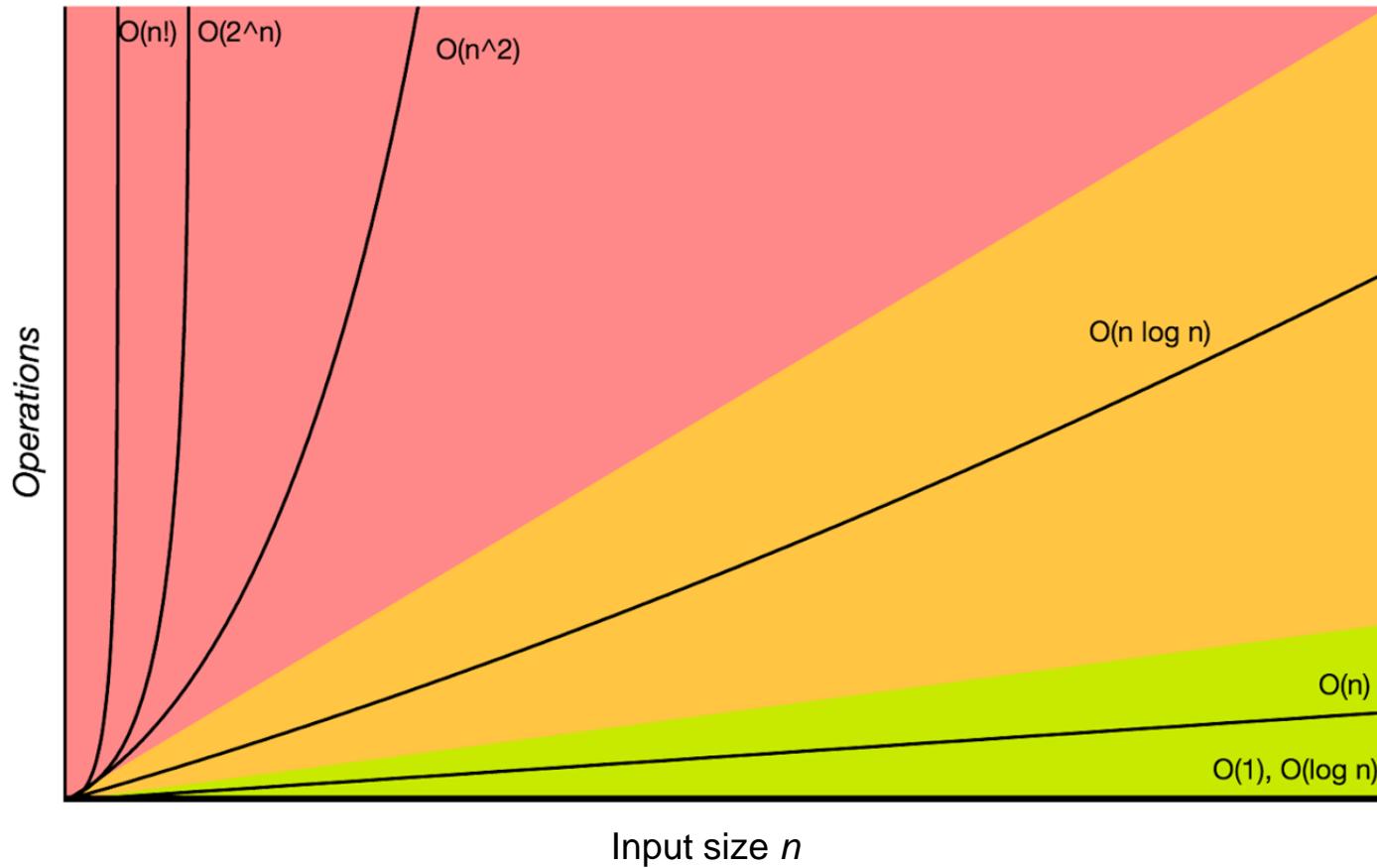


## Lecture 8

Classifying algorithms by complexity  
Use cases: *searching* and *sorting*

# Algorithms: practical and impractical



n bytes	log n	n	$n^2$	$2^n$
10 B	1	10	100	$\sim 1 \cdot 10^3$
100 B	2	100	10000	$\sim 1 \cdot 10^{30}$
1 KB	3	1,000	1000000	$\sim 1 \cdot 10^{300}$
10 KB	4	10,000	100000000	$\sim 1 \cdot 10^{3000}$
100 KB	5	100,000	10000000000	$\sim 1 \cdot 10^{30,000}$
1 MB	6	1,000,000	1.00E+12	$\sim 1 \cdot 10^{300,000}$
10 MB	7	10,000,000	1.00E+14	n/a
100 MB	8	100,000,000	1.00E+16	n/a
1 GB	9	1,000,000,000	1.00E+18	n/a
10 GB	10	10,000,000,000	1.00E+20	n/a
100 GB	11	100,000,000,000	1.00E+22	n/a
1 TB	12	1,000,000,000,000	1.00E+24	n/a

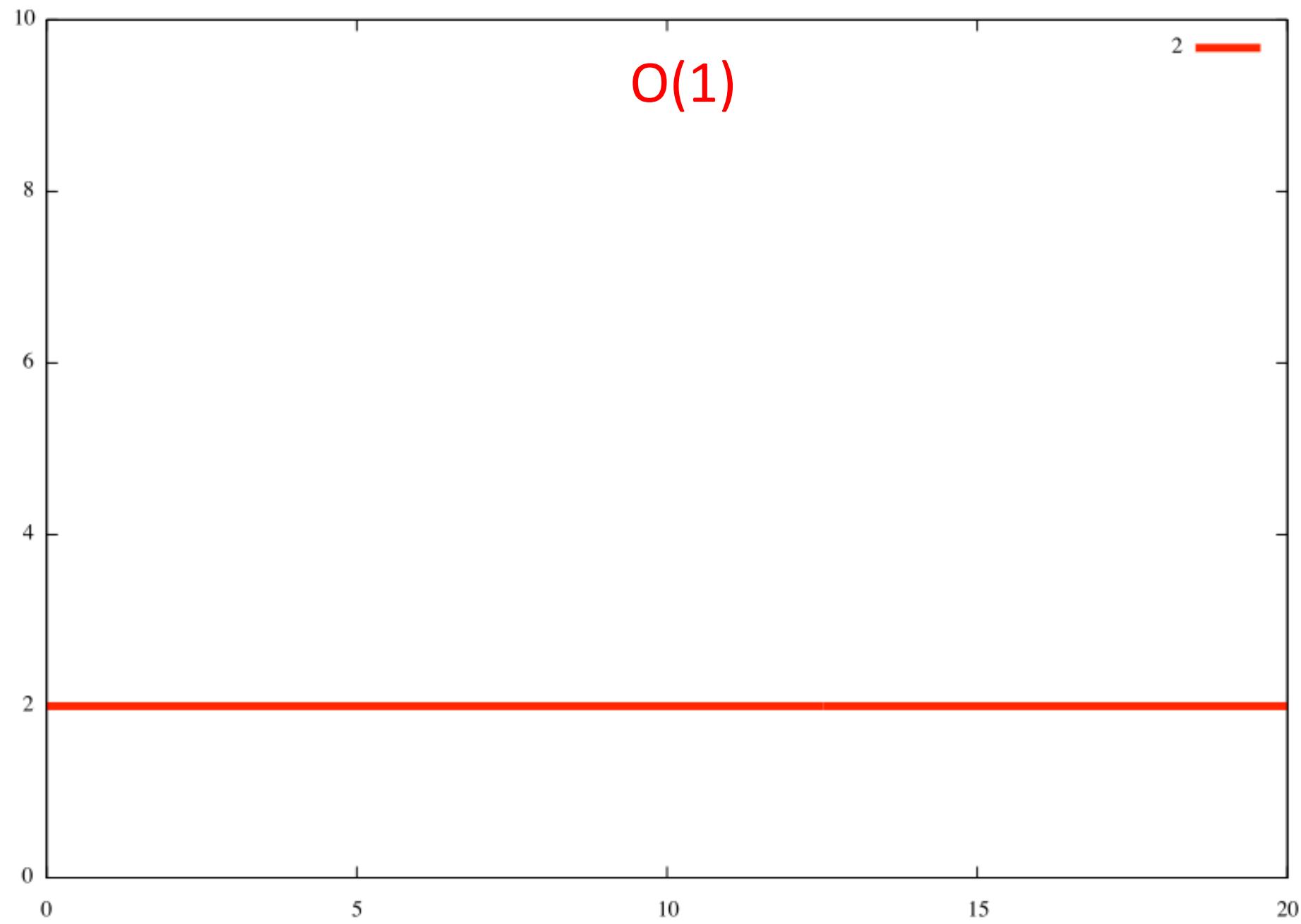
CPU with a clock speed of 2 gigahertz (GHz) can carry out two thousand million ( $2 \cdot 10^9$ ) cycles (operations) **per second**.

