

# ASYMPTOTIC PERFORMANCE

# Review: Asymptotic Performance

- *Asymptotic performance*: How does algorithm behave as the problem size gets very large?
  - Running time
  - Memory/storage requirements
  - Remember that we use the RAM model:
    - All memory equally expensive to access
    - No concurrent operations
    - All reasonable instructions take unit time
      - ✦ Except, of course, function calls
    - Constant word size
      - ✦ Unless we are explicitly manipulating bits

# Review: Running Time

- Number of primitive steps that are executed
  - Except for time of executing a function call most statements roughly require the same amount of time
  - We can be more exact if need be
- Worst case vs. average case

# An Example: Insertion Sort

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*Done!*

# Animating Insertion Sort

- Check out the Animator, a java applet at:

<http://www.cs.hope.edu/~algaanim/animation/Animator.html>

- Try it out with random, ascending, and descending inputs

# Insertion Sort

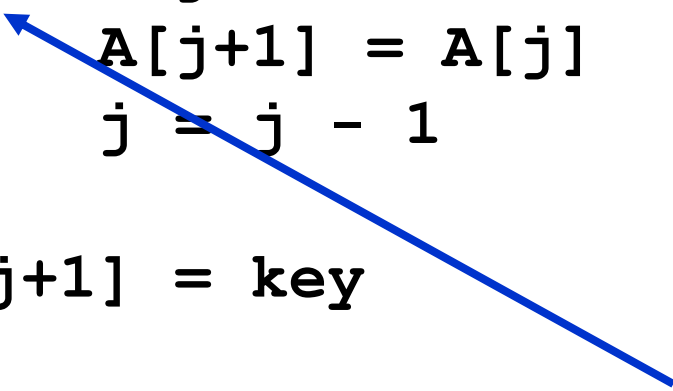
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What is the *precondition* for this loop?

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*How many times will this loop execute?*



# Insertion Sort

Statement	Effort
<code>InsertionSort(A, n) {</code>	
<code>for i = 2 to n {</code>	$c_1 n$
<code>key = A[i]</code>	$c_2(n-1)$
<code>j = i - 1;</code>	$c_3(n-1)$
<code>while (j &gt; 0) and (A[j] &gt; key) {</code>	$c_4 T$
<code>A[j+1] = A[j]</code>	$c_5(T-(n-1))$
<code>j = j - 1</code>	$c_6(T-(n-1))$
<code>}</code>	0
<code>A[j+1] = key</code>	$c_7(n-1)$
<code>}</code>	0
<code>}</code>	

$T = t_2 + t_3 + \dots + t_n$  where  $t_i$  is number of while expression evaluations for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  for loop iteration

# Analyzing Insertion Sort

- $T(n) = c_1n + c_2(n-1) + c_3(n-1) + c_4T + c_5(T - (n-1)) + c_6(T - (n-1)) + c_7(n-1)$   
 $= c_8T + c_9n + c_{10}$
- What can  $T$  be?
  - Best case -- inner loop body never executed
    - $t_i = 1 \rightarrow T(n)$  is a linear function
  - Worst case -- inner loop body executed for all previous elements
    - $t_i = i \rightarrow T(n)$  is a quadratic function
  - Average case
    - ???

# Analysis

- Simplifications
  - Ignore actual and abstract statement costs
  - *Order of growth* is the interesting measure:
    - Highest-order term is what counts
      - ✦ Remember, we are doing asymptotic analysis
      - ✦ As the input size grows larger it is the high order term that dominates

# Upper Bound Notation

- We say InsertionSort's run time is  $O(n^2)$ 
  - Properly we should say run time is *in*  $O(n^2)$
  - Read  $O$  as “Big- $O$ ” (you'll also hear it as “order”)
- In general a function
  - $f(n)$  is  $O(g(n))$  if there exist positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$
- Formally
  - $O(g(n)) = \{ f(n): \exists \text{ positive constants } c \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that } f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n) \forall n \geq n_0$



# Insertion Sort Is $O(n^2)$

- Proof

- Suppose runtime is  $an^2 + bn + c$ 
  - If any of  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are less than 0 replace the constant with its absolute value
- $an^2 + bn + c \leq (a + b + c)n^2 + (a + b + c)n + (a + b + c)$
- $\leq 3(a + b + c)n^2$  for  $n \geq 1$
- Let  $c' = 3(a + b + c)$  and let  $n_0 = 1$

- Question

- Is InsertionSort  $O(n^3)$ ?
- Is InsertionSort  $O(n)$ ?

