

FUNCTIONS

- Big- Ω , Big- Θ
- Turning English into math

Problem with Big- O :

• $x + 1 = O(x^2)$ \Leftarrow correct because big- O is upper bound.

• Need asymptotic lower bound! (Big- O is asymptotic upper bound)

"big-Omega"
 \downarrow

def: Let $f, g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then $f(x)$ is $\Omega(g(x))$ if there exist constants $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $C \in \mathbb{R}$ such that when $x \geq k$, then

$$f(x) \geq C \cdot g(x)$$

ex: $5x + 6 = \Omega(x)$

Pf: Note $\forall x \in \mathbb{N}, (x > 1) \rightarrow (6 > -x)$. Thus

$$5x + 6 \geq 5x - x \geq 4x$$

So with $k = 1, C = 4$, we have $5x + 6 = \Omega(x)$

Big-O = "asymptotic upper bound"
 Big- Ω = "asymptotic lower bound"

For linear search, what is a (1) best-case asymptotic lower bound (2) worst-case asymptotic lower bound?

A) $\Omega(1)$, $O(1)$ B) $\Omega(n)$, $O(1)$ C) $\Omega(1)$, $O(n)$
 D) $\Omega(n)$, $O(n)$.



In the best-case, the item we are searching for is at beginning of list, so we are done in constant # of steps. Worst case, need to go through the whole list, takes time $O(n)$.

* Asymptotic \neq worst-case

Worst-case asymptotic

Best-case asymptotic

Average-case asymptotic

Problem with big- Ω :

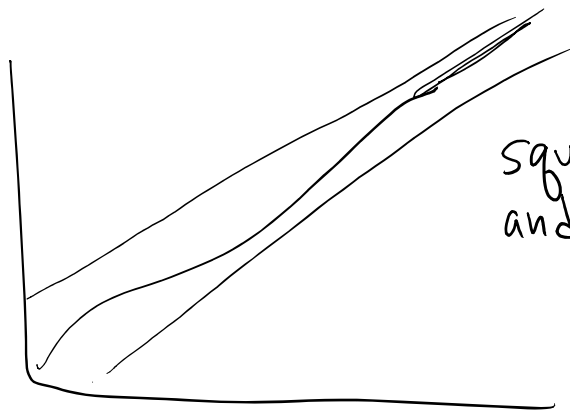
$$x^2 + 1 = \Omega(x)$$

def: $f(x) = \Theta(g(x)) \iff f(x) = O(g(x)) \wedge f(x) = \Omega(g(x))$

"big Theta"

ex: $x^2 + 1 = \Theta(x^2)$ but $x^2 + 1 \neq \Theta(x)$, $x^2 + 1 \neq \Theta(x^3)$

Big- Θ : tight asymptotic bound



squished between upper
and lower bounds

Predicates, Quantifiers, & English \rightarrow Math.

$$P(n) \equiv n \text{ is prime}$$

Predicate is a function! $P: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{Z} \\ \mathbb{N} \end{array} \nearrow$$

Not clear what domain is

For a natural number n , $P(n) \equiv n$ is prime
 or $P(n) \equiv$ the natural number n is prime.

Now clear: $P: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$

Important

- For input to Predicate NO QUANTIFIER
- For any other variable NEED QUANTIFIER

eg. $P(n) \equiv \forall n: (n \text{ is prime})$ ~~X~~

$P(5) \equiv \forall 5: (5 \text{ is prime})$ ~~X~~

$$P(n) \equiv \neg \exists m \in \mathbb{N}: 1 < m < n \wedge m|n$$

Need to quantify m

↑
No quantifier for n .

$S \equiv [$ } every variable here should be quantified.

↑ no input variable

$\forall x, \frac{x > 5 \rightarrow x^2 = 10$

$\exists x: \frac{x = 2$

Predicate involving x } True or false depending on value of x. Should be true to make sense

• For all x such that $x > 5, T(x)$

Before: $\forall x: x > 5, T(x)$

Better: $\forall x, x > 5 \rightarrow T(x)$

• $m|n \leftarrow$ true or false, not $m/n = 2$
"m divides n"

$m|n \equiv \exists r \in \mathbb{Z}: m \cdot r = n$ (Domain n, m is integers)

• $\forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \dots \wedge x_1 \neq x_2$ is always FALSE, because not all 2 real #'s equal each other

Better: $\forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}, x_1 \neq x_2 \rightarrow \dots$

We don't have this problem for $\exists \rightarrow \exists x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}: \dots \wedge x_1 \neq x_2$ OK!

ex: For $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$

$R(n, m) \equiv$ every natural number less than m divides n .

$T(n, m) \equiv$ there is a natural number less than m that divides n .

$W(n, m) \equiv$ n and m don't have a common factor

• $R(n, m) \equiv \forall p \in \mathbb{N}, p < m \rightarrow p | n$

• $T(n, m) \equiv \exists p \in \mathbb{N}: p < m \wedge p | n$

• $W(n, m) \equiv \neg \exists p \in \mathbb{Z}: p | n \wedge p | m$

Rewrite • $\neg \exists x: P(x)$ using \forall

• $\neg \forall x, P(x)$ using \exists

• $\neg \exists x: P(x) \equiv \forall x, \neg P(x)$

• $\neg \forall x, P(x) \equiv \exists x: \neg P(x)$