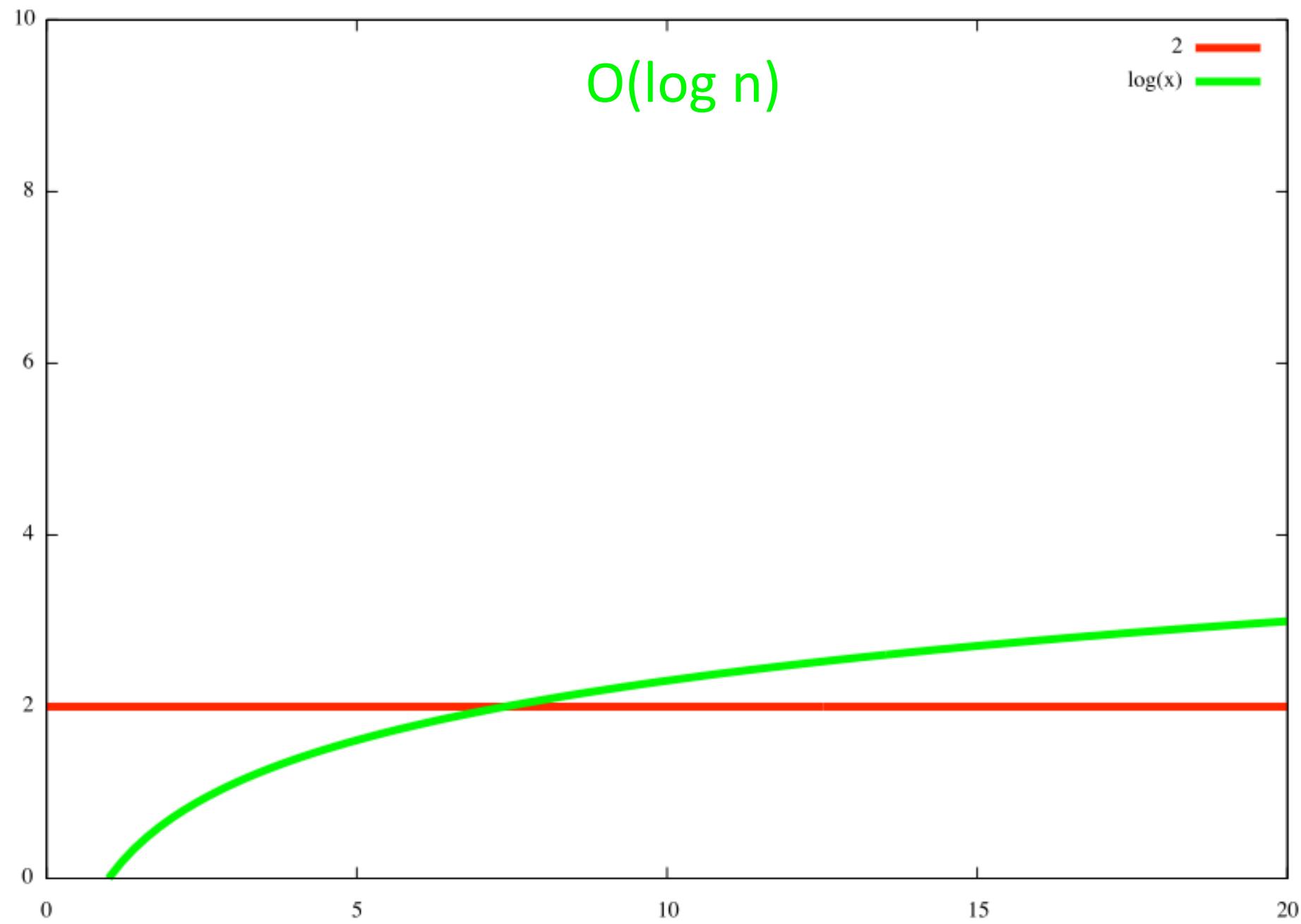
- Algorithm which runs in **O( $2^n$ )** time will process **1 KB** of input in  **$\sim 10^{22}$  years** (more than 7 millenia)
- Processing **1 GB** of input will take **<0.001 ms** by  $O(\log n)$  algorithm, **< 1 sec** by  $O(n)$  algorithm, and **>32 years** by  $O(n^2)$  algorithm

