

MAT2440, Classwork31, Spring2025

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1. Use the cashier's algorithm to find the combination of 89 cents:

$89 \text{ cents} = ? \overset{c_1=25}{\text{quarters}} + ? \overset{c_2=10}{\text{dimes}} + ? \overset{c_3=5}{\text{nickels}} + ? \overset{c_4=1}{\text{pennies}}$

Initialization: $n=4$, $i=1$ to 4, $n=89$ (cents)

$i=1$	$d_1=0$	$89 \geq 25$ Yes	$d_1=1$	$n=89-25=64$	$i=3$	$d_3=0$	$4 \geq 5$ NO STOP
	$d_1=1$	$64 \geq 25$ Yes	$d_1=2$	$n=64-25=39$	$i=4$	$d_4=0$	$4 \geq 1$, Yes, $d_4=1$
							$n=4-1=3$
	$d_1=2$	$39 \geq 25$ Yes	$d_1=3$	$n=39-25=14$		$d_4=1$	$3 \geq 1$, Yes $d_4=2$
							$n=3-1=2$
	$d_1=3$	$14 \geq 25$ NO	STOP			$d_4=2$	$2 \geq 1$ Yes $d_4=3$
							$n=2-1=1$
$i=2$	$d_2=0$	$14 \geq 10$ Yes	$d_2=1$	$n=14-10=4$		$d_4=3$	$1 \geq 1$ Yes $d_4=4$
							$n=1-1=0$
	$d_2=1$	$4 \geq 10$ NO	STOP			$d_4=4$	$0 \geq 1$ NO STOP

Return $d_1=3, d_2=1, d_3=0, d_4=4$
 $(89 = 3 \times 25 + 1 \times 10 + 0 \times 5 + 4 \times 1)$

2. The Growth of Function: An Introduction.

In 3.3, we will study the **number of operators** used by those algorithms in 3.1:

In linear search of a number in the list of $\{2, 3, 5, 7\}$, you need (at most) 4 comparisons.

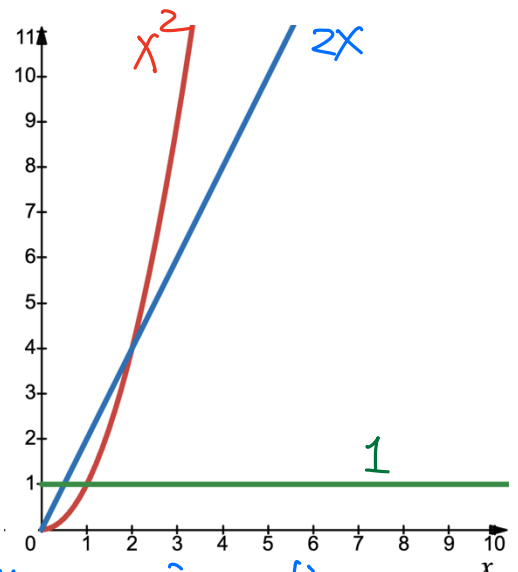
But if the length of the list becomes 10,000, then you need (at most) 10,000 comparisons.

This implies that the number of operators increase when the length of the list "n"

increases and different algorithms have different rate of growth, which is measured by **the time complexity** of the algorithm.

3. Given $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1$. What happens when $x \rightarrow \infty$?

	x^2	+	$2x$	+	1	
$x=1$	1		2		1	
$x=10$	100		20		1	
$x=100$	10000		200		1	
	↑		↑			
	grows fast		grows slow			↑ doesn't grow



$x \rightarrow \infty$ $x^2 \gg 2x \gg 1$
 we can express the above observation as the following inequality

$$x^2 + 2x + 1 \leq x^2 + 2x^2 + x^2 = 4x^2 \text{ when } x > 1$$

4. Definition of **Big-O** Notation.

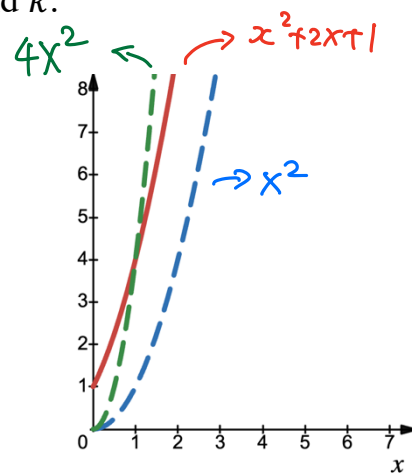
Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be functions. We say that $f(x)$ is $O(g(x))$ (" $f(x)$ is big-oh of $g(x)$ ") if there are constants C and k such that

$$0 \leq f(x) \leq C \cdot g(x) \text{ whenever } x > k.$$

The constants C and k are called witnesses to the relationship $f(x)$ is $O(g(x))$. To establish this relationship, we need only one pair of C and k .

5. Find the big-O for $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1$.

$f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1 \leq 4x^2$, when $x > 1$
 which means $f(x) = O(x^2)$ with $C=4, k=1$
 $4x^2$ is an upper bound of $x^2 + 2x + 1$



6. The order of growth for functions: Power functions.

$$x^p, p > 0$$

For each $x > 1$, we have

$$\dots < x^{0.1} < x^{0.5} < x < x^2 < x^4 < x^5 < \dots$$

7. Find the big-O for $f(x) = x^5 + 6x^7 - 2x^2 + 1$.

$$f(x) = x^5 + 6x^7 - 2x^2 + 1 \leq x^7 + 6x^7 + 2x^7 + x^7 = 10x^7 \text{ for } x > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \text{ is } O(x^7) \text{ with } C=10, k=1$$

