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## Sorting Problem

**Input:** sequence of  $n$  numbers  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$

**Output:** a permutation  $(a'_1, a'_2, \dots, a'_n)$  of the input sequence such that  $a'_1 \leq a'_2 \leq \dots \leq a'_n$

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- At the end of  $j$ -th iteration, the first  $j$  numbers are sorted.

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- Correctness
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- Invariant: after iteration  $j$  of outer loop,  $A[1..j]$  is the sorted array for the original  $A[1..j]$ .

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**Important idea:** asymptotic analysis

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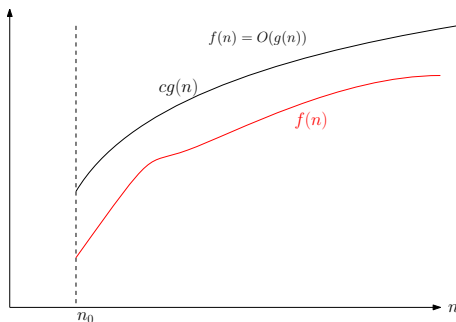
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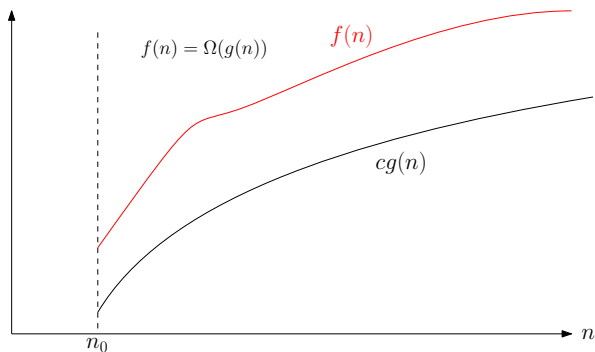
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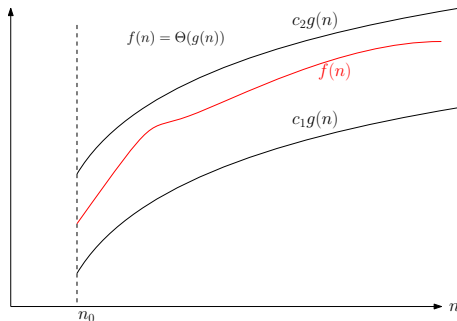
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