# Classifying algorithms by the rate of growth

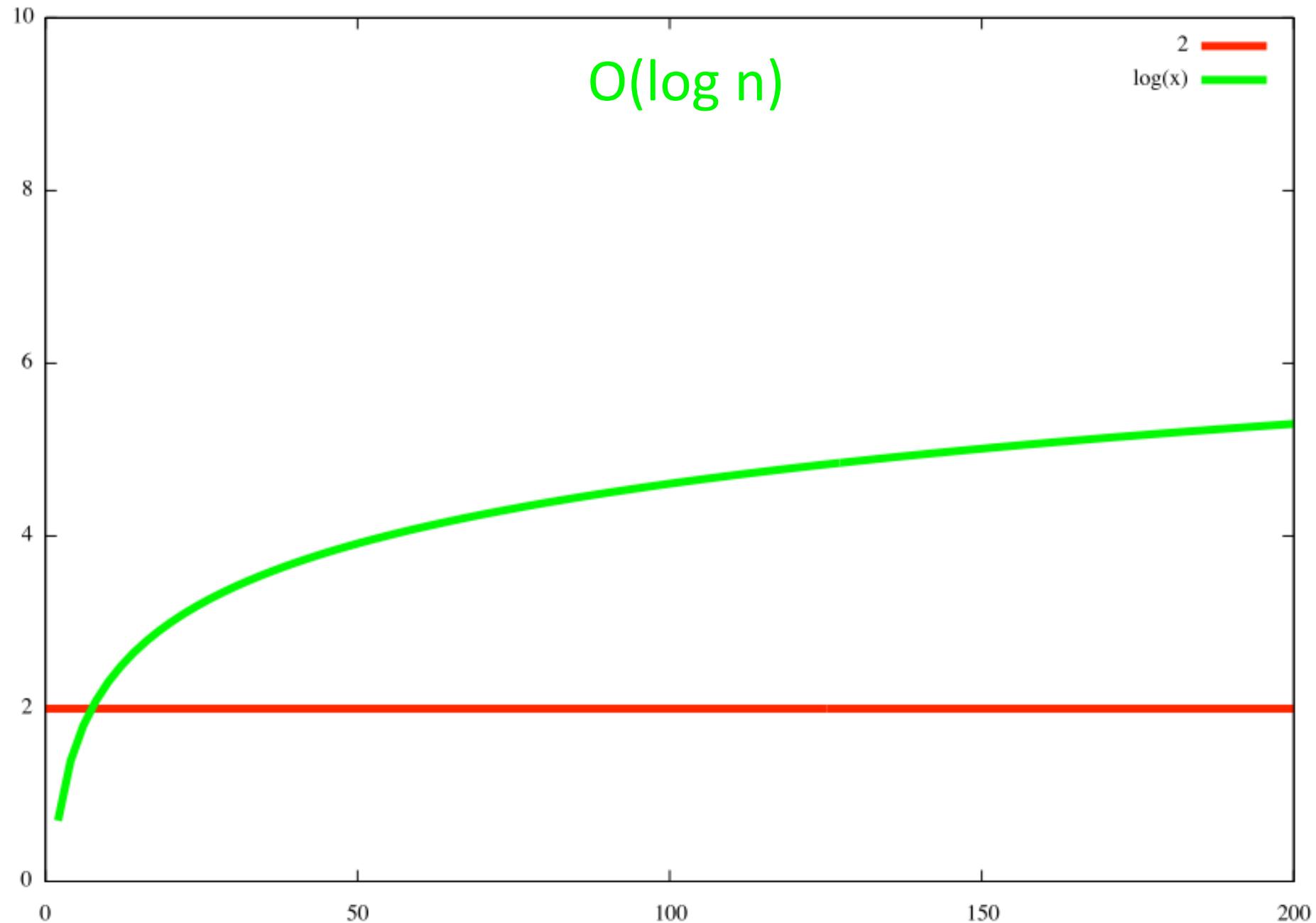
O(0)?

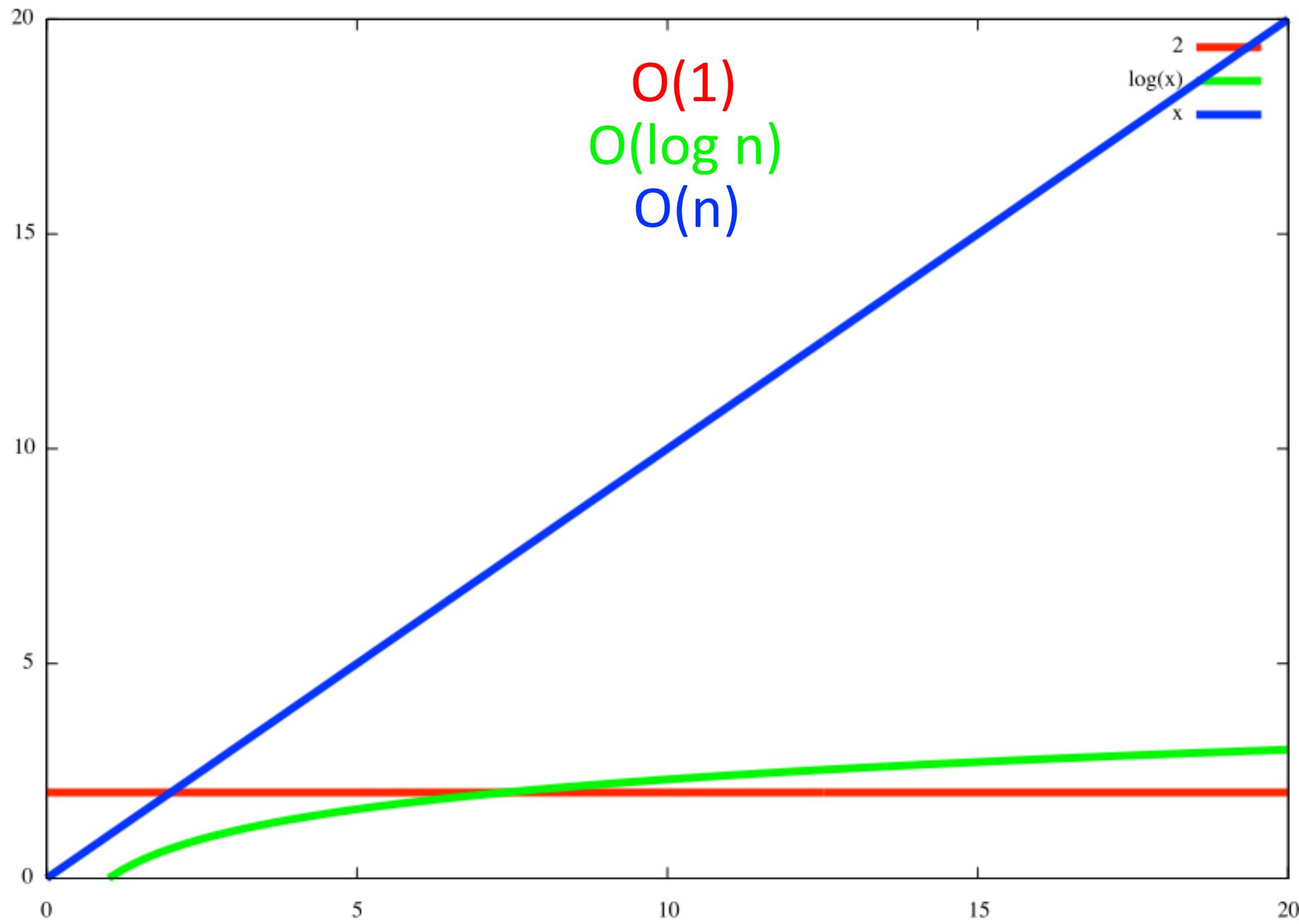
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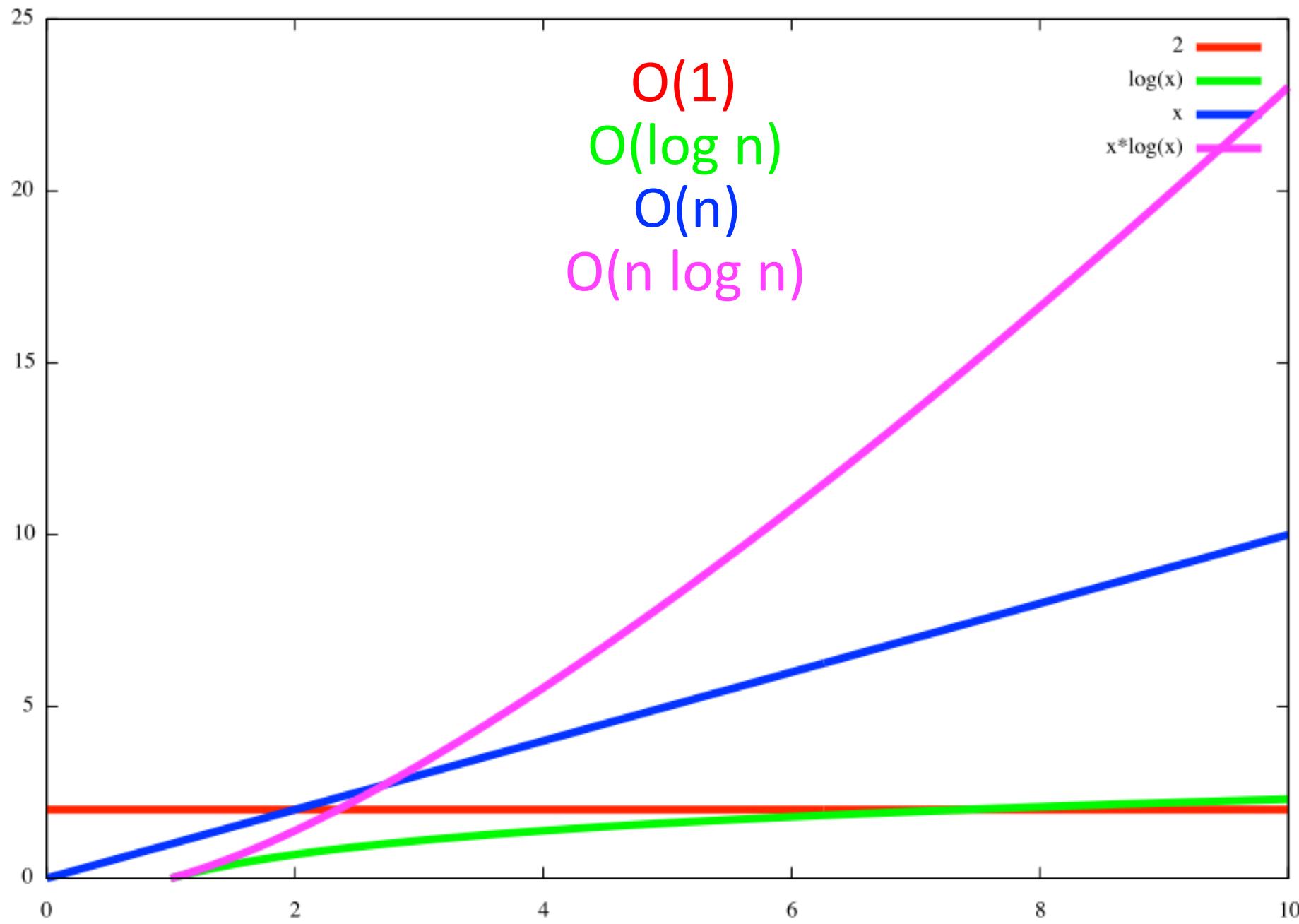
$O(\log n)$

