

# 算法基础

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# 第二讲 函数增长

内容提要:

- 渐进记号
- 常用函数
- 级数求和



- $n \rightarrow \infty$ , 归并排序 $\Theta(n \lg n)$ , 算法性能优于 插入排序 $\Theta(n^2)$
- 利用函数增长率来描述算法效率, 并可以用来比较各种算法的相对性能;
- A way to describe behavior of functions **in the limit**. We're studying **asymptotic efficiency**. (函数的渐近效率, 即极限情况下的函数行为)
- Focus on what's important by abstracting away low-order terms and constant factors. (通常忽略低阶项和常数因子)
- How we indicate running times of algorithms. (如何描述算法的运算时间)
- A way to compare "sizes" of functions (比较函数大小的方法)

$$o \approx < ; O \approx \leq ; \Theta \approx = ; \Omega \approx \geq ; \omega \approx >$$



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内容提要:

## □ 渐进记号

✓ 定义:  $O$ ,  $\Omega$ ,  $\Theta$ ,  $o$ ,  $\omega$

✓ 证明例子

## □ 常用函数

## □ 级数求和



# Asymptotic notation (渐近记号)

- the asymptotic running time are defined in terms of functions whose domains are the set of **natural numbers**  $N = \{0,1,2,\dots\}$ . (运行时间函数的定义域为自然数集)
- **Abuse**
  - just for convenient
  - for example, extended to the real numbers domain
- **Not misused**
  - We need understand the precise meaning of the notation when it is abused. It is not misused.





# $\Theta$ -notation: asymptotically tight bound (渐近紧界)

- What this notation  $T(n)=\Theta(n^2)$  means

For a given function  $g(n)$ , we denote by  $\Theta(g(n))$  the set of functions  
 $\Theta(g(n)) = \{f(n): \text{there exist positive constants } c_1, c_2, \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that}$

$$0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0\}.$$

we could write “ $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$ ” to indicate that  $f(n)$  is a member of  $\Theta(g(n))$ .

Instead, we will usually write “ $f(n)=\Theta(g(n))$ ” to express the same notion. The abuse may at first appear confusing, but it has advantages.



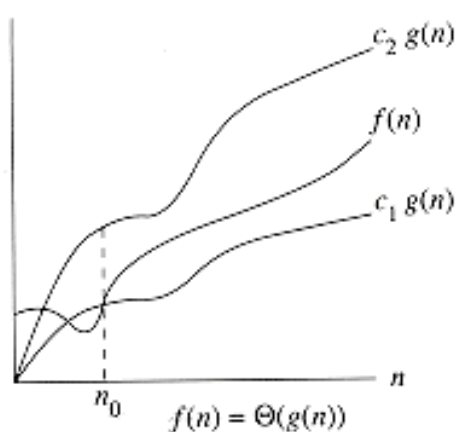


# $\Theta$ -notation: asymptotically tight bound (渐近紧界)

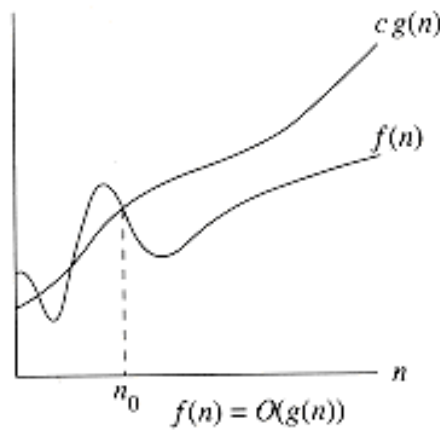
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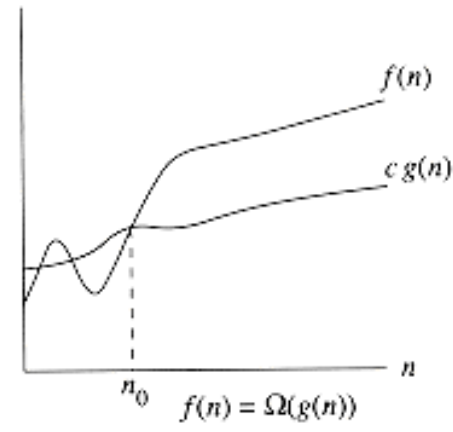
$$\Theta(g(n)) = \{f(n) : \text{there exist positive constants } c_1, c_2, \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that } 0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0\}.$$



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(c)

We say that  $g(n)$  is an asymptotically tight bound for  $f(n)$ .





