

# CS 170

# DISCUSSION 1

## ASYMPTOTIC ANALYSIS

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# GETTING TO KNOW EVERYONE

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  - Name
  - Where you're from
  - Something fun you did over summer
  - Something interesting (hobbies, interesting fact, ...)
  - Anything else you would like to write down



# ADMINISTRIVIA

- Course website: [cs170.org](http://cs170.org)
- My notes, links, and slides: [raychan3.github.io/cs170/fa17.html](http://raychan3.github.io/cs170/fa17.html)
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- Look at algorithm complexity when input is large.
- Notations:  $\mathbf{O}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Omega}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Theta}$
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- Asymptotic notations are for sets of functions.
- Algorithm runtimes expressed as a function of inputs of size  $n$ .
- If  $f \in \mathbf{O}(n)$ , then algorithm's runtime is in the set of functions  $f \in \mathbf{O}(n)$ 
  - Also  $f \in \mathbf{O}(n^2), \mathbf{O}(2^n) \dots$



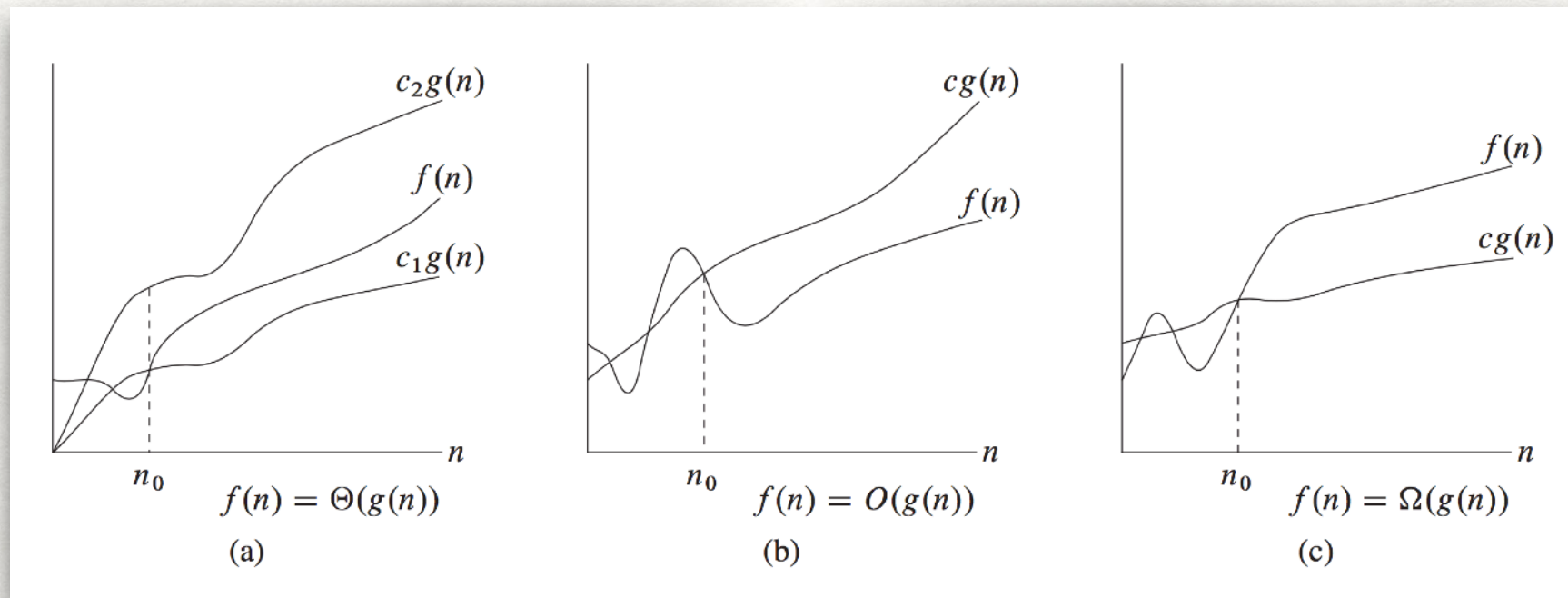
# O (BIG-O)

- Notation: **O**
- Let  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  be function from positive integers to positive real numbers on inputs of size  $n$ .
- $f \in \mathbf{O}(g)$  if there is a constant  $c > 0$  such that  $f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$
- $f(n)$  belongs to set of functions that are "upper-bounded" by  $g(n)$  when  $n$  gets significantly large
  - $f \in O(n^2)$  and  $g \in O(n^3)$ ,  $g$  dominates, but  $f$  could be slower.
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# $\Omega$ (BIG-OMEGA)

- Notation:  $\Omega$
- Let  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  be function from positive integers to positive real numbers on inputs of size  $n$ .
- $f \in \Omega(g)$  if there is a constant  $c > 0$  such that  $f(n) \geq c \cdot g(n)$
- $f(n)$  belongs to set of functions that are "lower-bounded" by  $g(n)$  when  $n$  gets significantly large
- $g \in O(f)$
- If  $f \in \Omega(n^3)$ , then  $f \in \Omega(n^2)$ ,  $f \in \Omega(1)$  ...



# $\Theta$ (BIG-THETA)

- Notation:  $\Theta$
- Let  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  be function from positive integers to positive real numbers on inputs of size  $n$ .
- $f \in \Theta(g)$  if there is a constant  $c_1 > 0$  and  $c_2 > 0$  such that
  - $c_1 \cdot g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 \cdot g(n)$  for all  $c_1 \leq c_2$
- $f(n)$  belongs to set of functions that are “tight-bounded” by  $g(n)$  when  $n$  gets significantly large
- $f \in \Omega(g)$  and  $f \in O(g)$



# COMMON ASYMPTOTIC SETS

- $O(1)$ : constant
- $O(\log n)$ : logarithmic
- $O(\sqrt{n})$ : square root
- $O(n)$ : linear
- $O(n \log n)$ : `n logn`
- $O(n^2)$ : quadratic
- $O(n^3)$ : cubic
- $O(2^n)$ : exponential
- $O(n!)$ : factorial

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# TIPS AND TRICKS

- Remove multiplicative constants and lower order terms
  - $O(2n^4 + n^2 + n \log(n)) \in O(n^4)$
- Any exponential dominates any polynomial
  - $n^2 \in O(2^n)$
- Any polynomial dominates any logarithm
  - $n^2 \in \Omega(\log_3 n)$



# TIPS AND TRICKS

- Removing exponents

- $x^b = 2^{\log(x^b)} = 2^{b \log(x)}$

- Limits and ratio

- $f(n) = n$

- $g(n) = \log n$

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f}{g} = \begin{cases} 0 & f = O(g) \\ c, 0 < c < \infty & f = \Theta(g) \\ \infty & f = \Omega(g) \end{cases}$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f}{g} = \frac{n}{\log n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{n^{-1}} = n \rightarrow \infty$$

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# PROOFS

- 4 Part Algorithm Proofs by David Wagner
  - Main Idea
  - Pseudocode
  - Proof of Correctness
  - Runtime Analysis
- Stanford CS 161 Proof of Correctness