

CMSC 132: Object-Oriented Programming II



Algorithmic Complexity II

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Overview

- **Critical sections**
- **Comparing complexity**
- **Types of complexity analysis**

Analyzing Algorithms

■ Goal

- Find asymptotic complexity of algorithm

■ Approach

- Ignore less frequently executed parts of algorithm
- Find **critical section** of algorithm
- Determine how many times critical section is executed as function of problem size

Critical Section of Algorithm

- Heart of algorithm
- Dominates overall execution time
- Characteristics
 - Operation central to functioning of program
 - Contained inside deeply nested loops
 - Executed as often as any other part of algorithm
- Sources
 - Loops
 - Recursion

Critical Section Example 1

■ Code (for input size n)

1. A
2. for (int i = 0; i < n ; i++)
3. B
4. C

critical
section

■ Code execution

- A $\Rightarrow$ once
- B $\Rightarrow$ n times
- C $\Rightarrow$ once

■ Time $\Rightarrow 1 + n + 1 = O(n)$

Critical Section Example 2

■ Code (for input size n)

1. A
2. for (int i = 0; i < n ; i++)
3. B
4. for (int j = 0; j < n ; j++)
5. C
6. D

critical
section



■ Code execution

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ■ A $\Rightarrow$ once | ■ C $\Rightarrow n^2$ times |
| ■ B $\Rightarrow n$ times | ■ D $\Rightarrow$ once |

■ Time $\Rightarrow 1 + n + n^2 + 1 = O(n^2)$

Critical Section Example 3

■ Code (for input size n)

1. A
2. for (int $i = 0$; $i < n$; $i++$)
3. for (int $j = i+1$; $j < n$; $j++$)
4. B

critical
section



■ Code execution

- $A \Rightarrow$ once
- $B \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} n (n-1)$ times

■ Time $\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{2} n^2 = O(n^2)$

Critical Section Example 4

■ Code (for input size n)

1. A
2. for (int i = 0; i < n ; i++)
3. for (int j = 0; j < 10000; j++)
4. B

critical
section



■ Code execution

- A $\Rightarrow$ once
- B $\Rightarrow$ 10000 n times

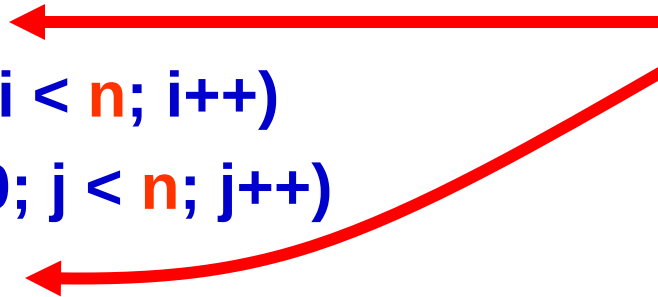
■ Time $\Rightarrow 1 + 10000 n = O(n)$

Critical Section Example 5

■ Code (for input size n)

1. for (int i = 0; i < n ; i++)
2. for (int j = 0; j < n ; j++)
3. A
4. for (int i = 0; i < n ; i++)
5. for (int j = 0; j < n ; j++)
6. B

critical
sections



■ Code execution

- $A \Rightarrow n^2$ times
- $B \Rightarrow n^2$ times

■ Time $\Rightarrow n^2 + n^2 = O(n^2)$

Critical Section Example 6

■ Code (for input size n)

1. $i = 1$

2. **while** ($i < n$) {

3. A

4. $i = 2 \times i$

 }

5. B



**critical
section**

■ Code execution

■ $A \Rightarrow \log(n)$ times

■ $B \Rightarrow 1$ times

■ Time $\Rightarrow \log(n) + 1 = O(\log(n))$

Critical Section Example 7

■ Code (for input size **n**)

1. DoWork (int n)

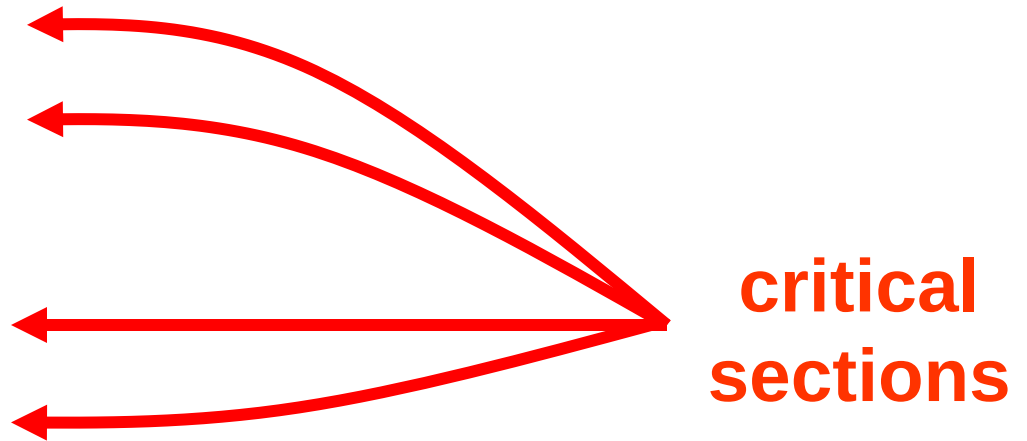
2. if (n == 1)

3. A

4. else

5. DoWork(n/2)

6. DoWork(n/2)



■ Code execution

■ A $\Rightarrow$ 1 times

■ DoWork(n/2) $\Rightarrow$ 2 times

■ Time(1) $\Rightarrow$ 1 Time(**n**) = $2 \times \text{Time}(\mathbf{n}/2) + 1$

Recursive Algorithms

■ Definition

- An algorithm that calls itself

■ Components of a recursive algorithm

1. Base cases

- Computation with no recursion

2. Recursive cases

- Recursive calls

- Combining recursive results

Recursive Algorithm Example

■ Code (for input size **n**)

1. **DoWork (int n)**

2. **if (n == 1)**

3. **A**

4. **else**

5. **DoWork(n/2)**

6. **DoWork(n/2)**

**base
case**

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graph LR; BC[base case] --> L3[3. A]; RC[recursive cases] --> L5[5. DoWork(n/2)]; RC --> L6[6. DoWork(n/2)];
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**recursive
cases**

Comparing Complexity

- Compare two algorithms

 - $f(n)$, $g(n)$

- Determine which increases at faster rate

 - As problem size n increases

- Can compare ratio

 - If ∞ , $f()$ is larger

 - If 0, $g()$ is larger

 - If constant, then same complexity

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

Complexity Comparison Examples

■ $\log(n)$ vs. $n^{1/2}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \quad \rightarrow \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(n)}{n^{1/2}} \quad \rightarrow \quad 0$$

■ 1.001^n vs. n^{1000}

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \quad \rightarrow \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1.001^n}{n^{1000}} \quad \rightarrow \quad ??$$

Not clear, use
L'Hopital's Rule