# Big O Fact

- A polynomial of degree  $k$  is  $O(n^k)$
- Proof:
  - Suppose  $f(n) = b_k n^k + b_{k-1} n^{k-1} + \dots + b_1 n + b_0$ 
    - Let  $a_i = |b_i|$
  - $f(n) \leq a_k n^k + a_{k-1} n^{k-1} + \dots + a_1 n + a_0$

$$\leq n^k \sum a_i \frac{n^i}{n^k} \leq n^k \sum a_i \leq cn^k$$

# Lower Bound Notation

- We say InsertionSort's run time is  $\Omega(n)$
- In general a function
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- Proof:
  - Suppose run time is  $an + b$ 
    - Assume  $a$  and  $b$  are positive (what if  $b$  is negative?)
  - $an \leq an + b$

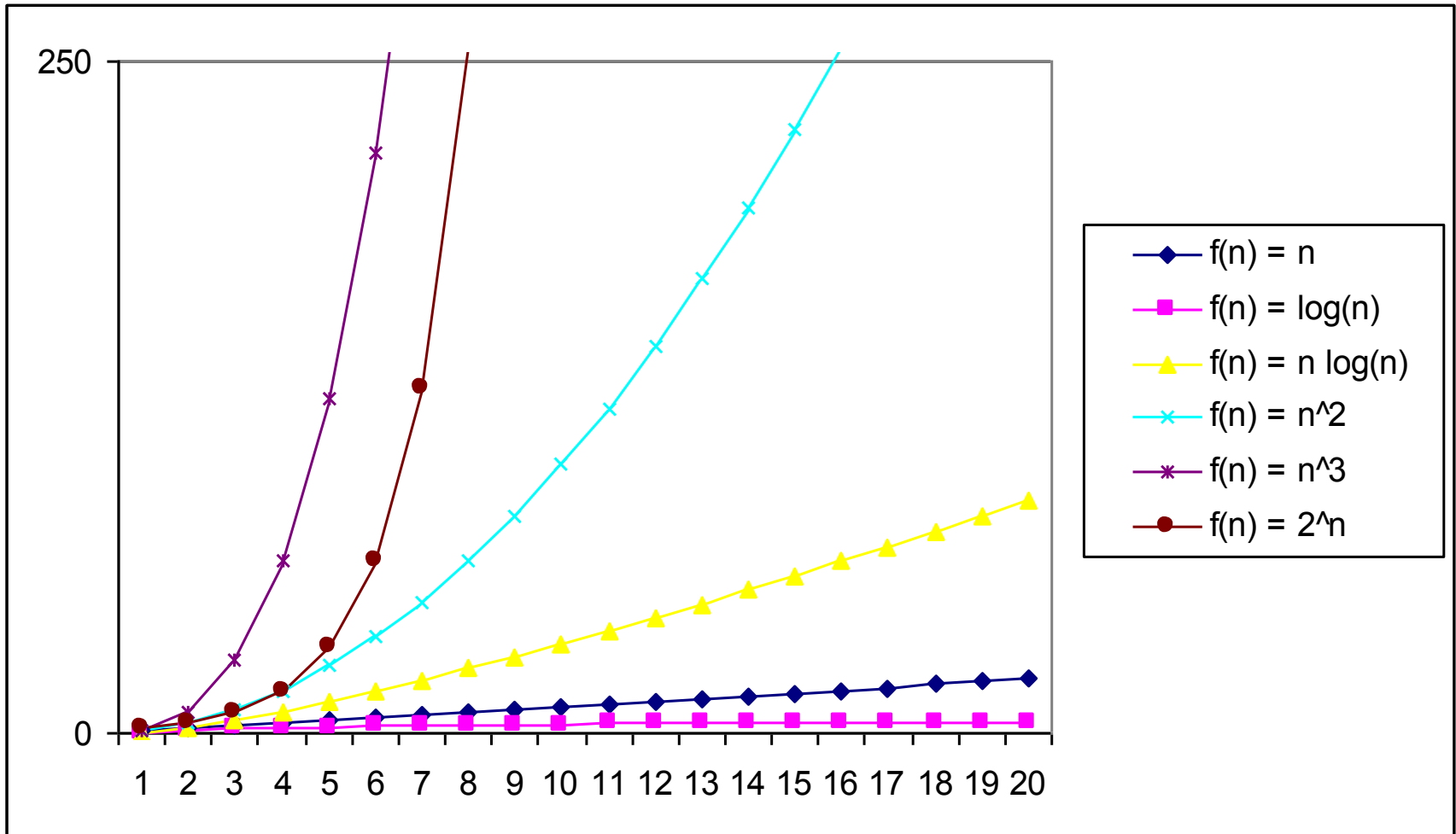
# Asymptotic Tight Bound

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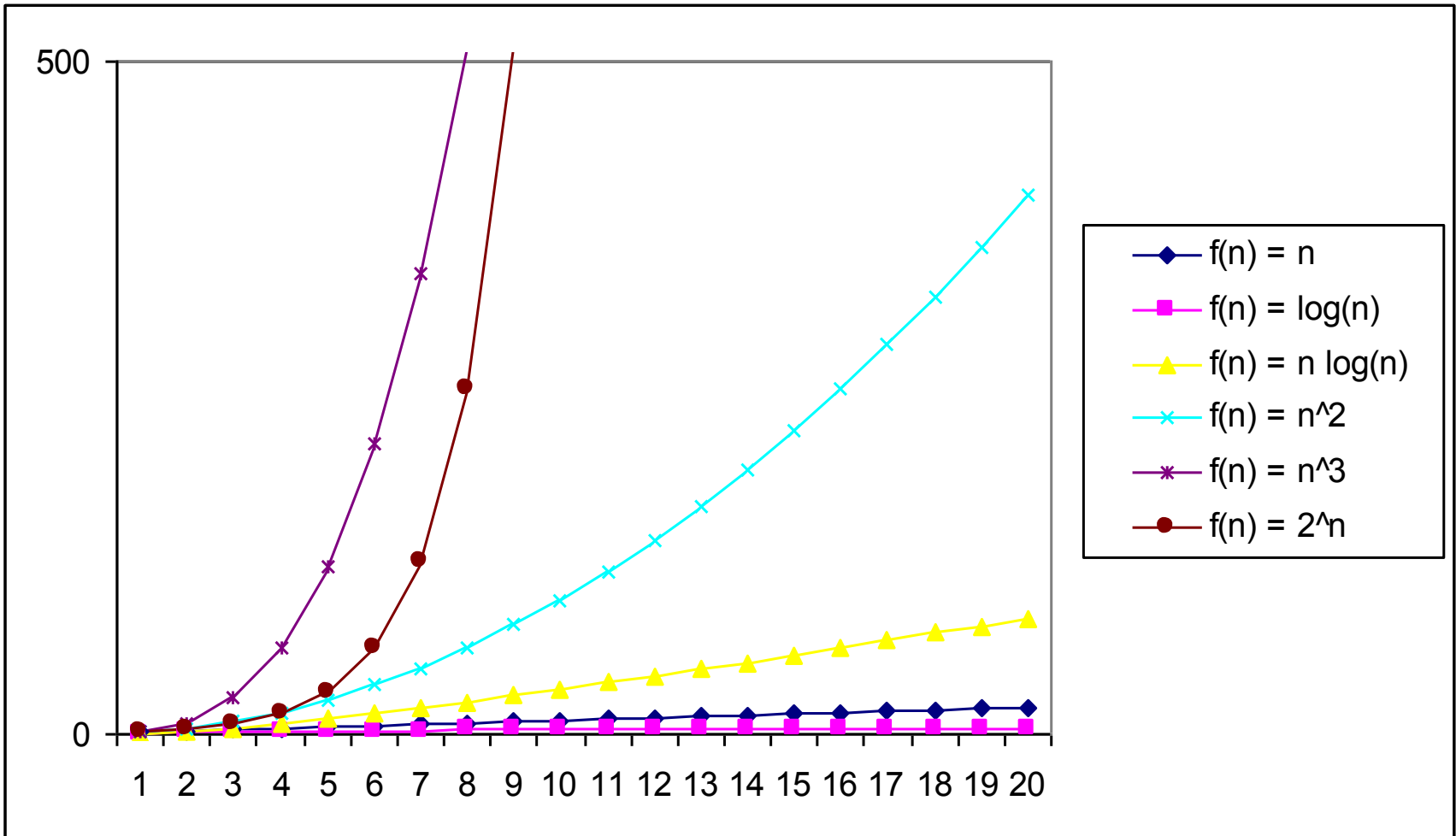
$$c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n) \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

