017              | 6 minutes      | 4 years           |
| 10M        | 0.012        | 0.195              | 12 hours       | 3700 years        |
| 100M       | 0.112        | 2.168              | 50 days        | 3.7M years        |
| 1 billion  | 1.124        | 24.57              | 1.5 years      | > age of life     |
| 10 billion | 19.15        | 5 minutes          | 150 years      | > age of universe |



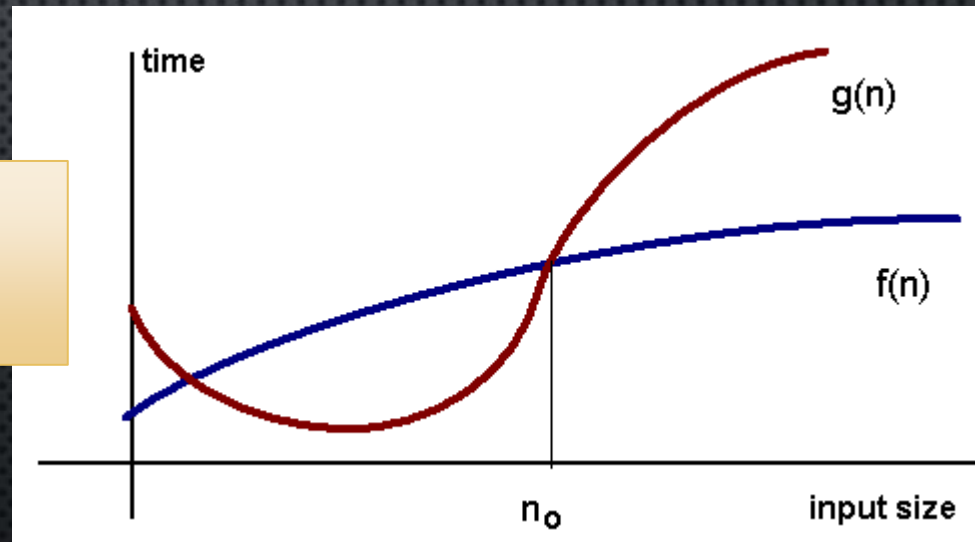
# HOMEWORK: BIG-O REVIEW & EXERCISES

## **O-notation:**

$f(n) \in O(g(n))$  if **there exist** constants  $c > 0$  and  $n_0 > 0$  such that  $0 \leq f(n) \leq cg(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

Here the complexity of  $f$  is **not higher** than the complexity of  $g$ .

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



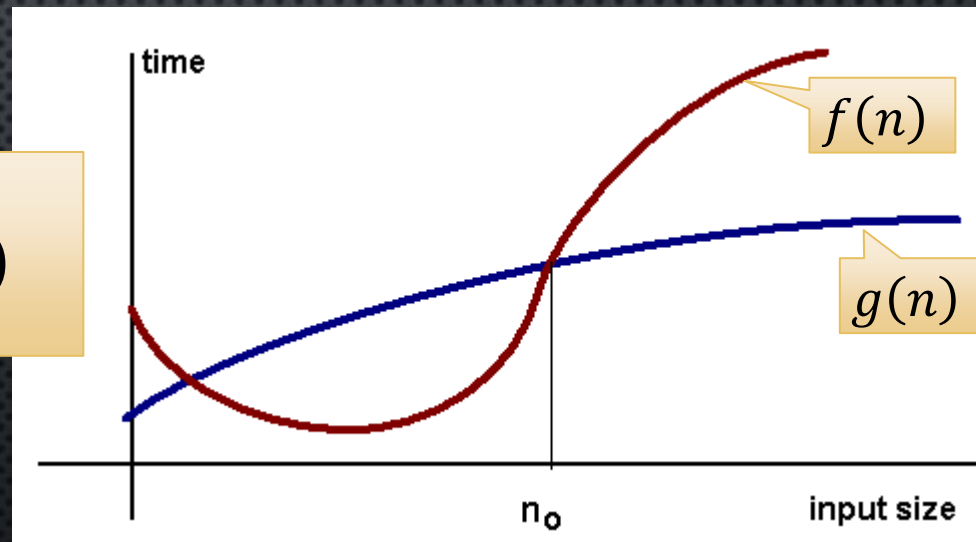


## $\Omega$ -notation:

$f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$  if **there exist** constants  $c > 0$  and  $n_0 > 0$  such that  $0 \leq cg(n) \leq f(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