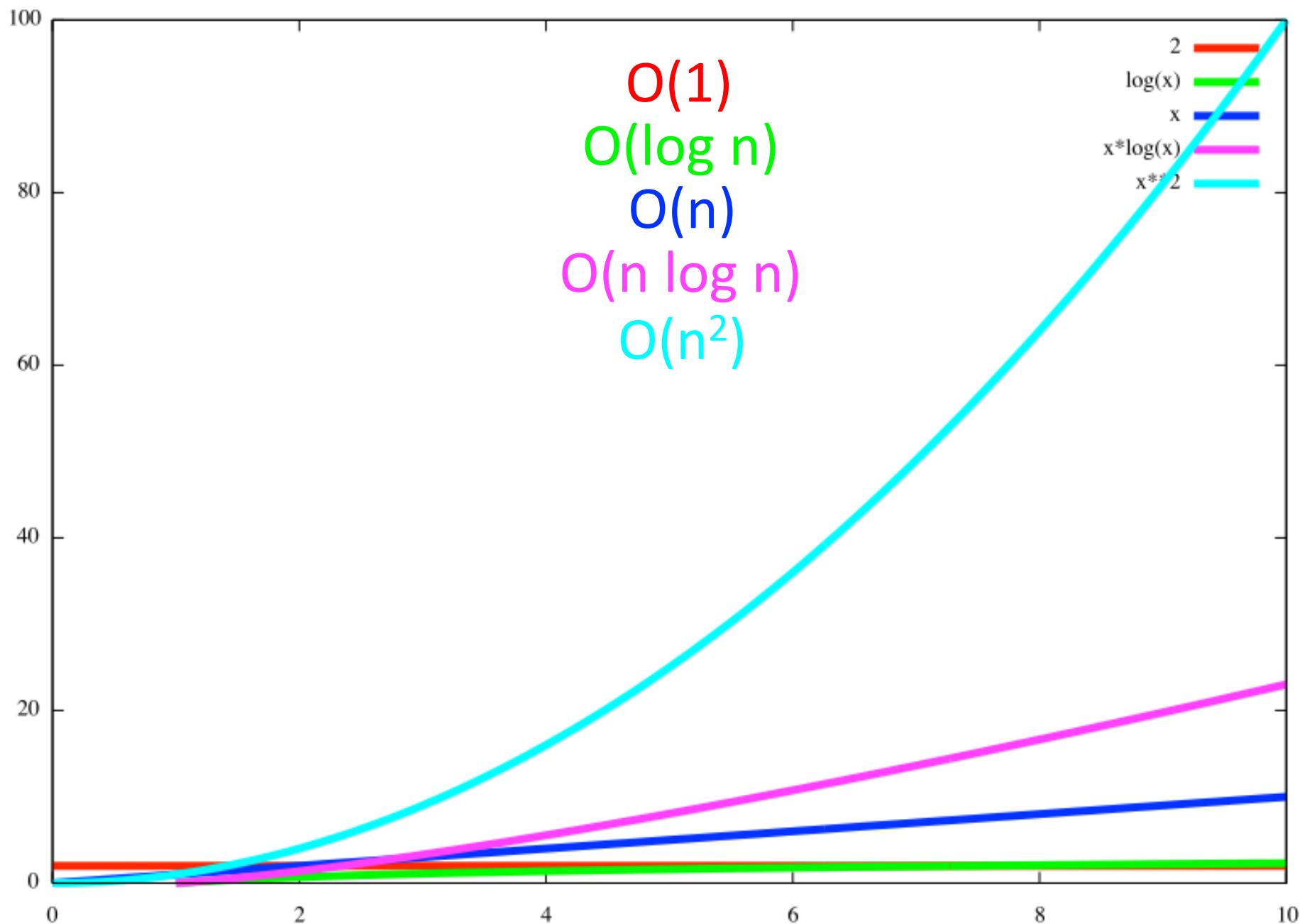


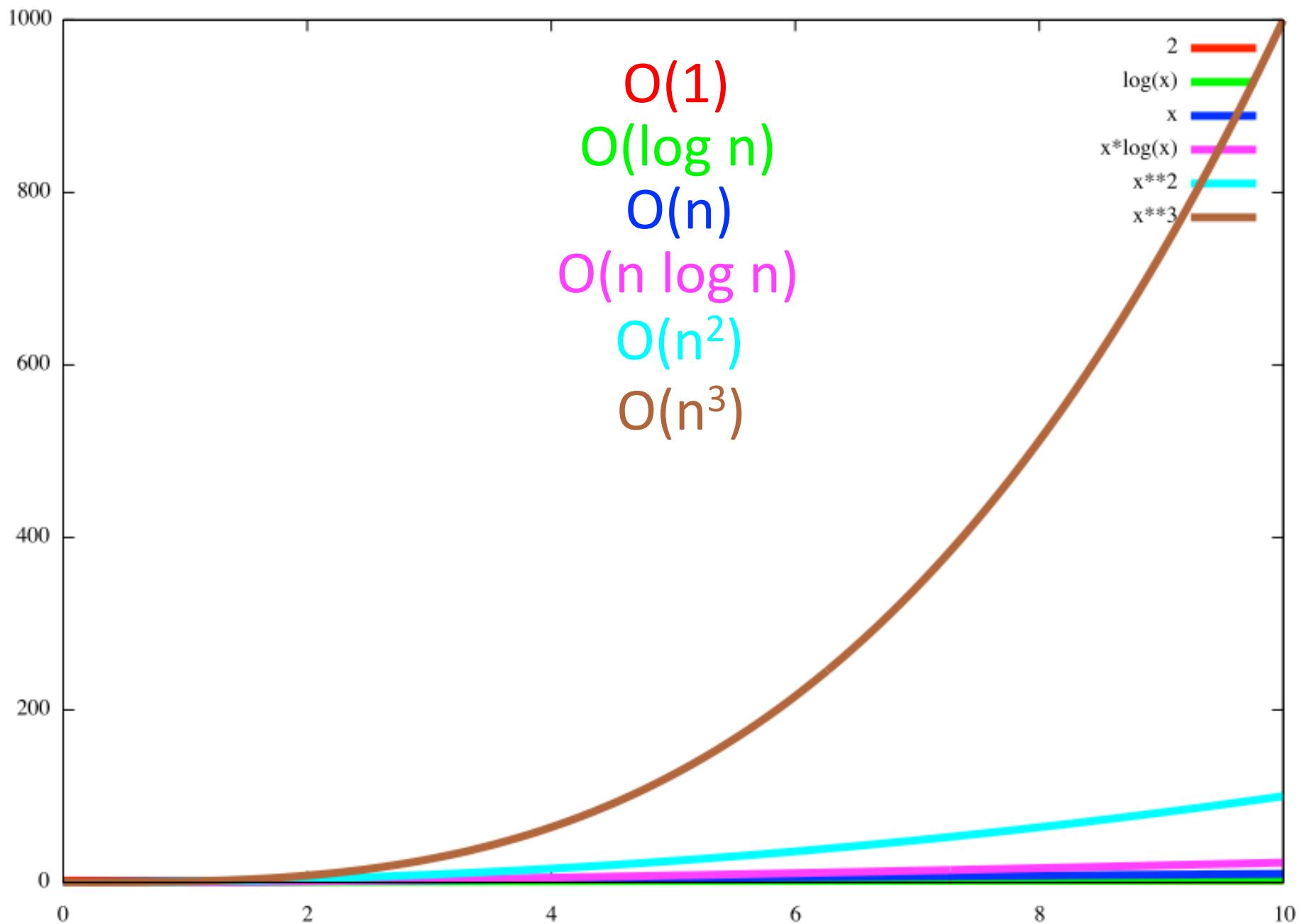


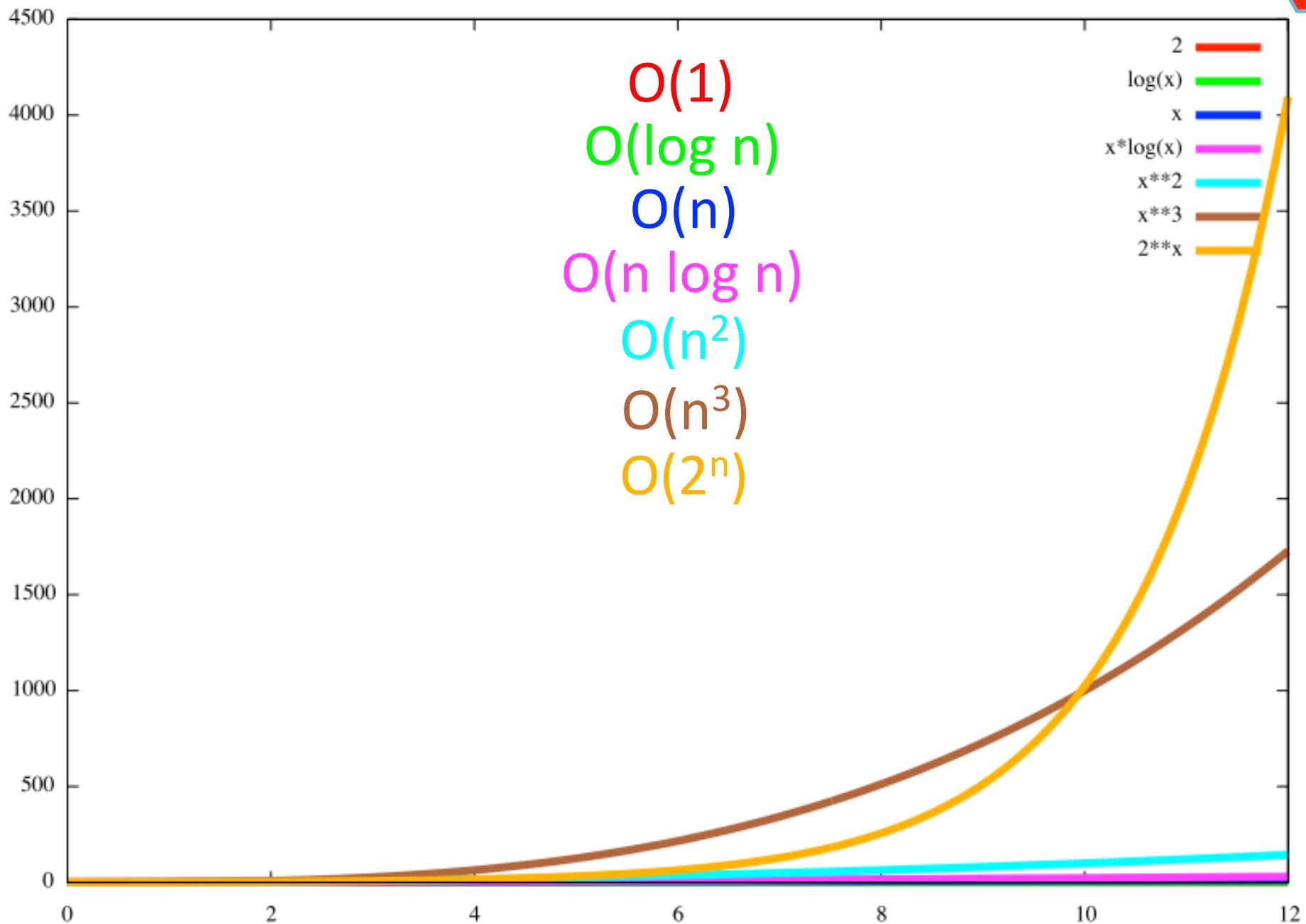
$O(1)$   
 $O(\log n)$   
 $O(n)$

2  
log(x)  
x









# Examples

- $O(1)$ 
  - Getting the length of a given array
  - Getting the i-th element from *ArrayList*
- $O(n)$ 
  - Min/Max value in an array
  - Search for something in an unsorted list
- $O(n^2)$ 
  - Finding closest pair of points in a plane