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- In this chapter, assume that every asymptotic notations are **asymptotically nonnegative**. (设所有的渐近符号为渐近非负)
- Example: How to show that  $n^2/2 - 3n = \Theta(n^2)$  ?

We must determine positive constants  $c_1, c_2$ , and  $n_0$  such that

$$c_1 n^2 \leq n^2/2 - 3n \leq c_2 n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 \leq 1/2 - 3/n \leq c_2$$

by choosing  $c_1 = 1/14, c_2 = 1/2$ , and  $n_0 = 7$ , we can verify that  $n^2/2 - 3n = \Theta(n^2)$

- Other choices for the constants may exist. The key is **some choice exists**. (可能有多值，只要存在某个值就可以了)







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- How verify that  $6n^3 \neq \Theta(n^2)$  ?

Suppose for the purpose of contradiction that  $c_2$  and  $n_0$  exist such that  $6n^3 \leq c_2 n^2$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . But then  $n \leq c_2 / 6$ , which cannot possibly hold for arbitrarily large  $n$ , since  $c_2$  is constant.





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- The **lower-order terms**, the **coefficient of the highest-order term** can be ignored.
- Example:  $f(n) = an^2 + bn + c$ , where  $a > 0, b, c$  are constants.

Throwing away the lower-order terms and ignoring the constant yields  $f(n) = \Theta(n^2)$ . (Page44)

- In general, for any polynomial  $p(n) = \sum_{i=0}^d a_i n^i$ , where the  $a_i$  are constants and  $a_d > 0$ , we have  $p(n) = \Theta(n^d)$ .
- We can express any constant function as  $\Theta(n^0)$  or  $\Theta(1)$ .  
 $\Theta(1)$  often mean either a constant or a constant function.