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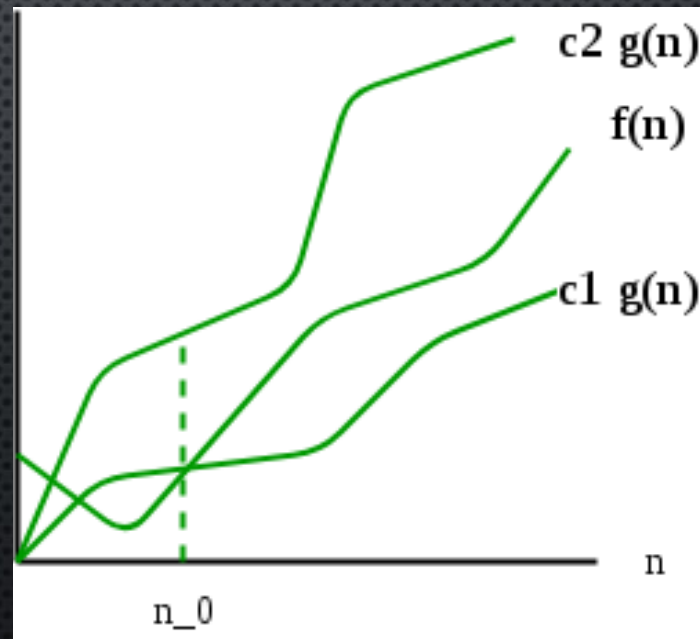
## $\Theta$ -notation:

$f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$  if **there exist** constants  $c_1, c_2 > 0$  and  $n_0 > 0$  such that  $0 \leq c_1g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2g(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

Here  $f$  and  $g$  have the **same complexity**.

$$f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$$

$$g(n) \in \Theta(f(n))$$



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

$$f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$$

$$O + \Omega = \Theta$$



## ***o*-notation:**

$f(n) \in o(g(n))$  if **for all** constants  $c > 0$ , there exists a constant  $n_0 > 0$  such that  $0 \leq f(n) \leq cg(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

Here  $f$  has **lower complexity** than  $g$ .

$f(n) \in o(g(n))$   
implies  
 $f(n) \in O(g(n))$

But NOT  
vice versa

## ***ω*-notation:**

$f(n) \in \omega(g(n))$  if **for all** constants  $c > 0$ , there exists a constant  $n_0 > 0$  such that  $0 \leq cg(n) \leq f(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

Here  $f$  has **higher complexity** than  $g$ .

$f(n) \in \omega(g(n))$   
implies  
 $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$

But NOT  
vice versa

# EXERCISE

- Which of the following are true?
- $n^2 \in O(n^3)$
- $n^2 \in o(n^3)$
- $n^3 \in \omega(n^3)$
- $\log n \in o(n)$
- $n \log n \in \Omega(n)$
- $n \log n^2 \in \omega(n \log n)$
- $n \in \Theta(n \log n)$



# EXERCISE

- Which of the following are true?
- $n^2 \in O(n^3)$  YES
- $n^2 \in o(n^3)$  YES
- $n^3 \in \omega(n^3)$  NO
- $\log n \in o(n)$  YES
- $n \log n \in \Omega(n)$  YES
- $n \log n^2 \in \omega(n \log n)$  NO
- $n \in \Theta(n \log n)$  NO

