CSE373: Data Structures and Algorithms

Lecture 2: Math Review; Algorithm Analysis

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Today

- Finish discussing stacks and queues
- Review math essential to algorithm analysis
  - Proof by induction
  - Powers of 2
  - Binary numbers
  - Exponents and logarithms
- Begin analyzing algorithms
  - Using asymptotic analysis (continue next time)

Mathematical induction

Suppose *P(n)* is some predicate (mentioning integer *n*)
- Example: $n \geq n/2 + 1$

To prove *P(n)* for all integers $n \geq n_0$, it suffices to prove
1. $P(n_0)$ – called the "basis" or "base case"
2. If *P(k)*, then *P(k+1)* – called the "induction step" or "inductive case"

Why we will care:

To show an algorithm is correct or has a certain running time *no matter how big a data structure or input value is*

(Our "*n*" will be the data structure or input size.)

Example

P(n) = "the sum of the first *n* powers of 2 (starting at 0) is 2^n-1"

Theorem: *P(n)* holds for all $n \geq 1$
Proof: By induction on *n*
- Base case: n=1. Sum of first 1 power of 2 is 2^0 , which equals 1.
  And for n=1, 2^n-1 equals 1.
- Inductive case:
  - Assume the sum of the first *k* powers of 2 is 2^k-1
  - Show the sum of the first (*k*+1) powers of 2 is $2^{k+1}-1$

  Using assumption, sum of the first (*k*+1) powers of 2 is
  $(2^k-1) + 2^{(k+1)-1} = (2^k-1) + 2^k = 2^{k+1}-1$

Powers of 2

- A bit is 0 or 1 (just two different "letters" or "symbols")
- A sequence of *n* bits can represent 2^n distinct things
  - For example, the numbers 0 through 2^n-1
- 2^{10} is 1024 ("about a thousand", kilo in CSE speak)
- 2^{20} is "about a million", mega in CSE speak
- 2^{30} is "about a billion", giga in CSE speak

Java: an **`int`** is 32 bits and signed, so "max int" is "about 2 billion"
a **`long`** is 64 bits and signed, so "max long" is $2^{63}-1$

Therefore…

Could give a unique id to…

- Every person in the U.S. with 29 bits
- Every person in the world with 33 bits
- Every person to have ever lived with 38 bits (estimate)
- Every atom in the universe with 250-300 bits

So if a password is 128 bits long and randomly generated, do you think you could guess it?

Logarithms and Exponents

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- Definition: $\log_2 x = y$ if $x = 2^y$
- So, $\log_2$ 1,000,000 = "a little under 20"
- Just as exponents grow *very* quickly, logarithms grow *very* slowly

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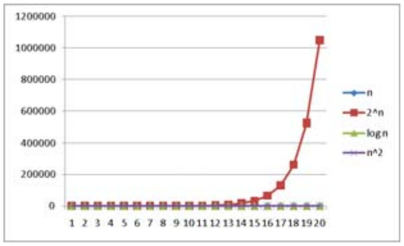

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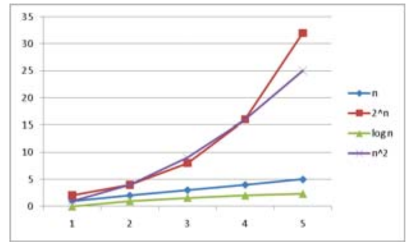

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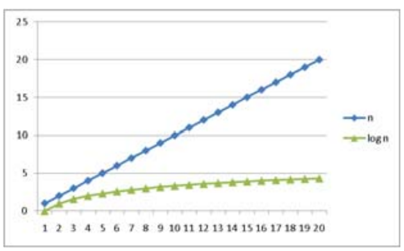

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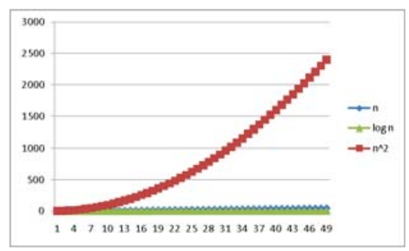

Properties of logarithms

- `log(A*B) = log A + log B`
  - So $\log(N^k) = k \log N$
- `log(A/B) = log A – log B`
- `log(log x)` is written `log log x`
  - Grows as slowly as 2^{2^y} grows quickly
- `(log x)(log x)` is written $\log^2 x$
  - It is greater than `log x` for all $x > 2$
  - It is not the same as `log log x`

Log base doesn't matter much!