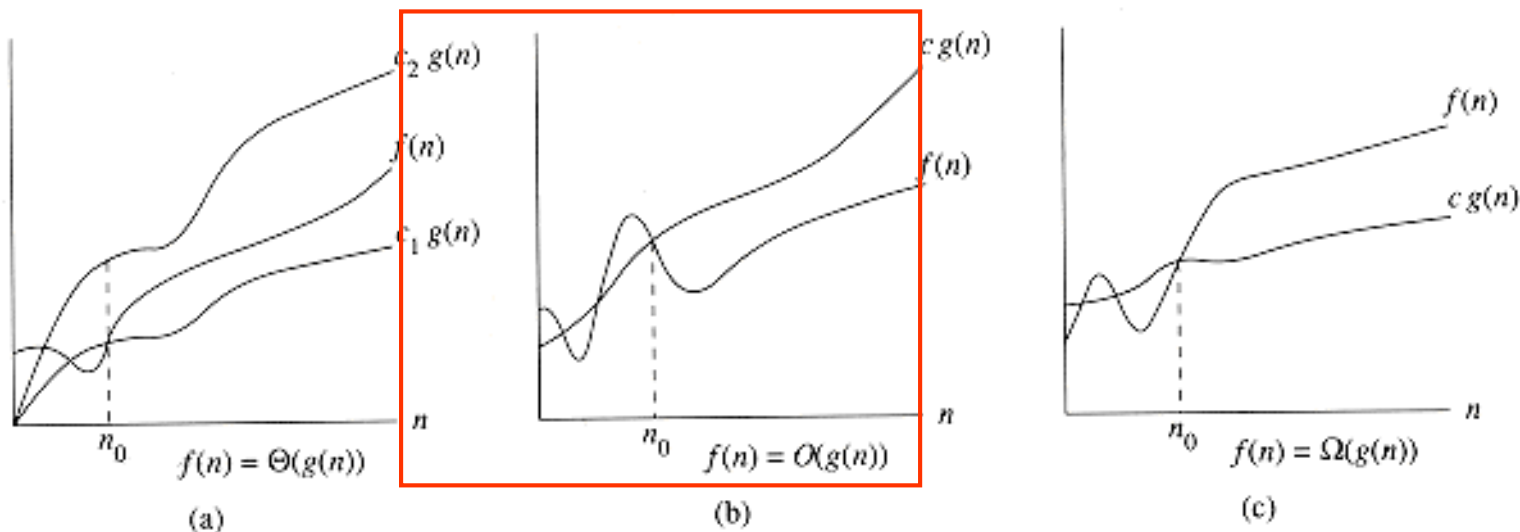




# O-notation: asymptotic upper bound (渐近上界)



- **O – notation:** For a given function  $g(n)$ , we denote by  $O(g(n))$  the set of functions  $O(g(n)) = \{f(n): \text{there exist positive constants } c \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that } 0 \leq f(n) \leq c g(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0\}$ .



- " $f(n) = O(g(n))$ " indicates " $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ "
- $f(n) = \Theta(g(n)) \Rightarrow f(n) = O(g(n))$   
 $\Rightarrow \Theta(g(n)) \subseteq O(g(n))$



# $O$ -notation: asymptotic upper bound

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• Example:  $2n^2 = O(n^3)$ , with  $c=1$  and  $n_0=2$

• Example of functions in  $O(n^2)$

$$n^2$$

$$n$$

$$n^2 + n$$

$$n / 3000$$

$$n^2 + 2000n$$

$$n^{1.99999}$$

$$500n^2 + 1000n$$

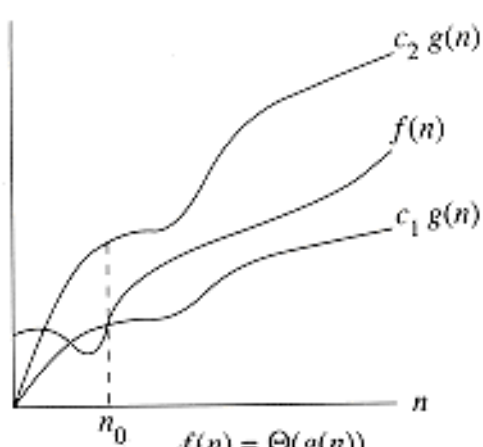
$$n^2 / \lg \lg \lg n$$



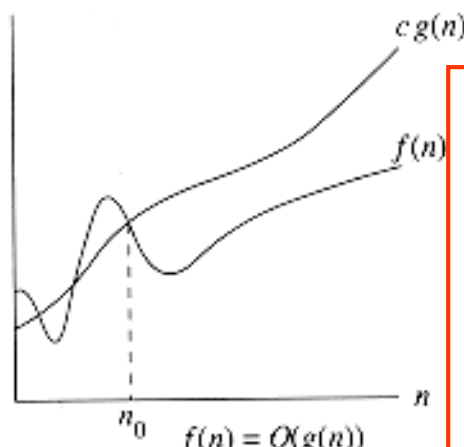
# $\Omega$ -notation: asymptotic lower bound (渐近下界)

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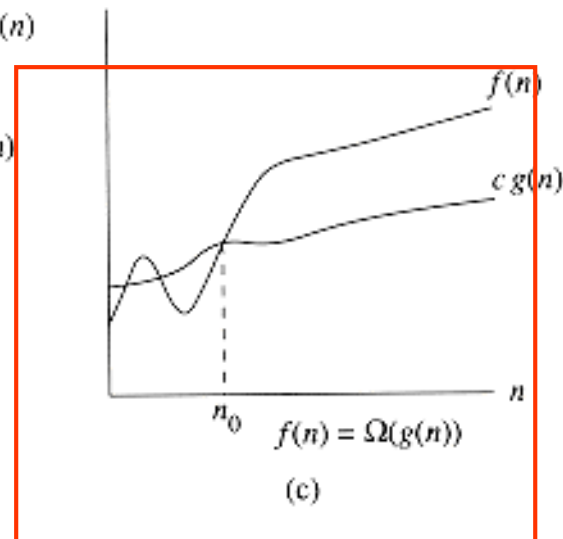
$$0 \leq c g(n) \leq f(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0\}.$$