- Theorem
  - $f(n)$  is  $\Theta(g(n))$  iff  $f(n)$  is both  $O(g(n))$  and  $\Omega(g(n))$
  - Proof: someday

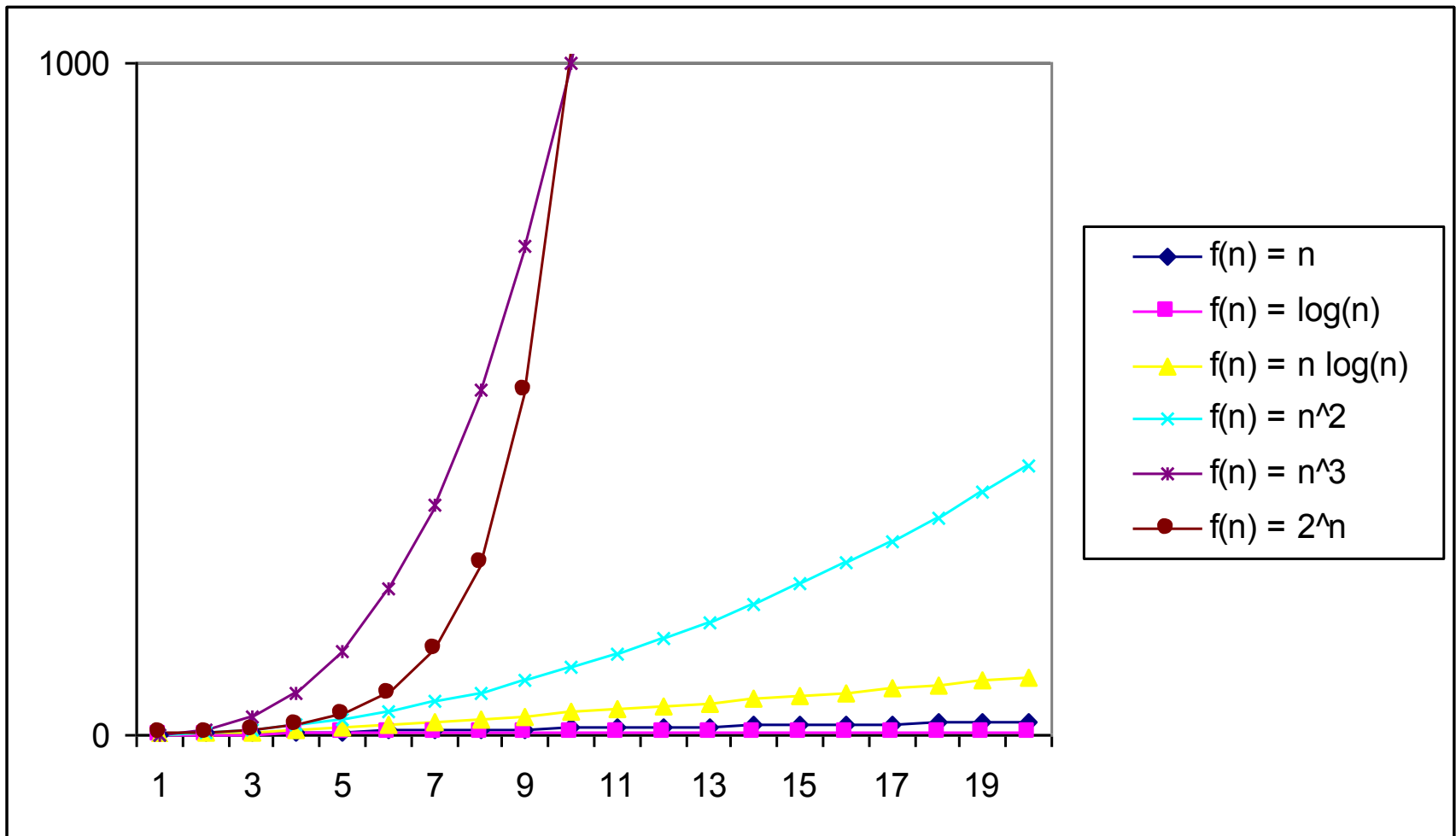
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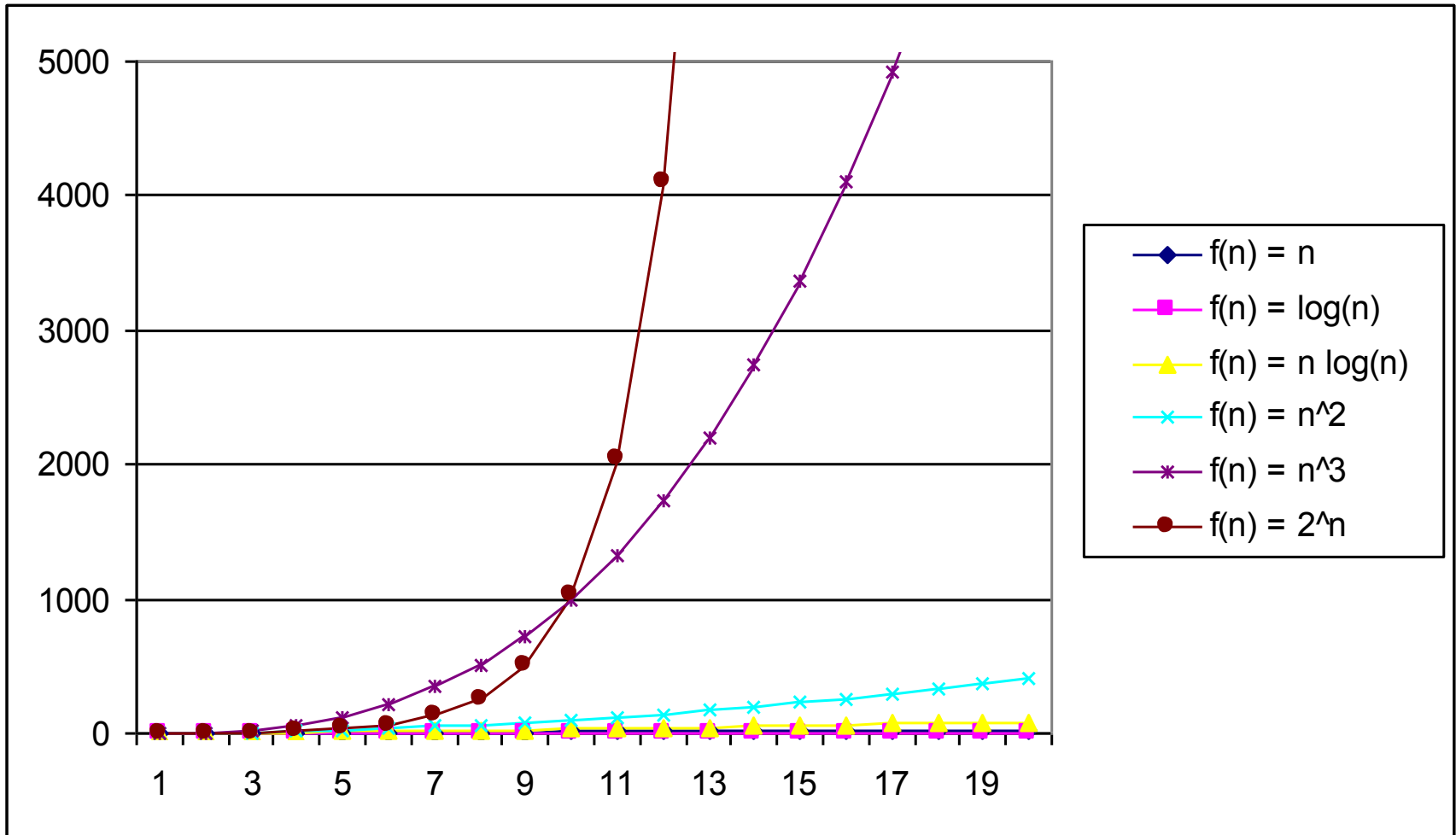
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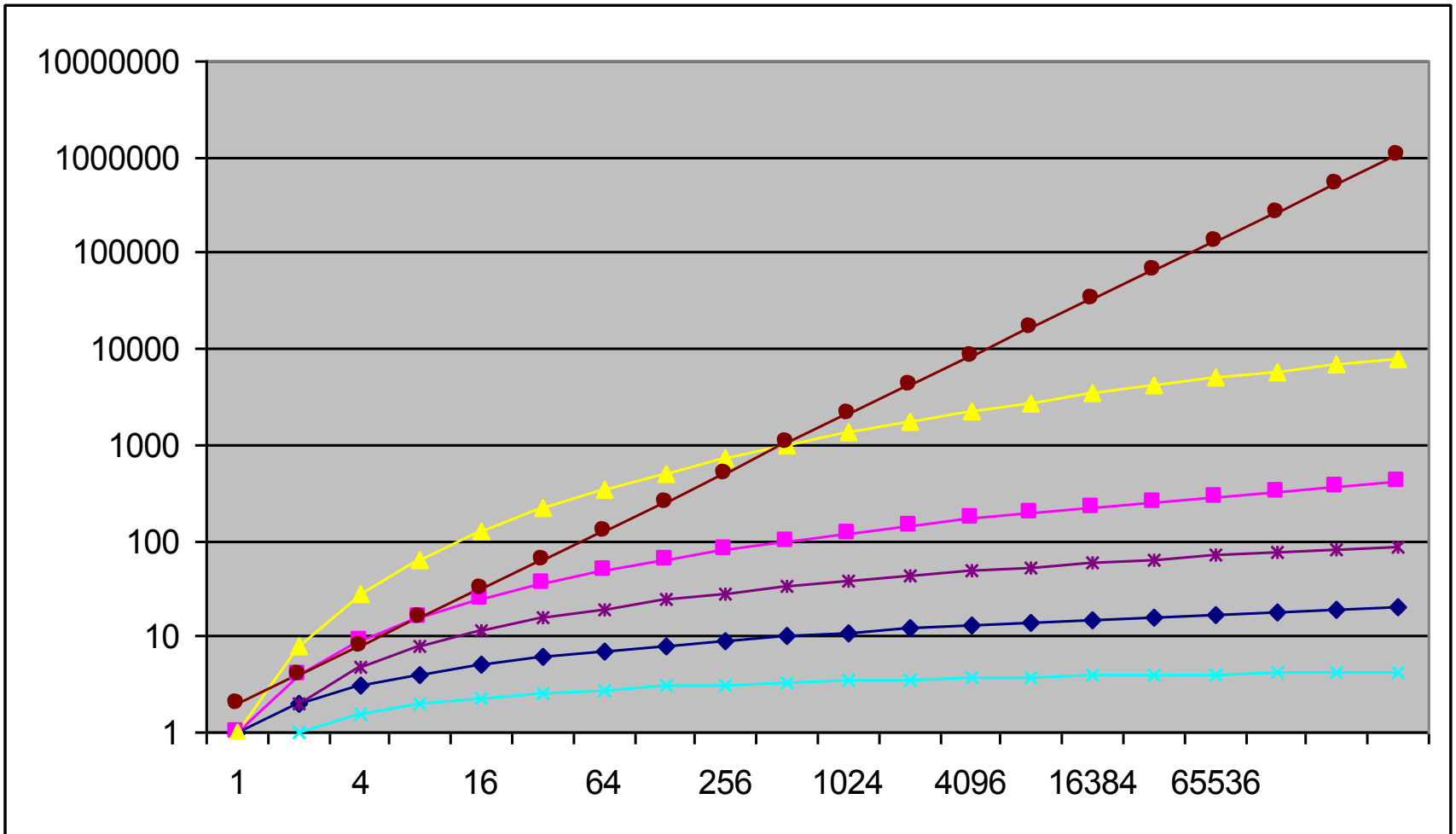


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# Other Asymptotic Notations

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$$f(n) < c g(n) \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

- A function  $f(n)$  is  $\omega(g(n))$  if  $\exists$  positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that

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- Intuitively,

- $o()$  is like  $<$

- $\omega()$  is like  $>$

- $\Theta()$  is like  $=$

- $O()$  is like  $\leq$

- $\Omega()$  is like  $\geq$

# Up Next

- Solving recurrences
  - Substitution method
  - Master theorem