

## Lecture 5: Wednesday Jan 15, 2003

### today

- growth of functions [CLRS Ch. 3]

### announcements

- seminars start this week
- quiz 1 starts next week

## our story so far . . .

- analysis of algorithms  $\Rightarrow$  analysis of functions
- to simplify alg'm analysis, want function notation which indicates 'rate of growth' (a.k.a. 'order' of complexity)

## $O(f(n))$ “big O of $f(n)$ ”

roughly: the set of functions which, as  $n$  gets large,  
grow no faster than a constant times  $f(n)$

precisely: the set of functions  $\{h(n) : N \mapsto R\}$  s.t. for each  $h(n)$ ,  
there are  $c_0 \in R^+$  and  $n_0 \in N$  s.t.  $h(n) \leq c_0 f(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$

$$h(n) = 3n^2 + 10n + 1000 \lg n \in O(n^2)?$$

$$h(n) = 3n^2 + 10n + 1000 \lg n \in O(n^3)?$$

$$h(n) = \begin{cases} 5^n & n \leq 10^{100} \\ n^2 & n > 10^{100} \end{cases} \in O(n^2)?$$

$O \quad \Omega \quad \Theta \quad o \quad \omega$

$h(n), f(n) : N \mapsto R \quad c, c_1, c_2 \in R^+ (> 0) \quad n_0 \in N (\geq 0)$

- $O(f(n))$  is the set of functions  $h(n)$  that
  - roughly, grow **no faster than**  $f(n)$ , namely
  - $\exists c, n_0$  s.t.  $h(n) \leq cf(n) \forall n \geq n_0$
- $\Omega(f(n))$  is the set of functions  $h(n)$  that
  - roughly, grow **at least as fast as**  $f(n)$ , namely
  - $\exists c, n_0$  s.t.  $h(n) \geq cf(n) \forall n \geq n_0$
- $\Theta(f(n))$  is the set of functions  $h(n)$  that
  - roughly, grow **at the same rate as**  $f(n)$ , namely
  - $\exists c_1, c_2, n_0$  s.t.  $c_1f(n) \leq h(n) \leq c_2f(n) \forall n \geq n_0$
  - are in  $O(f(n))$  and  $\Omega(f(n))$
- $o(f(n))$  is the set of functions  $h(n)$  that
  - roughly, grow **more slowly than**  $f(n)$ , namely
  - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(n)}{f(n)} = 0$
- $\omega(f(n))$  is the set of functions  $h(n)$  that
  - roughly, grow **more quickly than**  $f(n)$ , namely
  - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(n)}{f(n)} = \infty$
  - $h(n) \in \omega(f(n))$  if and only if  $f(n) \in o(h(n))$

**notice: this definition of  $o, \omega$  simpler than in text**

**WARNING: the text overloads ‘=’**

- text:  $f(n) = O(g(n))$
- incorrect, because  $O(g(n))$  is a *set* of functions
- correct:  $f(n) \in O(g(n))$
- these notes:  $f(n) \in O(g(n))$
- your work:  $f(n) \in O(g(n))$



$$f_1(n) = 19n \quad f_2(n) = 77n^2 \quad f_3(n) = 6n^3 + n^2 \ln n \quad f_4(n) = 11n^4$$

- in  $O(n^3)$ ?  $f_1, f_2, f_3$

$$\begin{aligned} 19n &\leq 19n^3 \quad \forall n \geq 1 \\ 77n^2 &\leq 77n^3 \quad \forall n \geq 1 \\ 6n^3 + n^2 \ln n &\leq 6n^3 + n^3 = 7n^3 \quad \forall n \geq 1 \\ 11n^4 &\leq cn^3 \Rightarrow n \leq c/11 \end{aligned}$$

- in  $\Omega(n^3)$ ?  $f_3, f_4$

$$\begin{aligned} 19n &\geq cn^3 \Rightarrow 19/n^2 \geq c \\ 77n^2 &\geq cn^3 \Rightarrow 77/n \geq c \\ 6n^3 + n^2 \ln n &\geq n^3 \quad \forall n \geq 1 \\ 11n^4 &\geq n^3 \quad \forall n \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

- in  $\Theta(n^3)$ ?  $f_3$

- in  $o(n^3)$ ?  $f_1, f_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 19n/n^3 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 19/n^2 = 0 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 77n^2/n^3 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 77/n = 0 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (6n^3 + n^2 \ln n)/n^3 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (6n^3/n^3 + n^2 \ln n/n^3) = 6 + 0 = 6 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 11n^4/n^3 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 11n = \infty \end{aligned}$$

