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# Some functions & their asymptotics ①

Fixed  $k \geq 0$  (any real number  $\geq 0$ )

$$f(n) = n^k$$

$$k < l \Rightarrow n^k = o(n^l)$$

$$f(n) = 2^n$$

exponential function with base 2

$$\left[ n^k = o(2^n) \quad \forall k \right]$$

Thus  $2^n \notin \text{Poly}(n)$

Logarithms: Fix  $b > 0, b \neq 1, \forall x > 0$ ,

$\log_b x$  is the unique real number  $y$   
such that  $b^y = x$

$$\log_2 2^n = n$$

$$2^{\log_2 n} = n$$

Natural exp fcn

$$x \mapsto e^x \quad (e = 2.71828\dots)$$

$$\ln x = \log_e x \quad (x > 0)$$

→ "take logs"

$$\log_2 n = o(n^\epsilon) \text{ for any } \epsilon > 0$$

Change of base rule:  $\log_a n = \frac{\log_b n}{\log_b a}$   $(a, b > 0, a \neq 1, b \neq 1, a, b > 1)$

$$\log_a n = \Theta(\log_b n)$$

Abbrev:

$$\lg = \log_2$$

Rules:  $\log_b(xy) = \log_b x + \log_b y$

product rule

quotient rule

$\log_b(\frac{x}{y}) = \log_b x - \log_b y$

$(x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x, y > 0)$

$\therefore \log_b(\frac{1}{x}) = \log_b 1 - \log_b x = -\log_b x$   $(b > 0, b \neq 1)$

power rule:

$\log_b x^r = r \log_b x$

$(r \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0)$

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

$\log_b$  is one-to-one

$\log_b$  of both sides, use the power rule:

LHS:

$\log_b(a^{\log_b c}) = \log_b c \log_b a$

RHS

$\log_b(c^{\log_b a}) = \log_b a \log_b c$

proof

Summations

— finding runtime of iterative programs.

programs:

```
int A(int n)
{
  int sum = 0;
  int i, j;
  for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
    for (j = 0; j < n; j++)
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$\Theta(1)$

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    sum++;
    return sum;
}
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$$\sum_{j=l}^u a_j = a_l + a_{l+1} + \dots + a_u$$

$l, u \in \mathbb{Z}$  (integers)

[convention: if  $u < l$ , then sum is 0]

Time for inner loop is

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \Theta(1) = \Theta\left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} 1\right) = \Theta(n)$$

Asymptotically

Time for outer loop:

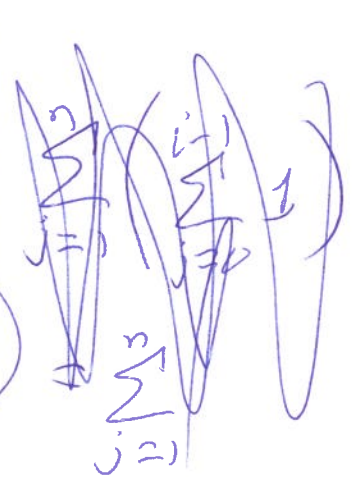
$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} 1\right) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} n = n^2$$

Total time is  $\Theta(n^2) + \Theta(1) = \Theta(n^2)$

Ex:

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int B(int n)
{
    int sum = 0, i, j;
    for (i = 1; i <= n; i++)
    {
        f(j = 0; j < i; j++)
        sum++;
    }
    return sum;
}
```

$$\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 1$$



$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 1 = \sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \Theta(n^2)$$

Arithmetic sum

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

Square

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} = \Theta(n^3)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4} = \Theta(n^4)$$

⋮

constant  $k \geq 0$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^k = \Theta(n^{k+1})$$

Proof: (1) upper bound: show that  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^k = O(n^{k+1})$ :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^k \leq \sum_{i=1}^n n^k = n \cdot n^k = n^{k+1} \in O(n^{k+1})$$

lower bound

$$(2) \sum_{i=1}^n i^k \geq \sum_{i=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^n i^k \geq \sum_{i=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^n \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^k$$

$$\geq \left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^k = \frac{n^{k+1}}{2^{k+1}} = C n^{k+1}$$

$$= \Omega(n^{k+1})$$

show:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^k \in \Omega(n^{k+1})$$

$C = \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} > 0$   
constant



int C(int n)

{ int sum = 0; int i, j;

for (i = 1; i <= n; i \*= 2)

for (j = 0; j < i; j++)

sum++;

return sum;

}

k'th iteration:

2^{k-1} = i

⊕(i)

call it i = 2^{k-1}

∑\_{k: 2^{k-1} ≤ n} i / 2^{k-1}

k > 0

integer

u = largest k s.t. 2^{k-1} ≤ n

i.e., lg 2^{k-1} ≤ lg n

k-1 ≤ lg n

k ≤ 1 + lg n

k = ⌊1 + lg n⌋

Total time = ∑\_{k=1}^{2u} 2^{k-1}

= ∑\_{k=1}^{1+⌊lg n⌋} 2^{k-1}

(l := k-1) = ∑\_{l=0}^{⌊lg n⌋} 2^l = (2^{1+⌊lg n⌋} - 1) / (2 - 1)

finite geometric sum

2^{1+⌊lg n⌋} - 1

= 2 · 2^{⌊lg n⌋} - 1

= ⊕(2^{⌊lg n⌋})

claim →

= ⊕(n)

$x \in \mathbb{R}: \lfloor x \rfloor \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  ~~$\mathbb{Z}$~~

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$$\underline{x-1 < \lfloor x \rfloor \leq x},$$

$$x \leq \lceil x \rceil < x+1 \\ \lceil x \rceil \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$2^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor} \leq 2^{\lg n} = n$$

$$2^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor} > 2^{\lg n - 1} = \frac{2^{\lg n}}{2} = \frac{n}{2}$$

(\*) (n)

Finite geometric sums in general:

Fix any  $r \neq 1$  ( $r \in \mathbb{R}$ )

$$\boxed{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r^i = \frac{r^n - 1}{r - 1}}$$

$$S := \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r^i = 1 + r + r^2 + \dots + r^{n-1}$$

$$rS := \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r^{i+1} = \sum_{j=1}^n r^j$$

$$r + r^2 + \dots + r^{n-1} + r^n$$

$$rS - S = r^n - 1$$

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$$(r-1)S$$

$$S = \frac{r^n - 1}{r - 1} \quad \square$$

For  $|r| < 1$ ,

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} r^i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r^i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{r^n - 1}{r - 1} \right)$$
$$= \frac{(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r^n) - 1}{r - 1} = \frac{0 - 1}{r - 1} = \frac{-1}{r - 1} = \boxed{\frac{1}{1 - r}}$$

# Harmonic Sums

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A harmonic sum is of the form

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} = \Theta(\lg n)$$

Proof sketch:

$$B_i \leq 1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} = \underbrace{\left[ \frac{1}{1} \right]}_{C_0} + \underbrace{\left[ \frac{1}{2} \right]}_{C_1} + \underbrace{\left[ \frac{1}{3} \right]}_{C_2} + \underbrace{\left[ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \right]}_{C_3} + \dots$$

$B_0$        $B_1$        $B_2$        $\dots$

$$C_i \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

roughly  $\lg n$  many blocks