

# Programming Abstractions

CS106B

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# Topics du Jour:

- Last time:
  - › Performance of Fibonacci recursive code
  - › Look at growth of various functions
    - Traveling Salesperson problem
    - Problem sizes up to number of Facebook accounts
  - › Formal mathematical definition
- **This time: Big-O performance analysis**
  - › Simplifying Big-O expressions
  - › Analyzing algorithms/code
    - Just a bit for now, but we'll be applying this to all our algorithms as we encounter them from now on
- **Head start on Wednesday's topic: make your own classes!**
  - › Needed for Boggle assignment, we are starting to see a little bit in MarbleBoard assignment as well.

# Translating code to a $f(n)$ model of the performance

$(n = \text{size of vector})$

	Statements	Cost
1	double findAvg ( Vector<int>& grades ){	
2	double sum = 0;	1
3	int count = 0;	1
4	while ( count < grades.size() ) {	$n + 1$
5	sum += grades[count];	$n$
6	count++;	$n$
7	}	
8		1
9	grades.size();	
10		1
11	return 0.0;	
12	}	
ALL		$3n+5$

Do we really care about the +5?  
Or the 3 for that matter?

$\log_2 n$	$n$	$n \log_2 n$	$n^2$	$2^n$
2	4	8	16	16
3	8	24	64	256
4	16	64	256	65,536
5	32	160	1,024	4,294,967,296
6	64	384	4,096	$1.84 \times 10^{19}$
7	128	896	16,384	$3.40 \times 10^{38}$
8	256	2,048	65,536	$1.16 \times 10^{77}$
9	512	4,608	262,144	$1.34 \times 10^{154}$
10	1,024	10,240 (.000003s)	1,048,576 (.0003s)	$1.80 \times 10^{308}$
30	1,300,000,000	39000000000 (13s)	1690000000000000000 (18 years)	$2.3 \times 10^{391,338,994}$

# of Facebook accounts

# Big-O

We say a function  $f(n)$  is “**big-O**” of another function  $g(n)$ , and write “ $f(n)$  is  $O(g(n))$ ” iff there exist positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that:

$$f(n) \leq c g(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0.$$

## What you need to know:

$O(X)$  describes an “upper bound”—**the algorithm will perform no worse than  $X$**

- We ignore constant factors in saying that
- We ignore behavior for “small”  $n$



# Simplifying Big-O Expressions

- We always report Big-O analyses in simplified form and generally give the tightest bound we can
- Some examples:

Let  $f(n) = 3 \log_2 n + 4 n \log_2 n + n \dots \dots \dots f(n)$  is  $O(n \log n)$ .

Let  $f(n) = 546 + 34n + 2n^2 \dots \dots \dots f(n)$  is  $O(n^2)$ .

Let  $f(n) = 2^n + 14n^2 + 4n^3 \dots \dots \dots f(n)$  is  $O(2^n)$ .

Let  $f(n) = 100 \dots \dots \dots f(n)$  is  $O(1)$ . "Constant"

# Big-O

Applying to algorithms

# Applying Big-O to Algorithms

- Some code examples:

```
for (int i = data.size() - 1; i >= 0; i--){  
    for (int j = 0; j < data.size(); j++){  
        cout << data[i] << data[j] << endl;  
    }  
}
```

is  $O(n^2)$  where  $n$  is `data.size()`.