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- Example of functions in  $\Omega(n^2)$

$$n^2$$

$$n^2 + n$$

$$n^2 + 2000n$$

$$500n^2 - 1000n$$

$$n^3$$

$$n^{2.0000001}$$

$$n^2 \lg \lg \lg n$$



# $\Omega$ -notation: 渐近下界

## □ Theorem 3.1

For any two functions  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$ , we have  $f(n)=\Theta(g(n))$  if and only if  $f(n)=O(g(n))$  and  $f(n)=\Omega(g(n))$ .

Prove:

$\Rightarrow$ :  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ , then  $\exists c_1 > 0, c_2 > 0, n_0 > 0$ ,

s.t.  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$

then  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $0 \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n) \Rightarrow f(n) = O(g(n))$

then  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \Rightarrow f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$

$\Leftarrow$ :  $f(n) = O(g(n))$ , then  $\exists c_2 > 0, n_{20} > 0$ ,

s.t.  $n \geq n_{20}$ ,  $0 \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$

$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ , then  $\exists c_{10} > 0, n_{10} > 0$ ,

s.t.  $n \geq n_{10}$ ,  $0 \leq c_{10} g(n) \leq f(n)$

let  $n_0 = \max\{n_{10}, n_{20}\}$ , then  $n \geq n_0$ ,

$0 \leq c_{10} g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$ , that is  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ .





# $\Omega$ -notation: 渐近下界

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For any two functions  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$ , we have  $f(n)=\Theta(g(n))$  if and only if  $f(n)=O(g(n))$  and  $f(n)=\Omega(g(n))$ .

- In practice, rather than using the theorem to obtain asymptotic upper and lower bounds from asymptotically tight bounds, we usually use it to **prove** asymptotically tight bounds from asymptotic upper and lower bounds.

(定理作用：实际中，通常根据渐近上界和渐近下界来证明渐近紧界，而不是根据渐近紧界来得到渐近上界和渐近下界。)





# $\Omega$ -notation: 渐近下界

- The running time of insertion sort falls between  $\Omega(n)$  and  $O(n^2)$ , the bounds are asymptotically tight.
  - The running time of insertion sort is not  $\Omega(n^2)$ . Why?
  - It is not contradictory to say that the worst-case running time of insertion sort is  $\Omega(n^2)$ . Why?
  - The running time of an algorithm is  $\Omega(g(n))$ , we mean that no matter what particular input of size  $n$  is chosen for each value of  $n$ , the running time on that input is at **least** a constant times  $g(n)$ , for large  $n$ .
- ( 算法的运行时间为  $\Omega(g(n))$  意味着对足够大的  $n$ , 对输入规模为  $n$  的任意输入, 其运算时间至少是  $g(n)$  的一个常数倍。 )



# 等式和不等式中的渐近记号

- How to interpret: “ $n=O(n^2)$ ”, “ $2n^2+3n+1=2n^2+\Theta(n)$ ”, ...
  - ◆ When the asymptotic notation on the right-hand side alone, as  $n=O(n^2)$ , it means set membership:  $n \in O(n^2)$ .
  - ◆ When in a formula, it stands for some anonymous function that we do not care to name. For example, “ $2n^2+3n+1=2n^2+\Theta(n)$ ” means that “ $2n^2+3n+1=2n^2+f(n)$ ”, where  $f(n)$  is some anonymous function in the set  $\Theta(n)$ . (代表存在某个匿名函数使得方程成立)
  - ◆ When on the left-hand side, as in “ $2n^2+\Theta(n)=\Theta(n^2)$ ”, it can be interpreted: *No matter how the anonymous functions are chosen on the left of the equal sign, there is a way to choose the anonymous functions on the equal sign to make the equation valid.* (任给  $f(n) \in \Theta(n)$ , 存在  $g(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$ , 使得方程成立)
- From 2) and 3), we have “ $2n^2+3n+1=2n^2+\Theta(n)=\Theta(n^2)$ ”.



