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Handout: Algorithm Runtime

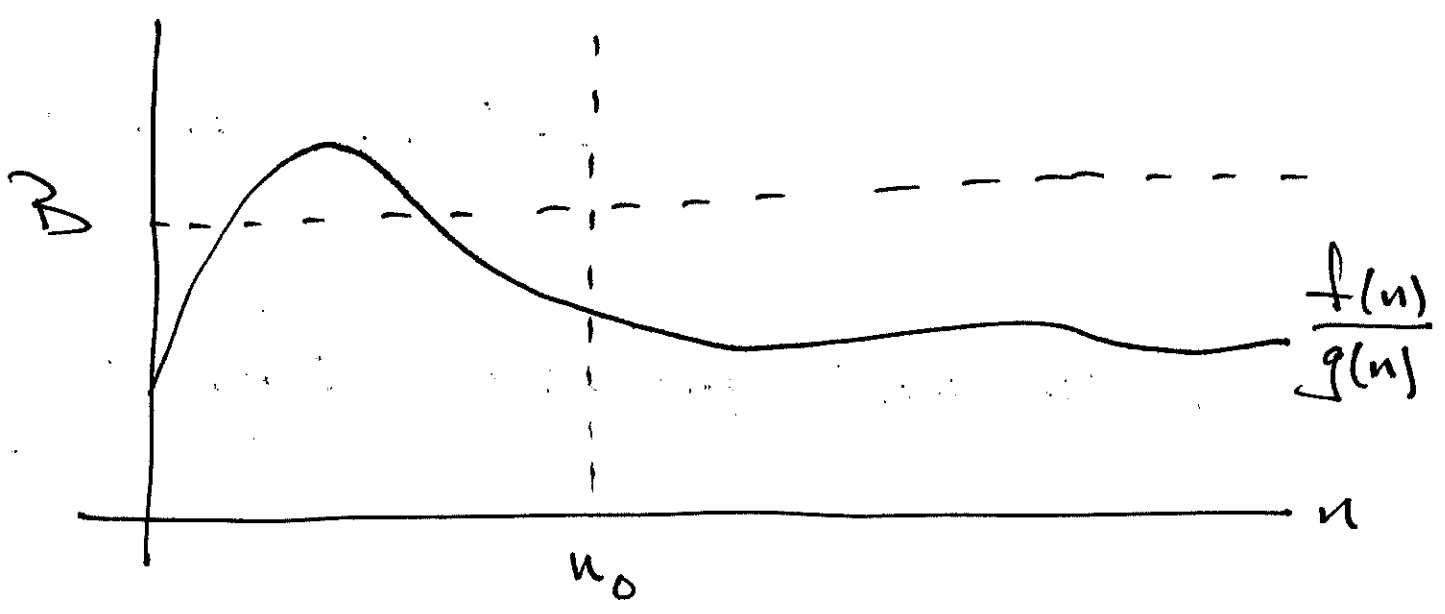
Defn

We say  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  iff there exist  $B > 0$ ,  $n_0 > 0$  such that

$$\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \leq B$$

for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

•  $g(n)$  is an asymptotic upper bound for  $f(n)$



Ex  $f(n) = 2n + 5, g(n) = n$ . So

$$\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 2 + \frac{5}{n} \leq 3$$