**Example:**  
**Complexity of searching in an Array**

# Linear Search

**Algorithm linearSearch ( $A$ ,  $n$ ,  $target$ )**

$i \leftarrow 0$

**while  $i < n$ :**

**if  $target = A[i]$ :**

**return  $i$**

*$i \leftarrow i + 1$*

**return -1**

# Linear Search

**Algorithm linearSearch (*A, n, target*)**

*i*  $\leftarrow$  0

**while** *i* < *n*:

**if** *target* = *A*[*i*]:

**return** *i*

*i*  $\leftarrow$  *i* + 1

**return** -1

$$1 + 4n + 1 = 4n + 2 = O(n)$$

# Searching Sorted Data

Binary Search

# Searching in a Sorted Array

## Example

*search(2) → -1*

*search(3) → 0*

*search(4) → -1*

*search(20) → 3*

*search(20) → 4*

*search(90) → -1*

3	5	8	20	20	50	60
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

# Example: Searching for key 50

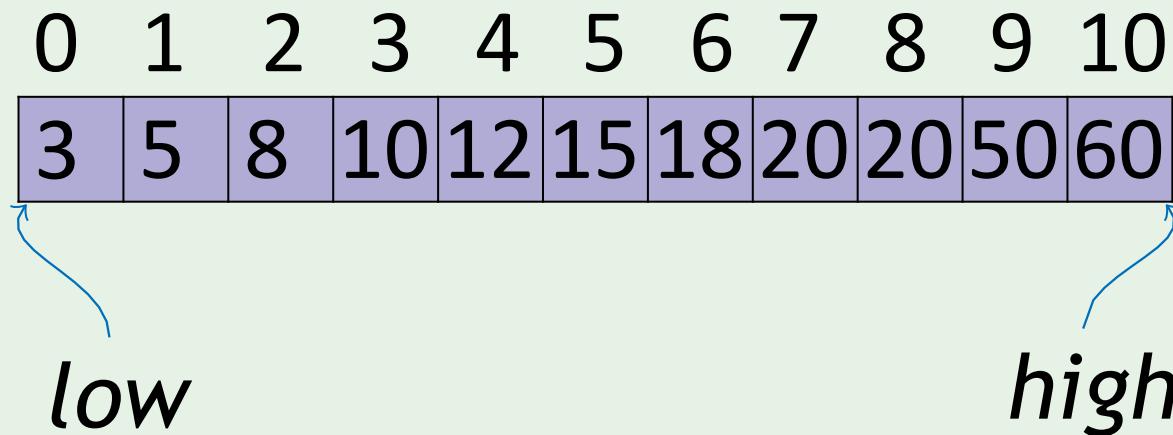
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3	5	8	10	12	15	18	20	20	50	60

# Example: Searching for key 50

binarySearch( $A$ , 11, 50)

$low = 0$

$high = 10$



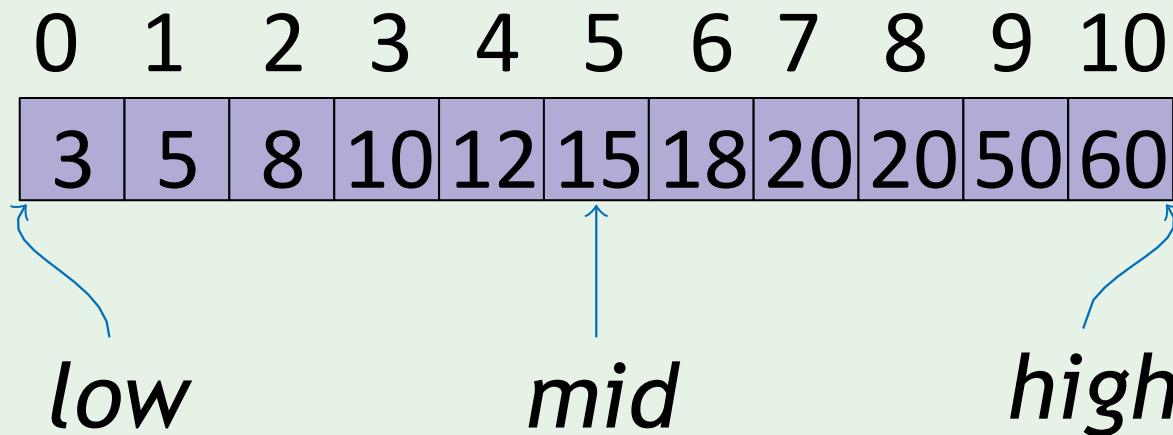
# Example: Searching for key 50

binarySearch( $A$ , 11, 50)

$low = 0$

$high = 10$

$mid = 0 + \text{floor}[(10 - 0)/2] = 5$

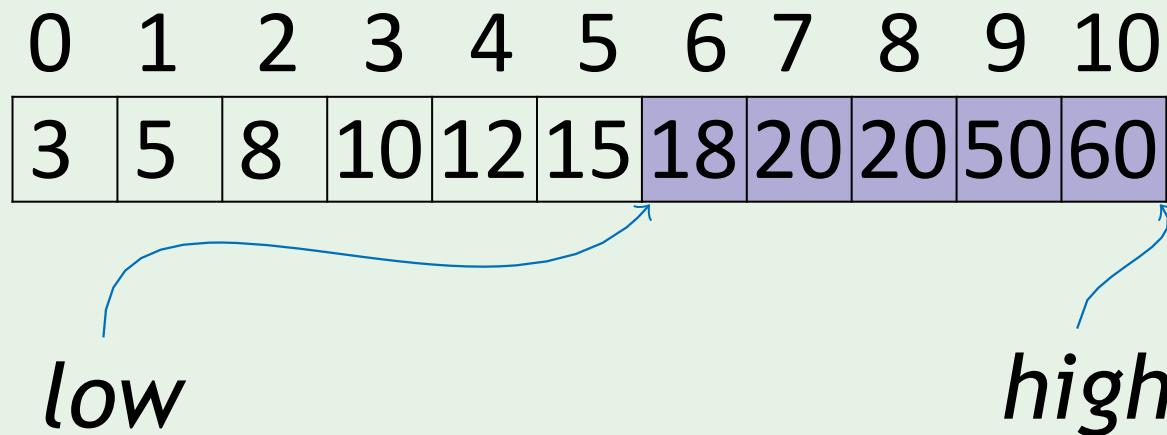


# Example: Searching for key 50

binarySearch( $A$ , 11, 50)

