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From last time

Operation Counting

Constants

Big-O (loosely)

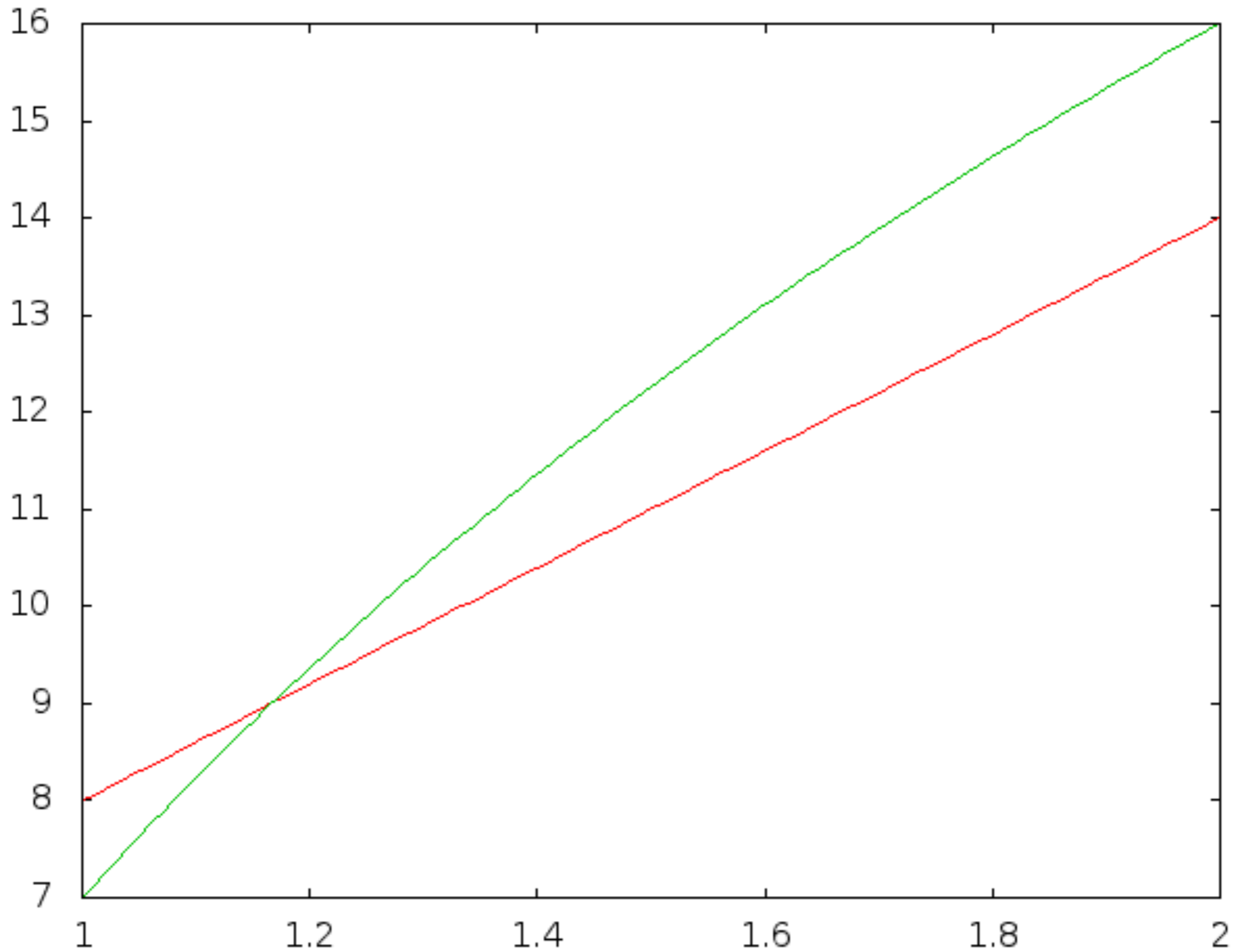
Today

Big-O (Precisely!)