↖ B

for all  $n \geq 5$

↑  
 $n_0$

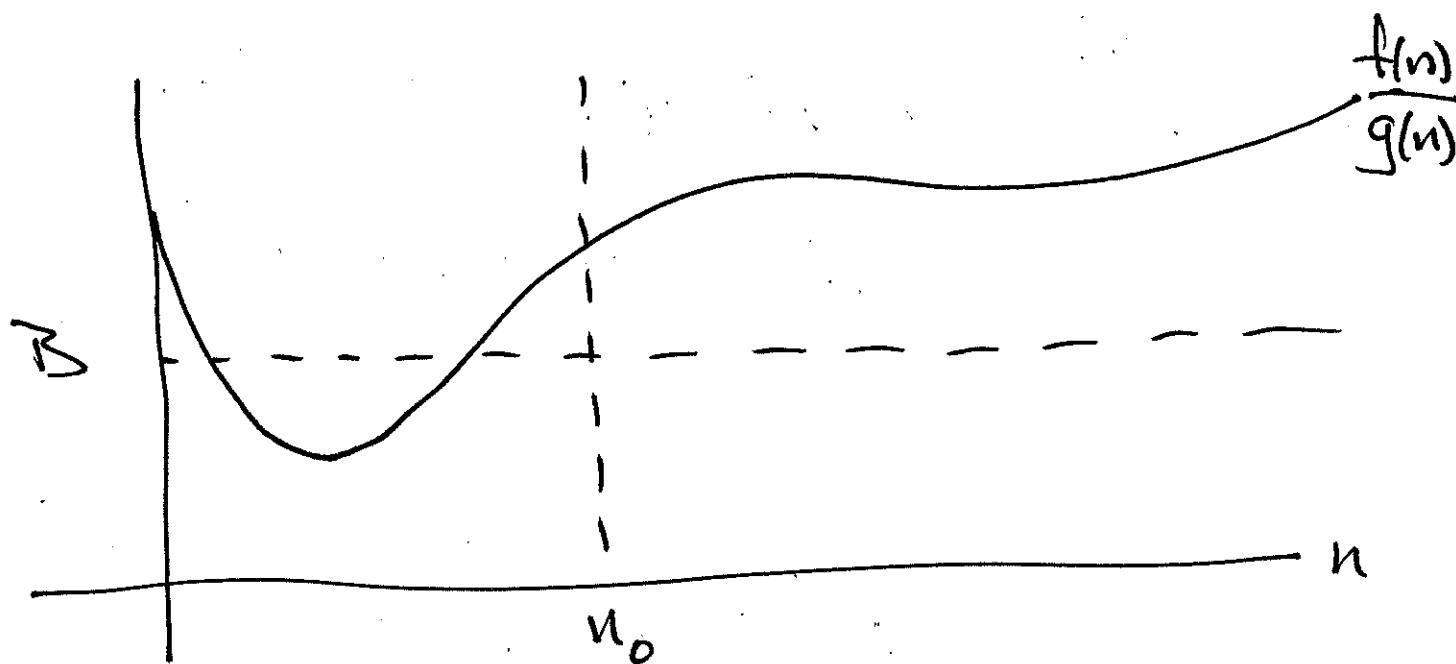
In fact, if  $f(n)$  is a  $d^{\text{th}}$  degree polynomial, then  $f(n) = O(n^d)$ .

Defn

we say  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$  iff there exist  $\epsilon > 0, n_0 > 0$  s.t.

$$\epsilon \leq \frac{f(n)}{g(n)}$$

for all  $n \geq n_0$



Ex.  $f(n) = 6n^3 + 4n$ ,  $g(n) = 2n^2$

$$\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 3n + \frac{2}{n} \approx 7$$

↑  
B

for all  $n \geq 2$

↑  
 $n_0$

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Fact: if  $f(n)$  is a  $d^{\text{th}}$  deg. Poly  
and  $g(n)$  is a  $e^{\text{th}}$  deg. Poly,

Then

$$d \leq e \Rightarrow f(n) = O(g(n))$$

and

$$e < d \Rightarrow f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

Defn

We say  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$  iff there

exist  $B_1 > 0, B_2 > 0, n_0 > 0$  s.t.

$$B_1 \leq \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \leq B_2$$

for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

Ex.  $f(n) = 5n^2 + 11n - 24$ ,  $g(n) = n^2$ .