you vs. the guy she tells you not to  
worry about

$O(n^2)$

$O(n \log n)$

## COMPARING GROWTH RATES



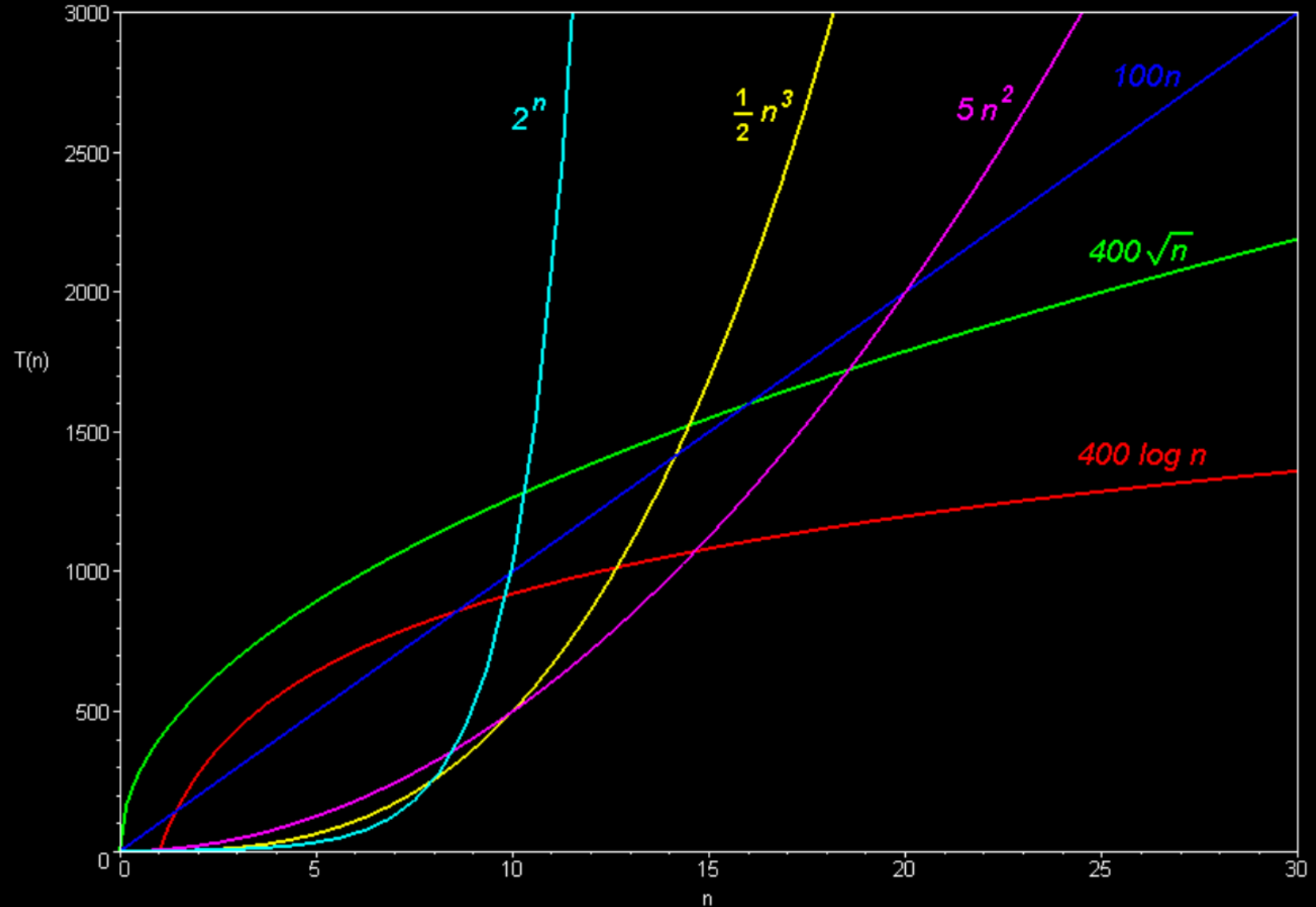
# Some Common Growth Rates (in increasing order)

polynomial

- $\Theta(1)$
- $\Theta(\log n)$
- $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$
- $\Theta(n)$
- $\Theta(n^2)$
- $\Theta(n^c)$

exponential

- $\Theta(1.1^n)$
- $\Theta(2^n)$
- $\Theta(e^n)$
- $\Theta(n!)$
- $\Theta(n^n)$



# LIMIT TECHNIQUE

## FOR COMPARING GROWTH RATES

Suppose that  $f(n) > 0$  and  $g(n) > 0$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . Suppose that

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)}.$$

Then

$$f(n) \in \begin{cases} o(g(n)) & \text{if } L = 0 \\ \Theta(g(n)) & \text{if } 0 < L < \infty \\ \omega(g(n)) & \text{if } L = \infty. \end{cases}$$