- in  $\omega(n^3)$ ?  $f_4$

- def'n ( $b, n > 0$ ):  $b^{\log_b n} = n$

- $\log_b n$  increasing, 1-1

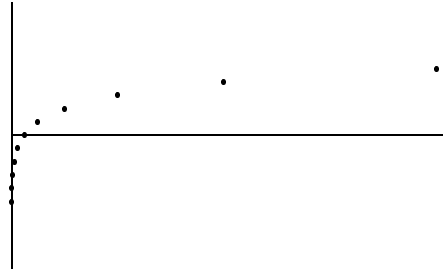
- $\log_b 1 = 0$

- $\log_b x^p = p \log_b x$

- $\log_b(xy) = \log_b x + \log_b y$

- $x^{\log_b y} = y^{\log_b x}$

- $\log_b x = (\log_b c) \log_c x$



$$b^0 = 1$$

$$(b^v)^w = b^{vw}$$

$$b^v b^w = b^{v+w}$$

hint:  $z = b^{\log_b z}$

hint: exponentiate base b

notes

- 18th century multiplication machine ☺

- $\ln n$ :  $\log_e n$  ('natural')

- $\lg n$ :  $\log_2 n$  (binary)

- $\Theta(\log_b n) = \Theta(\log_{\text{whatever}} n) = \Theta(\log n)$

- $\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = 1/x$

- $(\log n)^k \in o(n^\epsilon)$

$$\forall k, \epsilon > 0$$

## handy 'big O' tips ...

- $h \in O(f)$  if and only if  $f \in \Omega(h)$  [different c]
- limit rule: if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(n)}{f(n)} = \dots$ 
  - ...  $\infty$  then  $h \in \Omega(f)$
  - ...  $0 < k < \infty$  then  $h \in \Theta(f)$
  - ...  $0$  then  $h \in o(f)$
- L'Hôpital's rule: if
  - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(n) = \infty$
  - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) = \infty$
  - $h'$  and  $f'$  exist
  - then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(n)}{f(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h'(n)}{f'(n)}$
  - e.g.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/n}{1} = 0$
- can't always use 'H rule
  - let  $h(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \text{ even} \\ n^2 & \text{if } n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$
  - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(n)}{n^2}$  does not exist
  - $h(n) \in O(n^2), \Omega(1)$
- $O(\ ) \Theta(\ ) \Omega(\ ) o(\ ) \omega(\ ) \dots$  useful asymptotically only

**analyze this...!**

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s ← 0
for j ← 1 to n do
  s ← s + 1 endfor
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- model of computation? RAM
- what to count? copy, arith', branch tests
- total number of instructions? depends: how are numbers stored?
  - 1 number/cell:

$$t(n) = c + c + \dots + c = \sum_{j=1}^n c = cn \in \Theta(n)$$

- k bits/cell:

$$t(n) = \sum_{j=1}^n c \lceil (\lg(j+1))/k \rceil \in \Theta(n \log n)$$



**analysis of**  $f(n) = \sum_{j=1}^n \lceil (\lg(j+1)) \rceil$

- upper bound?

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n (1 + \lg(n+1)) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n (1 + 1 + \lg n) \\ &\leq 2n + n \lg n \\ &\leq (\lg n)n + n \lg n \quad \forall n \geq 4 \\ &\leq 2n \lg n \quad \forall n \geq 4 \\ f(n) &\in O(n \log n) \end{aligned}$$

- lower bound?  $f(n) \geq \sum_{j=1}^n \lg j$  so for even  $n$

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &\geq \sum_{j=n/2}^n \lg j \\ &\geq (n/2) \lg(n/2) \\ &\geq (n/2)(\lg n - 1) \\ &\geq (n/4)(2 \lg n - 2) \\ &\geq (n/4)(\lg n + \lg n - 2) \\ &\geq (n/4) \lg n \quad \forall n \geq 4 \end{aligned}$$

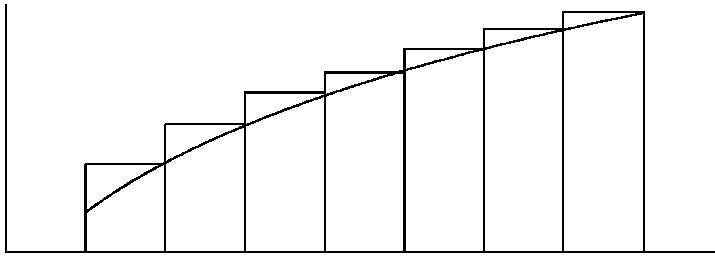
a similar argument holds for odd  $n$ , so

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

- conclusion?

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

- lower bound by integration



$$\begin{aligned}
 f(n) &\geq \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} \lg j \\
 &\geq \int_1^{n+1} \lg x \, dx \\
 &= \int_1^{n+1} (\lg e) \ln x \, dx \\
 &= (\lg e) [x \ln x - x]_1^{n+1} \\
 &= (\lg e) ((n+1) \ln(n+1) - (n+1) - \ln 1 + 1) \\
 &\in \Omega(n \log n)
 \end{aligned}$$

- another method:  $\sum_{j=1}^n \lg j = \lg(n!)$

now use Stirling's approx'n:  $\sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \leq n! \leq \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^{13n/12}$