Then

$$4 \leq \frac{5n^2 + 11n - 24}{n^2} \leq 6$$

for all  $n \geq 8$ . (exercise! Prove this)

Fact: if  $f(n), g(n)$  are poly., then

$$\deg(f) \leq \deg(g) \Rightarrow f = O(g)$$

$$" \geq " \Rightarrow f = \Omega(g)$$

$$" = " \Rightarrow f = \Theta(g)$$

## Analogy

$$x \leq y \quad \sim \quad f(n) = O(g(n))$$

$$x \geq y \quad \sim \quad f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

$$x = y \quad \sim \quad f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$$

$$x < y \quad ?$$

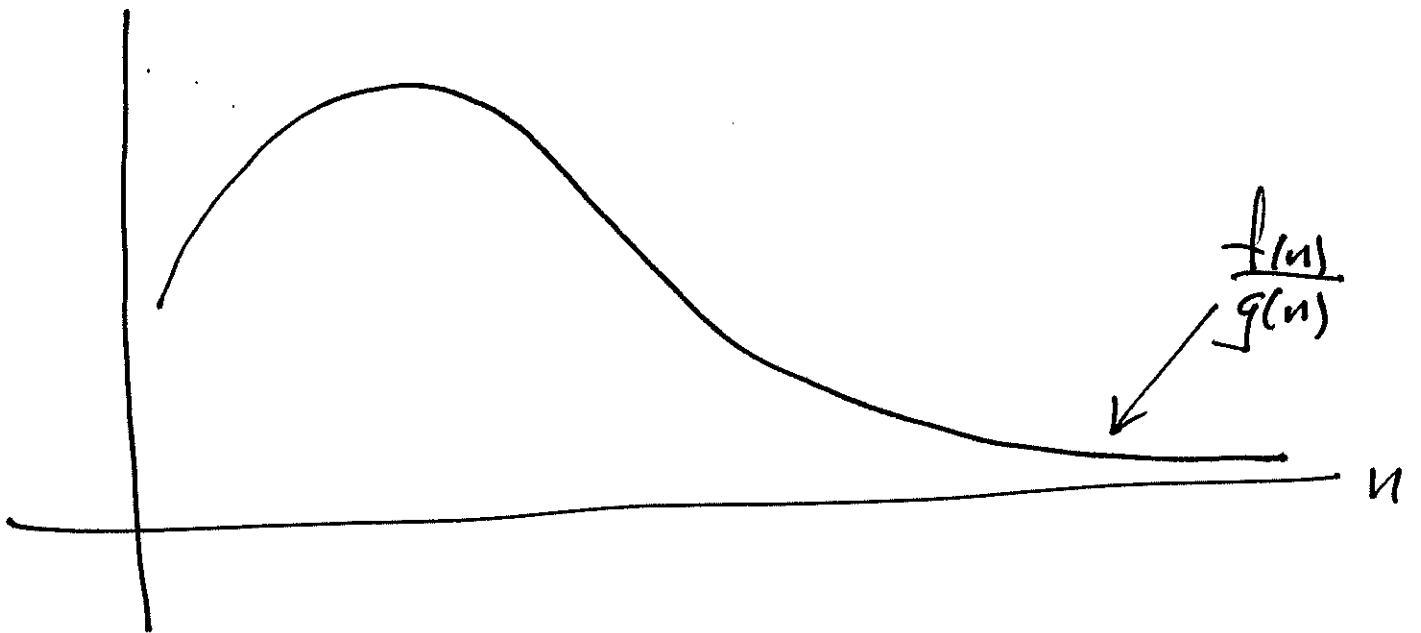
$$x > y \quad ?$$

Defn

$f(n) = o(g(n))$  iff

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \right) = 0$$

we say  $g(n)$  is a strict asymptotic upper bound for  $f(n)$



note:  $f(n) = o(g(n)) \Rightarrow f(n) = O(g(n))$ .

Ex.  $f(n) = \ln(n)$ ,  $g(n) = n$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/n}{1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\therefore \ln(n) = o(n)$$