# LIMIT RULES 1/3

## *Constant Function Rule*

The limit of a constant function is the constant:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} C = C.$$

## *Sum Rule*

This rule states that the limit of the sum of two functions is equal to the sum of their limits:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x).$$

All of the identities shown hold **only if the limits exist**

## LIMIT RULES 2/3

### *Product Rule*

This rule says that the limit of the product of two functions is the product of their limits (if they exist):

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x).$$

### *Quotient Rule*

The limit of quotient of two functions is the quotient of their limits, provided that the limit in the denominator function is not zero:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)}, \quad \text{if } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \neq 0.$$



### *Power Rule*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^p = \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right]^p,$$

### Limit of an Exponential Function

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} b^{f(x)} = b^{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}$$

### Limit of a Logarithm of a Function

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \log_b f(x) = \log_b \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

(Where base  $b > 0$ )

# L'HOSPITAL'S RULE

- Often we take the limit of  $\frac{f(n)}{g(n)}$  where both  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  tend to  $\infty$ , or both  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  tend to 0
- Such limits require L'Hospital's rule
  - This rule says the limit of  $f(n)/g(n)$  in this case is the same as the limit of the **derivative**
- In other words, 
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dn}f(n)}{\frac{d}{dn}g(n)}$$



# USING THE LIMIT METHOD: EXERCISE 1

- Compare growth rate of  $n^2$  and  $n^2 - 7n - 30$

- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 - 7n - 30}{n^2}$

- $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{7}{n} - \frac{30}{n^2}\right)$

- $= 1$

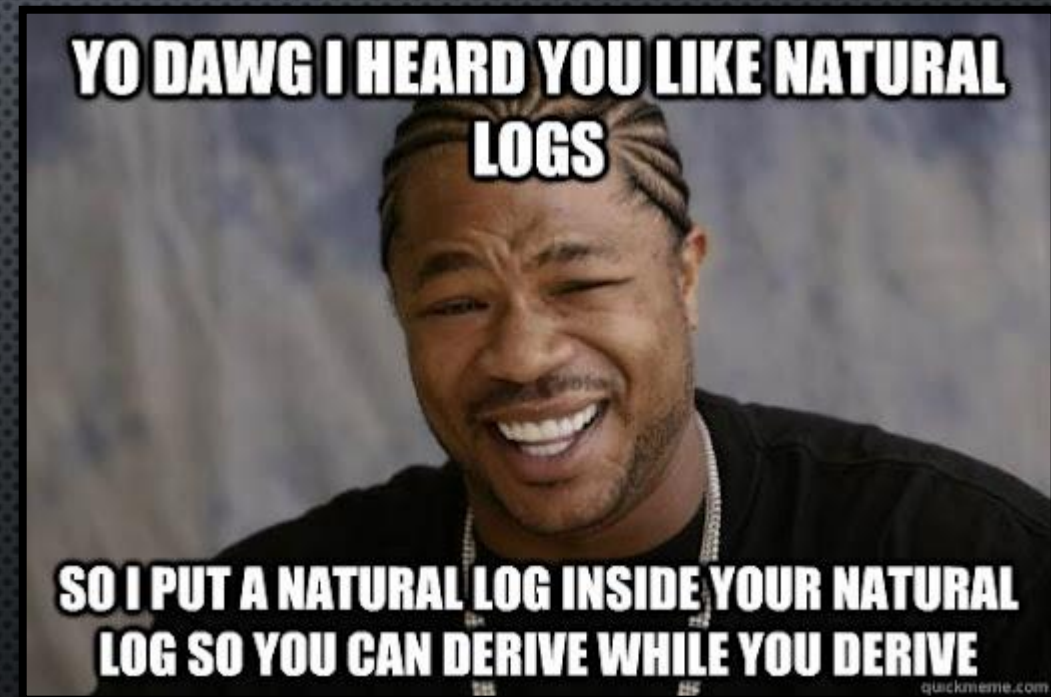
- So  $n^2 - 7n - 30 \in \Theta(n^2)$



# USING THE LIMIT METHOD: EXERCISE 2

- Compare growth rate of  $(\ln n)^2$  and  $n^{1/2}$

- $$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln n)^2}{n^{1/2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dn}(\ln n)^2}{\frac{d}{dn}n^{1/2}}$$