# Applying Big-O to Algorithms

- Some code examples:

```
for (int i = data.size() - 1; i >= 0; i -= 3){  
    for (int j = 0; j < data.size(); j += 3){  
        cout << data[i] << data[j] << endl;  
    }  
}
```

is  $O(n^2)$  where  $n$  is `data.size()`.

$$\frac{1}{9} n^2$$

# Applying Big-O to Algorithms

- Some familiar examples:

Binary search.....is  $O(\log n)$  where  $n$  is size of array/vector

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	7	8	13	25	29	33	51	89	90	95

Fauxtoshop edge detection...is  $O(n^2)$

$O(n^2)$   
 $O(n \cdot m)$   $n$

R-1 C-1	R-1 C+0	R-1 C+1		
R+0 C-1	R+0 C+0	R+0 C+1		
R+1 C-1	R+1 C+0	R+1 C+1		

) where  $n$  is

for (rows)  $n$   
 for (cols)  $n$   
 for  $+$  3  
 for  $+$  3

# Applying Big-O to Algorithms

- Some code examples (assume `data.size() >= 5`):

```
for (int i = 0; i < data.size(); i += (data.size() / 5)) {  
    cout << data[i] << endl;  
}
```

is  $O(\quad)$  where  $n$  is `data.size()`.

# Big-O Extra Slides

Interpreting graphs using the formal definition

$f_2$  is  $O(f_1)$

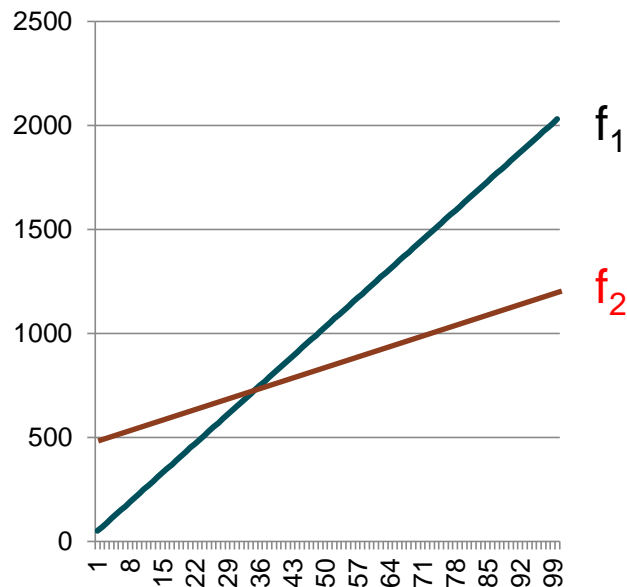
“ $f(n)$  is  $O(g(n))$ ” iff

$$\exists c, n_0 > 0, s. t. \forall n \geq n_0, f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$$

A. TRUE

B. FALSE

Why or why not?

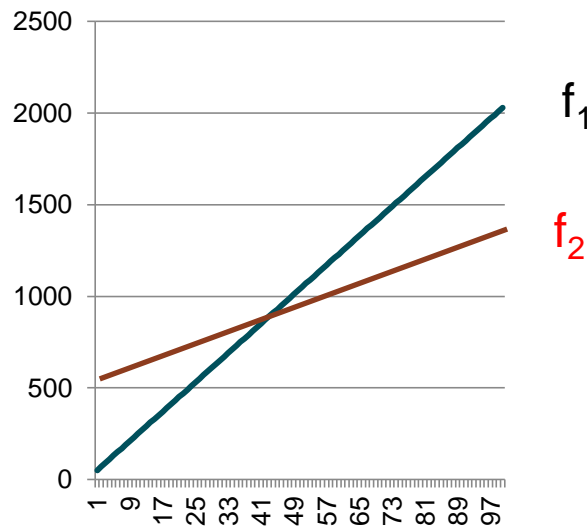


$f(n)$  is  $O(g(n))$ , if there are positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $f(n) \leq c * g(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

**Because we ignore the constant coefficient that determines slope,  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  look the “same” in Big-O analysis**

$f_2$  is  $O(f_1)$  **and**  $f_1$  is  $O(f_2)$

- Math version: We can move  $f_2$  above  $f_1$  by multiplying by  $c$  (we can change the slope of  $f_2$  by a constant factor)



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$f_3$  is  $\mathbf{O}(f_1)$

A. TRUE

**B. FALSE**

The constant  $c$   
cannot rescue us  
here “because  
calculus.”