"Any base *B* log is equivalent to base 2 log within a constant factor"
- And we are about to stop worrying about constant factors!
- In particular, $\log_2 x = 3.22 \log_{10} x$
- In general,

$$\log_B x = (\log_A x) / (\log_A B)$$

Floor and ceiling

$\lfloor X \rfloor$ Floor function: the largest integer $\leq X$

$\lfloor 2.7 \rfloor = 2 \qquad \lfloor -2.7 \rfloor = -3 \qquad \lfloor 2 \rfloor = 2$

$\lceil X \rceil$ Ceiling function: the smallest integer $\geq X$

$\lceil 2.3 \rceil = 3 \qquad \lceil -2.3 \rceil = -2 \qquad \lceil 2 \rceil = 2$

Floor and ceiling properties

1. $X - 1 < \lfloor X \rfloor \leq X$
2. $X \leq \lceil X \rceil < X + 1$
3. $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + \lceil n/2 \rceil = n$ if n is an integer

Algorithm Analysis

As the "size" of an algorithm's input grows (integer, length of array, size of queue, etc.):

- How much longer does the algorithm take (time)
- How much more memory does the algorithm need (space)

Because the curves we saw are so different, often care about only "which curve we are like"

Separate issue: Algorithm *correctness* – does it produce the right answer for all inputs

- Usually more important, naturally

Example

- What does this pseudocode return?

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for i=1 to N do
  for j=1 to i do
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return x;
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- Correctness: For any N ≥ 0, it returns 3N(N+1)/2
- Proof: By induction on *n*
  - *P(n)* = after outer for-loop executes *n* times, **x** holds 3n(n+1)/2
  - Base: n=0, returns 0
  - Inductive: From *P(k)*, **x** holds 3k(k+1)/2 after *k* iterations. Next iteration adds 3(k+1), for total of 3k(k+1)/2 + 3(k+1) = (3k(k+1) + 6(k+1))/2 = (k+1)(3k+6)/2 = 3(k+1)(k+2)/2

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- How long does this pseudocode run?

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- Running time: For any N ≥ 0,
  - Assignments, additions, returns take "1 unit time"
  - Loops take the sum of the time for their iterations
- So: 2 + 2*(number of times inner loop runs)
  - And how many times is that…

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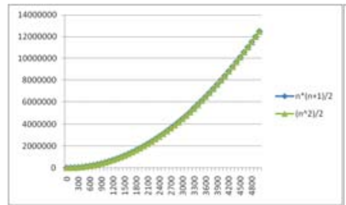
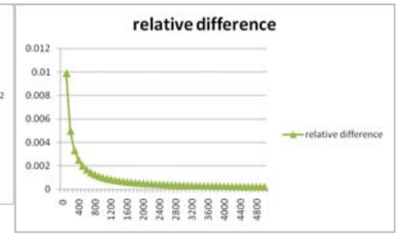
- The total number of loop iterations is N*(N+1)/2
  - This is a very common loop structure, worth memorizing
  - Proof is by induction on N, known for centuries
  - This is *proportional to* N^2 , and we say $O(N^2)$, "big-Oh of"
    - For large enough N, the N and constant terms are irrelevant, as are the first assignment and return
    - See plot… N*(N+1)/2 vs. just $N^2/2$

Lower-order terms don't matter

N*(N+1)/2 vs. just $N^2/2$





Geometric interpretation

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} i = N*N/2+N/2$$

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for i=1 to N do
  for j=1 to i do
     // small work
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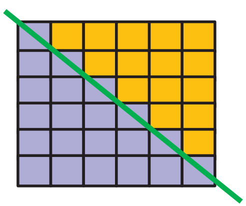

- Area of square: N*N
- Area of lower triangle of square: N*N/2
- Extra area from squares crossing the diagonal: N*1/2
- As N grows, fraction of "extra area" compared to lower triangle goes to zero (becomes insignificant)

Big-O: Common Names

$O(1)$	constant (same as $O(k)$ for constant k)
$O(\log n)$	logarithmic
$O(n)$	linear
$O(n \log n)$	"$n \log n$"
$O(n^2)$	quadratic
$O(n^3)$	cubic
$O(n^k)$	polynomial (where is k is any constant)
$O(k^n)$	exponential (where k is any constant > 1)

Pet peeve: "exponential" does not mean "grows really fast", it means "grows at rate proportional to k^n for some k>1"

- A savings account accrues interest exponentially (k=1.01?)
- If you don't know k, you probably don't know it's exponential