# USING THE LIMIT METHOD: EXERCISE 2

- Compare growth rate of  $(\ln n)^2$  and  $n^{1/2}$

$$\bullet \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dn}(\ln n)^2}{\frac{d}{dn}n^{1/2}}$$

$$\bullet = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 \ln n (1/n)}{\frac{1}{2}n^{-1/2}}$$

$$\bullet = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4 \ln n}{n^{1/2}}$$

$$\bullet = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dn}4 \ln n}{\frac{d}{dn}n^{1/2}}$$

$$\bullet = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4/n}{\frac{1}{2}n^{-1/2}}$$

$$\bullet = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8}{n^{1/2}}$$

$$\bullet = 0$$

$$\bullet \text{ So, } (\ln n)^2 \in o(n^{1/2})$$

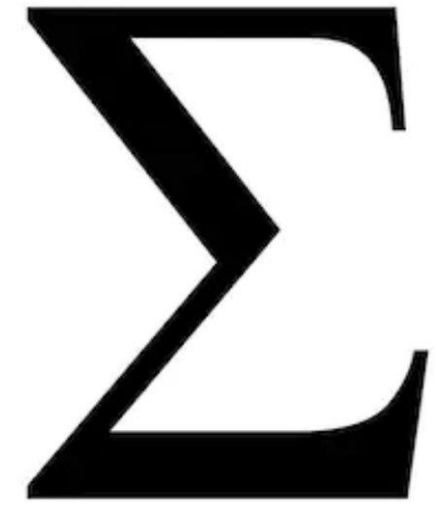
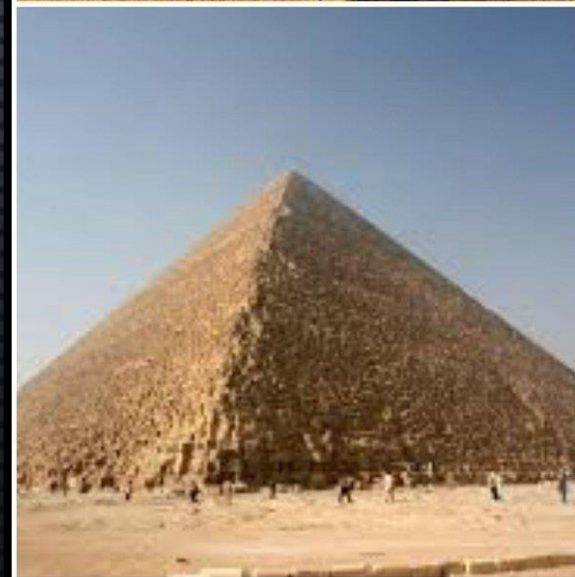
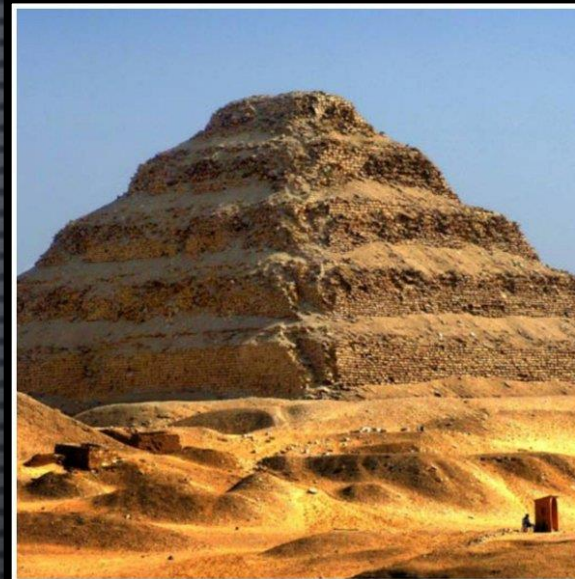
Try these at home...

## Additional Exercises

- 1 Compare the growth rate of the functions  $(3 + (-1)^n)n$  and  $n$ .
- 2 Compare the growth rates of the functions  $f(n) = n |\sin \pi n/2| + 1$  and  $g(n) = \sqrt{n}$ .