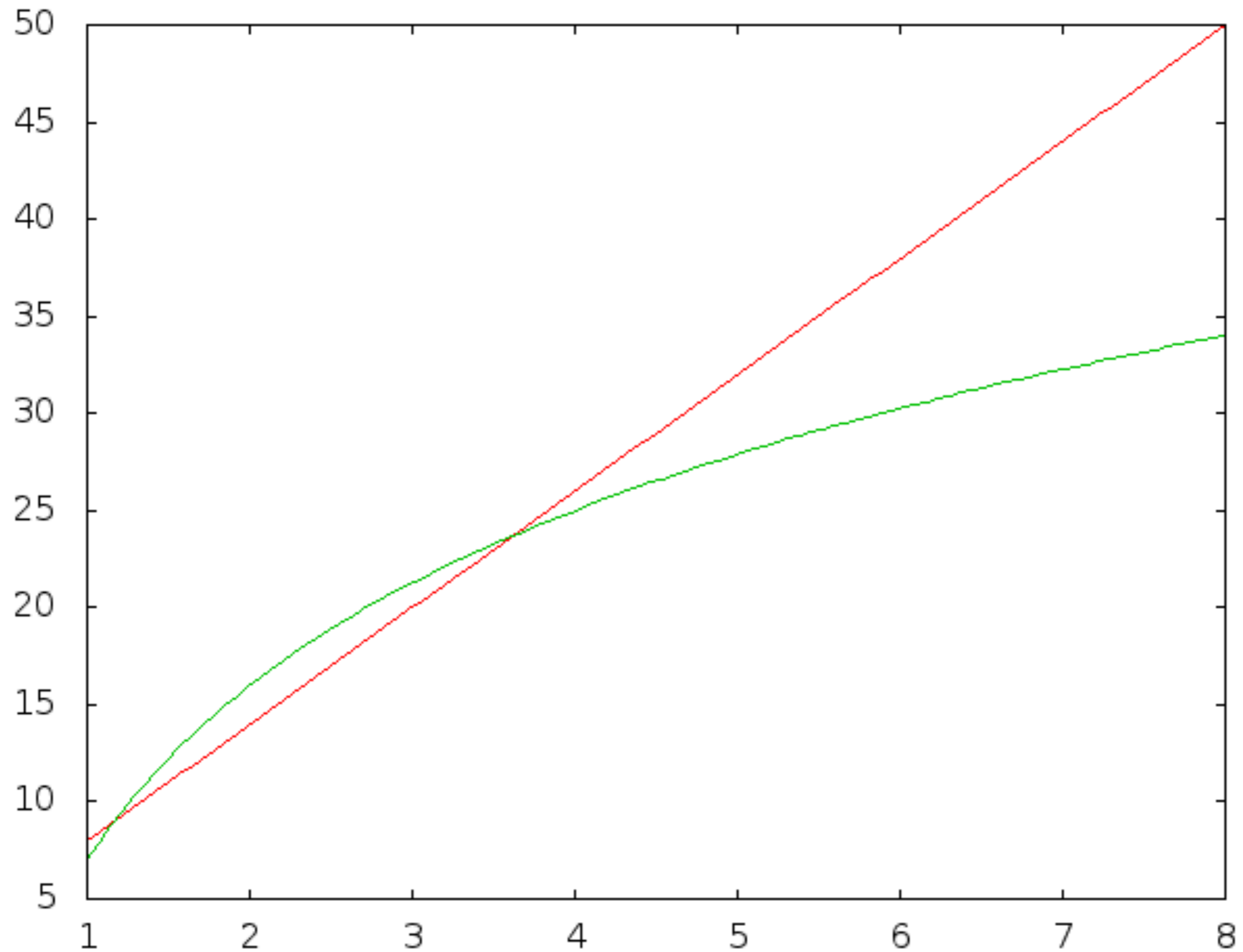
So: you want to analyze an algorithm...