# $o$ -notation: (非渐近紧确上界)

- The bound provided by  $O$ -notation may or may not be asymptotically tight.
- The bound  $2n^2=O(n^2)$  is asymptotically tight, but the bound  $2n=O(n^2)$  is not.
- The  $o$ -notation denotes an **upper bound** that is **not asymptotically tight**. Formally, define  $o(g(n))$  as the set  
(渐近非紧上界)

$o(g(n)) = \{f(n): \text{for any positive constants } c>0, \text{ there exists a constant } n_0>0 \text{ such that } 0 \leq f(n) < c g(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0\}$ .

For example,  $2n=o(n^2)$ , but  $2n^2 \neq o(n^2)$ .



# $\omega$ -notation — 非渐近紧确下界

- $\omega$ -notation is to  $\Omega$ -notation as  $o$ -notation is to  $O$ -notation.
- The  $\omega$ -notation denotes an **lower bound that is not asymptotically tight**. Formally, define  $\omega(g(n))$  as the set

$\omega(g(n)) = \{f(n): \text{for any positive constants } c > 0, \text{ there exists a constant } n_0 > 0 \text{ such that } 0 \leq c g(n) < f(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0\}$ .

One way to define it is by

$$f(n) \in \omega(g(n)) \text{ if and only if } g(n) \in o(f(n))$$

For example,  $n^2/2 \in \omega(n)$ , but  $n^2/2 \notin \omega(n^2)$ .

- The relation  $f(n) \in \omega(g(n))$  implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \infty, \text{ if the limit exists.}$$



# Comparison of functions (函数比较)

- Many of the relational properties of **real number** apply to asymptotic comparisons.

For the following, Assume that  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  are asymptotically positive.

- **Transitivity (传递性)**

$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$  and  $g(n) = \Theta(h(n))$  imply  $f(n) = \Theta(h(n))$ ,

$f(n) = O(g(n))$  and  $g(n) = O(h(n))$  imply  $f(n) = O(h(n))$ ,

$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$  and  $g(n) = \Omega(h(n))$  imply  $f(n) = \Omega(h(n))$ ,

$f(n) = o(g(n))$  and  $g(n) = o(h(n))$  imply  $f(n) = o(h(n))$ ,

$f(n) = \omega(g(n))$  and  $g(n) = \omega(h(n))$  imply  $f(n) = \omega(h(n))$ .



# Comparison of functions (函数比较)

- **Reflexivity (自反性)**

$$f(n) = \Theta(f(n)),$$

$$f(n) = O(f(n)),$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(f(n)).$$

- **Symmetry (对称性)**

$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n)) \text{ if and only if } g(n) = \Theta(f(n)).$$

- **Transpose symmetry (反对称性)**

$$f(n) = O(g(n)) \text{ if and only if } g(n) = \Omega(f(n)),$$

$$f(n) = o(g(n)) \text{ if and only if } g(n) = \omega(f(n)).$$



# Comparison of functions (函数比较)

- An analogy between the asymptotic comparison of two functions and the comparison of two real numbers

(函数渐近性比较与实数比较的类比)

$$f(n) = o(g(n)) \approx a < b,$$

$$f(n) = O(g(n)) \approx a \leq b,$$

$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n)) \approx a = b,$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(g(n)) \approx a \geq b,$$

$$f(n) = \omega(g(n)) \approx a > b.$$





# Comparison of functions (函数比较)

- One property of real numbers, does not carry over to asymptotic notation
  - ◆ Trichotomy (三分法) : any two real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ , one of the following must hold:  $a < b$ ,  $a = b$ , or  $a > b$ .
  - ◆ Not all functions are asymptotically comparable. That is, for two functions  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$ , it may be the case that neither  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  nor  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$  holds.