# SUMMATIONS AND SEQUENCES



# Algebra of Order Notations

**“Maximum” rules:** Suppose that  $f(n) > 0$  and  $g(n) > 0$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

Then:

$$O(f(n) + g(n)) = O(\max\{f(n), g(n)\})$$

$$\Theta(f(n) + g(n)) = \Theta(\max\{f(n), g(n)\})$$

$$\Omega(f(n) + g(n)) = \Omega(\max\{f(n), g(n)\})$$

**“Summation” rules:** Suppose  $I$  is a **finite** set. Then

$$O\left(\sum_{i \in I} f(i)\right) = \sum_{i \in I} O(f(i))$$

$$\Theta\left(\sum_{i \in I} f(i)\right) = \sum_{i \in I} \Theta(f(i))$$

$$\Omega\left(\sum_{i \in I} f(i)\right) = \sum_{i \in I} \Omega(f(i))$$

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Summation rules are commonly used in loop analysis.

Example:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^n O(i) &= O\left(\sum_{i=1}^n i\right) \\ &= O\left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right) \\ &= O(n^2).\end{aligned}$$

# SEQUENCES

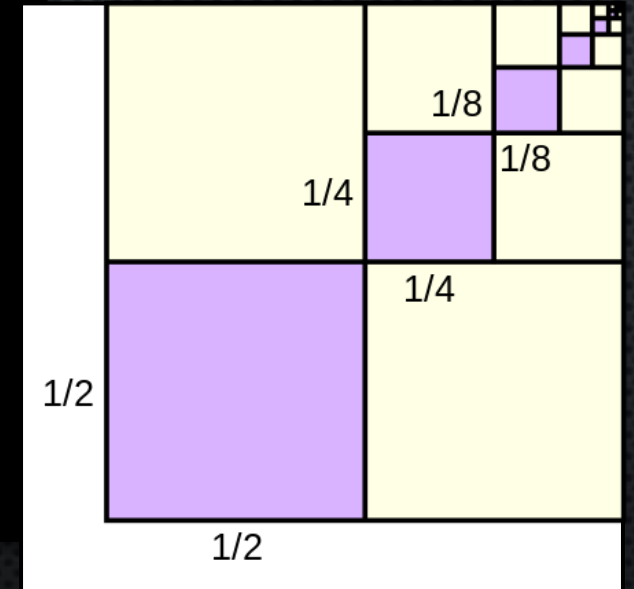
## Arithmetic sequence:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (a + di) = na + \frac{dn(n-1)}{2} \in \Theta(n^2).$$



## Geometric sequence:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} ar^i = \begin{cases} a \frac{r^n - 1}{r - 1} \in \Theta(r^n) & \text{if } r > 1 \\ na \in \Theta(n) & \text{if } r = 1 \\ a \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} \in \Theta(1) & \text{if } 0 < r < 1. \end{cases}$$





# SEQUENCES CONTINUED

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**Arithmetic-geometric sequence:**

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (a + di)r^i = \frac{a}{1-r} - \frac{(a + (n-1)d)r^n}{1-r} + \frac{dr(1-r^{n-1})}{(1-r)^2}$$

provided that  $r \neq 1$ .

**Harmonic sequence:**

$$H_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \in \Theta(\log n)$$

## Miscellaneous Formulae

$$n! \in \Theta(n^{n+1/2}e^{-n})$$

$$\log n! \in \Theta(n \log n)$$

Another useful formula is

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6},$$

which implies that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^2} \in \Theta(1).$$

A sum of powers of integers when  $c \geq 1$ :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^c \in \Theta(n^{c+1}).$$

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# LOGARITHM RULES

# Logarithm Formulae

$$1 \quad \log_b xy = \log_b x + \log_b y$$

$$2 \quad \log_b x/y = \log_b x - \log_b y$$

$$3 \quad \log_b 1/x = -\log_b x$$

$$4 \quad \log_b x^y = y \log_b x$$

$$5 \quad \log_b a = \frac{1}{\log_a b}$$

$$6 \quad \log_b a = \frac{\log_c a}{\log_c b}$$

$$7 \quad a^{\log_b c} = c^{\log_b a}$$



# BASE OF LOGARITHM DOES NOT MATTER!

- Big-O notation does not distinguish between log bases
- Proof:
  - Fix two constant logarithm bases  $b$  and  $c$
  - From log rules, we can change from  $\log_c$  to  $\log_b$  by using formula:  $\log_b x = \log_c x / \log_c b$
  - But  $\log_c b$  is a **constant!**
  - So  $\log_c x \in \Theta(\log_b x)$