$low = 6$

$high = 10$



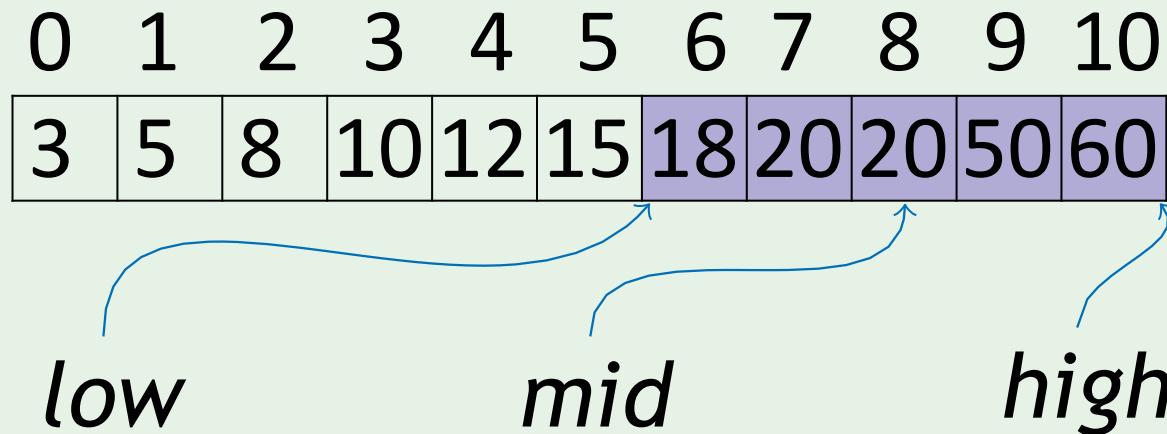
# Example: Searching for key 50

binarySearch( $A$ , 11, 50)

$low = 6$

$high = 10$

$mid = 6 + \text{floor}[(10 - 6)/2] = 8$

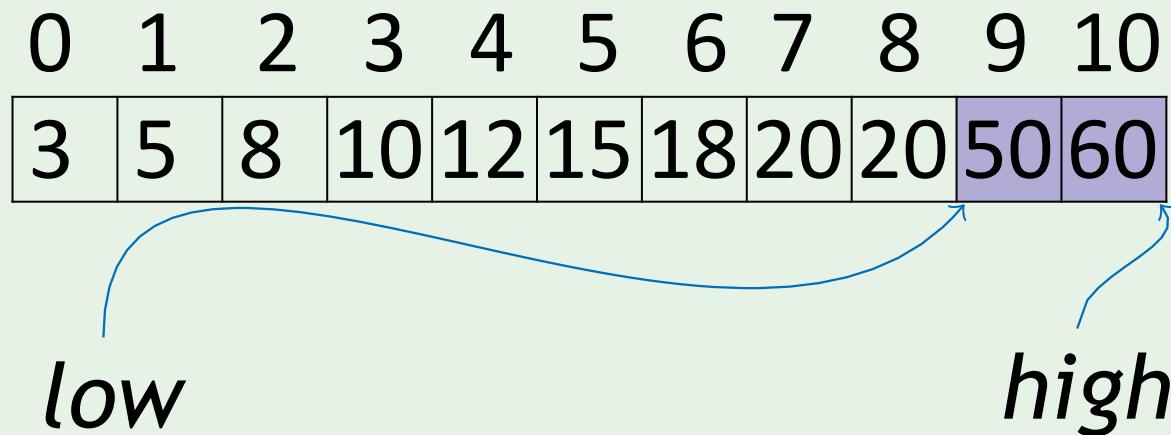


# Example: Searching for key 50

binarySearch( $A$ , 11, 50)

$low = 9$

$high = 10$



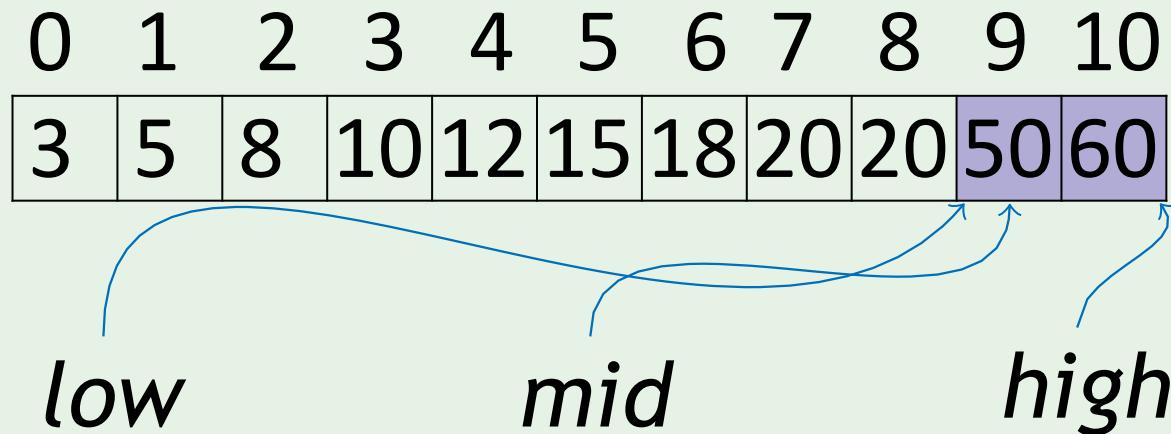
# Example: Searching for key 50

binarySearch( $A$ , 11, 50)

$low = 9$

$high = 10$

$mid = 9 + \text{floor}[(10 - 9)/2] = 9$



# Example: Searching for key 50

`binarySearch(A, 11, 50) → 9`

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3	5	8	10	12	15	18	20	20	50	60

# Binary search

Algorithm binarySearch ( $A$ ,  $n$ ,  $target$ )