For example, the functions  $n$  and  $n^{1+\sin n}$  cannot be compared using asymptotic notation.

$$-1 \leq \sin n \leq 1 \Rightarrow n^0 \leq n^{1+\sin n} \leq n^2$$

$$n^{1+\sin n} \leq n \leq n^{1+\sin n} \quad ???$$





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# Standard notation and common function

- **Monotonicity** (单调性)

- **Floors and ceilings**  $x-1 < \lfloor x \rfloor \leq x \leq \lceil x \rceil < x+1$

- **Modular arithmetic (remainder or residue)** (模运算)

$$a \bmod n = a - \lfloor a/n \rfloor n$$

- **Polynomials** (多项式)

$$p(n) = \sum_{i=0}^d a_i n^i$$

- **Exponentials** (指数)

- **Logarithms** (对数)

- **Factorials** (阶乘)

斯特林近似公式

$$n! = \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \left(1 + \theta\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)$$

$$\implies n! = o(n^n), n! = \omega(2^n), \lg(n!) = \theta(n \lg n)$$





# Standard notation and common function

- **Functional iteration (迭代函数)**

We use the notation  $f^{(i)}(n)$  to denote the function  $f(n)$  iteratively applied  $i$  times to an initial value of  $n$ . For non-negative integers  $i$ , we recursively define

$$f^{(i)}(n) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } i=0 \\ f(f^{(i-1)}(n)) & \text{if } i>0 \end{cases}$$

For example, if  $f(n)=2n$ , then

$$f^{(2)}(n) = f(f(n)) = f(2n) = 2(2n) = 2^2 n$$

...

$$f^{(i)}(n) = 2^i n$$



# Standard notation and common function

- The iterated logarithm function (多重对数函数)

We use the notation  $\lg^* n$  to denote the iterated logarithm. Let  $\lg^{(i)} n$  be iterated function, with  $f(n)=\lg n$ , that is

$\lg^{(i)}(n)=\lg(\lg^{(i-1)}(n))$ .  $\lg^{(i)} n$  is defined only if  $\lg^{(i-1)} n > 0$ . Be sure to distinguish  $\lg^{(i)} n$  from  $\lg^i n$ .  $\lg^* n$  is defined as

$$\lg^* n = \min\{i \geq 0 : \lg^{(i)} n \leq 1\}$$

The iterated logarithms is a very slowly growing function:

$$\lg^* 2 = 1, \quad \lg^* 4 = 2, \quad \lg^* 16 = 3,$$

$$\lg^* 65536 = 4, \quad \lg^* 2^{65536} = 5.$$

$2^{65536} \gg 10^{80}$ . Rarely encounter an input size  $n$  such that  $\lg^* n > 5$ .

- Fibonacci numbers



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# 级数求和

□ **定义:** 有限和、无限和、级数收敛、级数发散的、绝对收敛级数

□ **等差级数:**  $\sum_{k=1}^n k = 1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{1}{2}n(n+1) = \Theta(n^2)$

□ **平方和与立方和:**

$$\sum_{k=0}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}, \sum_{k=0}^n k^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$$

□ **几何级数:**

$$\sum_{k=0}^n x^k = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n = \frac{x^{n+1} - 1}{x - 1}$$

□ **调和级数:**

$$H_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} = \ln n + O(1)$$

□ **级数的积分和微分:**

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} kx^k = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$$



# 确定求和时间的界

## □ 数学归纳法

1) 计算级数的准确值

2) 计算和式的界，如：证明几何级数  $\sum_{k=0}^n 3^k$  的界是  $O(3^n)$

3) 一个容易犯的错误，如：证明  $\sum_{k=1}^n k = O(n)$

## □ 确定级数各项的界

1) 一个级数的理想上界可以通过对级数中的每个项求界来获得；

2) 一个级数实际上以一个几何级数为界时，可以选择级数的最大项作为每项的界（注意防止犯错！）

□ **分割求和：** 可以将级数表示为两个或多个级数，按下标的范围进行划分，然后再对每个级数分别求界。



# 谢谢!

## Q & A