We typically omit the base, and just write  $\Theta(\log x)$  for this reason

# LOOP ANALYSIS



# META-ALGORITHM FOR ANALYZING LOOPS

- Identify operations that require only constant time
- The complexity of a **loop** is the **sum** of the complexities of **all iterations**
- Analyze independent loops separately and add the results
- If loops are nested, it often helps to start at the innermost, and proceed outward... but,
  - sometimes you must express several nested loops together in a single equation (using nested summations),
  - and actually evaluate the nested summations... (can be hard)



# TWO BIG-O ANALYSIS STRATEGIES

- **Strategy 1**

- Prove a  $O$ -bound and a matching  $\Omega$ -bound separately to get a  $\Theta$ -bound.

*Often easier  
(but not always)*

- **Strategy 2**

- Use  $\Theta$ -bounds throughout the analysis and thereby obtain a  $\Theta$ -bound for the complexity of the algorithm



# EXAMPLE 1

**Algorithm:** *LoopAnalysis1*( $n : \text{integer}$ )

(1)  $sum \leftarrow 0$

(2) **for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n$

**do**  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{for } j \leftarrow 1 \text{ to } i \\ \text{do } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} sum \leftarrow sum + (i - j)^2 \\ sum \leftarrow \lfloor sum/i \rfloor \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right.$

(3) **return** ( $sum$ )

## Strategy 1: big-O and big-Ω bounds

We focus on the two nested **for** loops (i.e., (2)).

The total number of iterations is  $\sum_{i=1}^n i$ , with  $\Theta(1)$  time per

**Upper bound:**

$$\sum_{i=1}^n O(i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n O(n) = O(n^2).$$

**Lower bound:**

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \Omega(i) \geq \sum_{i=n/2}^n \Omega(i) \geq \sum_{i=n/2}^n \Omega(n/2) = \Omega(n^2/4) = \Omega(n^2).$$

Since the upper and lower bounds **match**, the complexity is  $\Theta(n^2)$ .

**Algorithm:** *LoopAnalysis1*( $n : integer$ )

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**do**  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{for } j \leftarrow 1 \text{ to } i \\ \text{do } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} sum \leftarrow sum + (i - j)^2 \\ sum \leftarrow \lfloor sum/i \rfloor \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right.$

(3) **return** ( $sum$ )



## Strategy 2: use $\Theta$ -bounds throughout the analysis

**Algorithm:** *LoopAnalysis1*( $n$  : integer)

(1)  $sum \leftarrow 0$

(2) **for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n$

**do**  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{for } j \leftarrow 1 \text{ to } i \\ \text{do } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} sum \leftarrow sum + (i - j)^2 \\ sum \leftarrow \lfloor sum/i \rfloor \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right.$

(3) **return** ( $sum$ )

**$\Theta$ -bound analysis**

(1)  $\Theta(1)$

(2) Complexity of inner **for** loop:  $\Theta(i)$

Complexity of outer **for** loop:  $\sum_{i=1}^n \Theta(i) = \Theta(n^2)$

(3)  $\Theta(1)$

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total  $\Theta(1) + \Theta(n^2) + \Theta(1) = \Theta(n^2)$

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

# EXAMPLE 2

```
sum := 0;
for i := 1 to n do
  j := i;
  while j >= 1 do
    sum := sum + i/j;
    j := floor(j/2);
  print(sum)
```

$O(1)$

$O(1)$

Consider this loop alone...  
number of loop iterations?