$low \leftarrow 0$

$high \leftarrow n - 1$

**while**  $low \leq high$ :

$mid \leftarrow low + \lfloor \frac{high - low}{2} \rfloor$

**if**  $target = A[mid]$ :

return  $mid$

**else if**  $target < A[mid]$ :

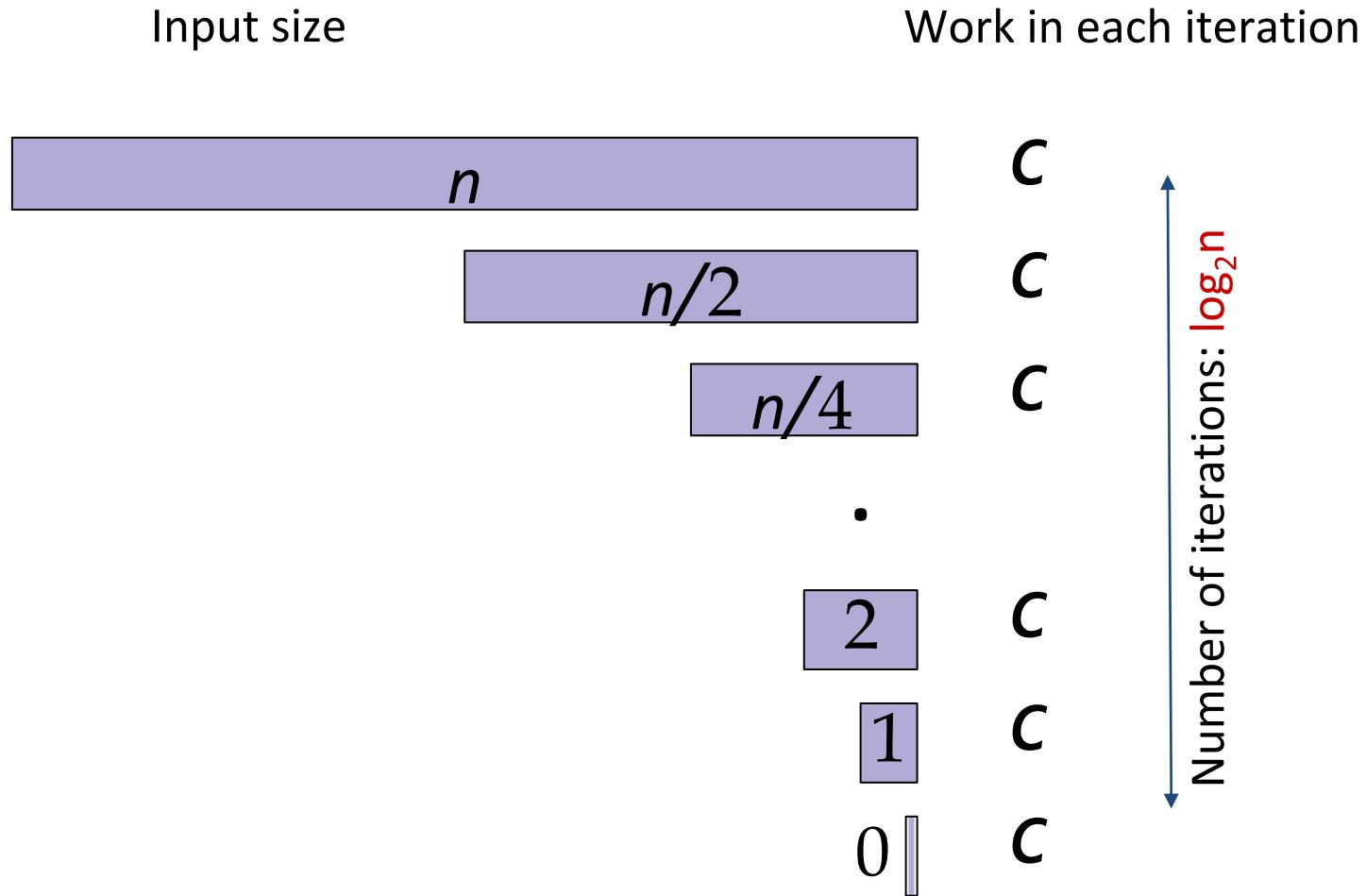
$high = mid - 1$

**else:**

$low = mid + 1$

return -1

# Running time of Binary Search



$$\text{Total: } \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} c = O(\log n)$$

# Linear search

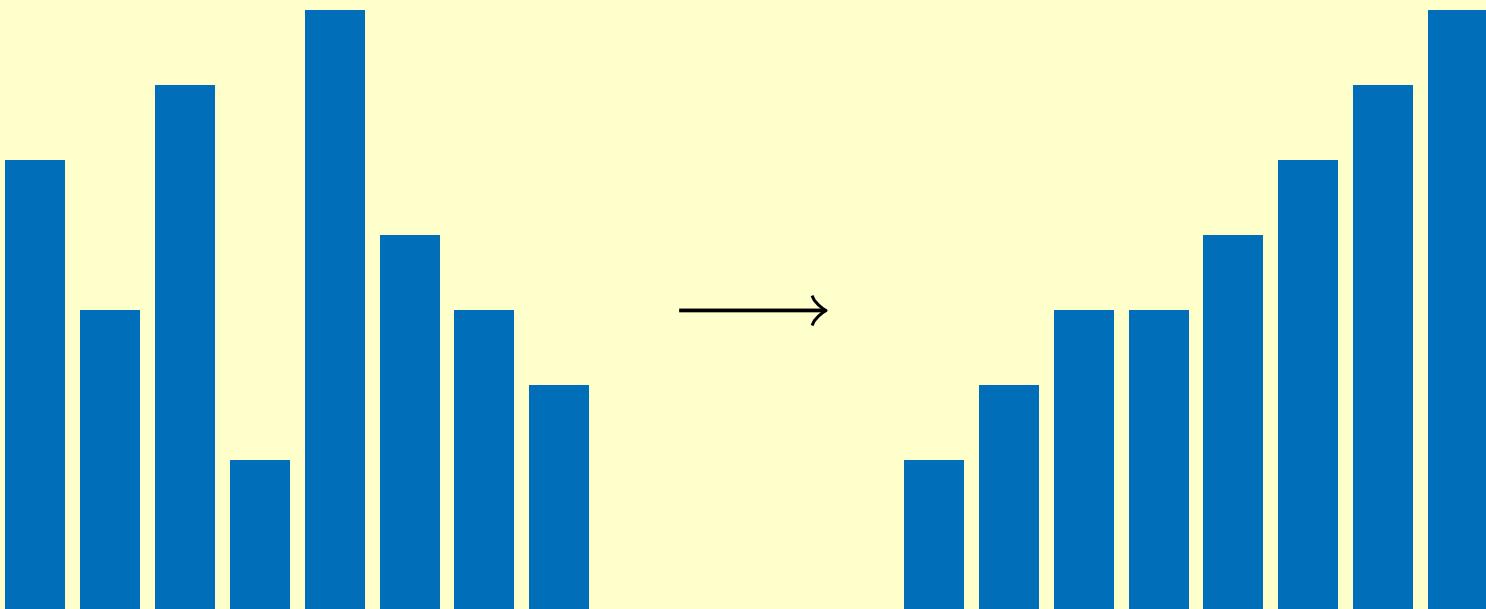
$O(n)$

# Binary search

$O(\log n)$

Searching in a sorted array is significantly faster

# Sorting



# Why Sorting?

- Sorting data is an important step of many efficient algorithms
- Sorted data allows for more efficient queries (binary search)

# Bubble sort

```
void bubbleSort (array A)
    n = length(A)
    swapped = false
    do:
        for i from 1 to n-1
            if A[i-1] > A[i]:
                swap A[i-1] and A[i]
                swapped = true
        n = n - 1
    while (swapped)
```

# Insertion sort

```
void insertionSort (array A)
    i: = 1
    while i < length(A)
        j: = i

        while j > 0 and A[j-1] > A[j]
            swap A[j] and A[j-1]
            j: = j - 1

    i: = i + 1
```

# Inefficient sorting algorithms:

- Selection sort: [LINK](#)
- Insertion sort: [LINK](#)
- Bubble sort: [LINK](#)

All these algorithms are  **$O(n^2)$**

- Later in this course we will learn more efficient sorting that runs in time  **$O(n \log n)$**