$j$  starts at  $i$  and is repeatedly divided by 2... this can happen only  $\Theta(\log i)$  times

So inner loop has runtime  $\Theta(\log i)$

And the entire inner loop is  
executed for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

So, we have  $T(n) \in \Theta(\sum_{i=1}^n \log i)$

$$T(n) \in O\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \log i\right) \subseteq O\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \log n\right) \subseteq O(n \log n)$$

$$T(n) \in \Omega\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \log i\right) \subseteq \Omega\left(\sum_{i=\frac{n}{2}}^n \log \frac{n}{2}\right) \subseteq \Omega(n \log n)$$



... ANOTHER EXERCISE  
IN LOOP ANALYSIS?

Olive Garden waiter: Sir, you've already  
had 5 baskets of breadsticks

Me:



# EXAMPLE 3 (BENTLEY'S PROBLEM, SOLUTION 1)

```
max := 0;
for i := 1 to n do
  for j := i to n do
    sum := 0;
    for k := i to j do
      sum := sum + A[k];
    if sum > max then max := sum;
```

**Try to analyze this yourself!**

One possible solution is  
given in these slides...



# Strategy 1: big-O and big-Ω bounds

$$T(n) \in \Theta(1) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n \left( \Theta(1) + \sum_{k=i}^j \Theta(1) + \Theta(1) \right)$$

$$T(n) \in \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n \Theta(j-i) \in \Theta \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n (j-i) \right)$$

$$T(n) \in \mathcal{O} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n (j-i) \right) \leq \mathcal{O} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n n \right)$$

$$\leq \mathcal{O} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n n \right)$$

$$T(n) \in \mathcal{O}(n^3)$$

This is the **maximum number of iterations** that could be performed in this loop

```

max := 0;
for i := 1 to n do
  for j := i to n do
    sum := 0;
    for k := i to j do
      sum := sum + A[k];
    if sum > max then max := sum;
  
```

Annotations in the code block:

- $O(1)$  next to `max := 0;`
- $\sum_{i=1}^n \dots$  next to `for i := 1 to n do`
- $O(1)$  next to `sum := 0;`
- $O(1)$  next to `sum := sum + A[k];`
- $O(1)$  next to `if sum > max then max := sum;`

# Proving a big-Ω bound...

Recall:

$$T(n) \in \Theta \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n (j-i) \right)$$

$$T(n) \in \Omega \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n (j-i) \right)$$

$$\geq \Omega \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} \sum_{j=i}^n (j-i) \right)$$

$$\geq \Omega \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} \sum_{j=3n/4}^n (j-i) \right)$$

```
max := 0;
for i := 1 to n do
  for j := i to n do
    sum := 0;
    for k := i to j do
      sum := sum + A[k];
    if sum > max then max := sum;
```

**Intuition:**  $j - i$  is  $\Omega(n)$  in **some** iterations. How many iterations? Lots?

To get a good  $\Omega$ -bound, we ask questions like:  
When do our **loops** have **many iterations**?  
When is our **dominant term large**?

Many iterations: when our  **$j$  loop does  $\Omega(n)$  iterations!** For example, when  $i \leq n/2 \dots$

Large dominant term: when  **$j$  is much larger than  $i$**  (i.e., by a factor of  $n$ )



## Proving a big-Ω bound... **continued**

Recall:

$$T(n) \in \Omega \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} \sum_{j=3n/4}^n (j - i) \right)$$

$$\geq \Omega \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} \sum_{j=3n/4}^n \left( \frac{3n}{4} - \frac{n}{2} \right) \right)$$

$$= \Omega \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} \sum_{j=3n/4}^n \frac{n}{4} \right)$$

$$\geq \Omega \left( \frac{n}{2} \cdot \frac{n}{4} \cdot \frac{n}{4} \right) = \Omega(n^3)$$

```
max := 0;
for i := 1 to n do
  for j := i to n do
    sum := 0;
    for k := i to j do
      sum := sum + A[k];
    if sum > max then max := sum;
```

**Smallest** possible value of  $j - i$   
for these bounds on  $i, j$

We will perform **at least this much**  
work in **every** iteration!

This term does **not** depend on the  
loop indexes, so just **multiply** by the  
total number of loop iterations...

Since we have  $O(n^3)$  and  $\Omega(n^3)$ , we have **proved**  $\Theta(n^3)$





# BONUS

- Study-song of the day
- Tool - Descending
- [youtu.be/PcSoLwFisaw](https://youtu.be/PcSoLwFisaw)