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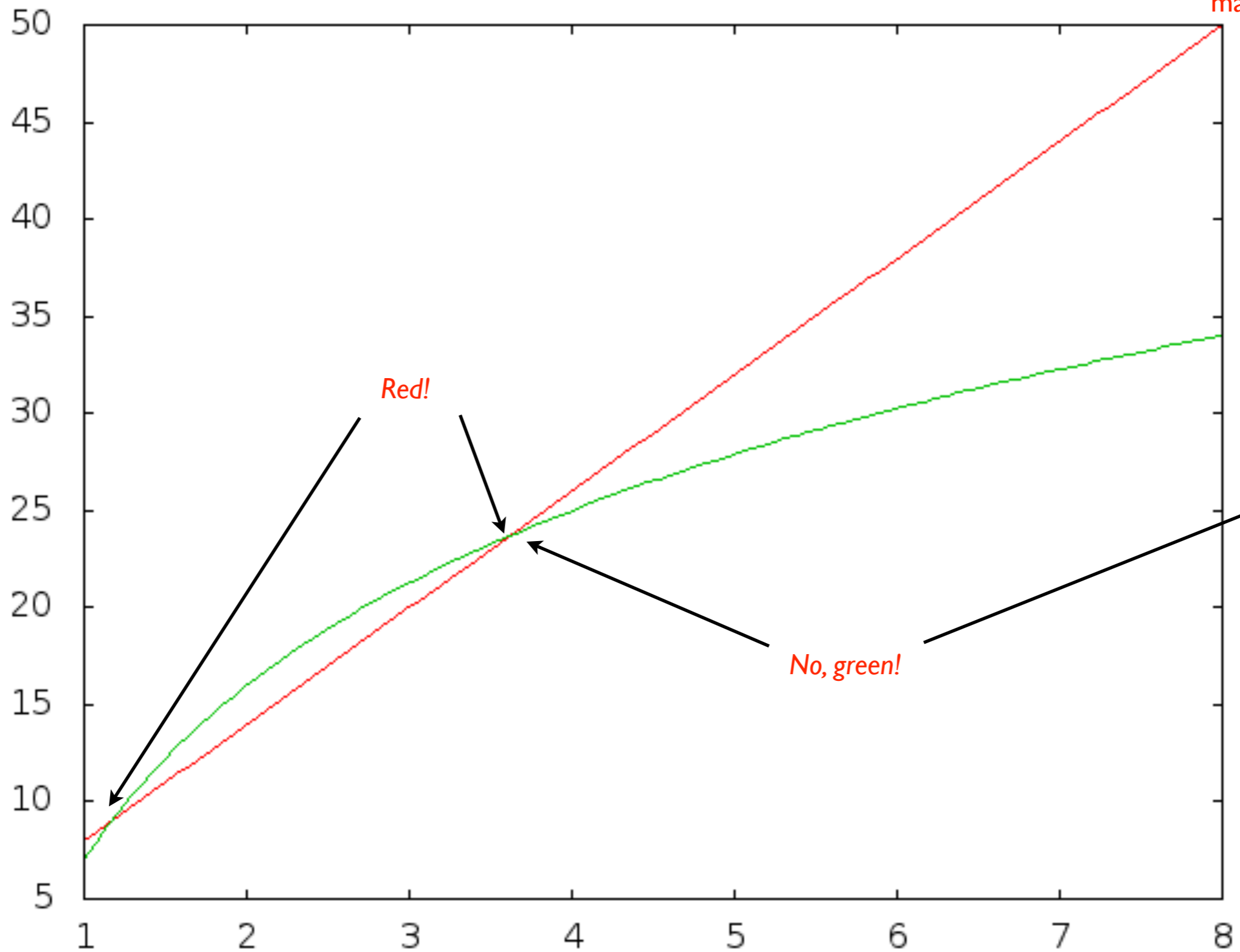


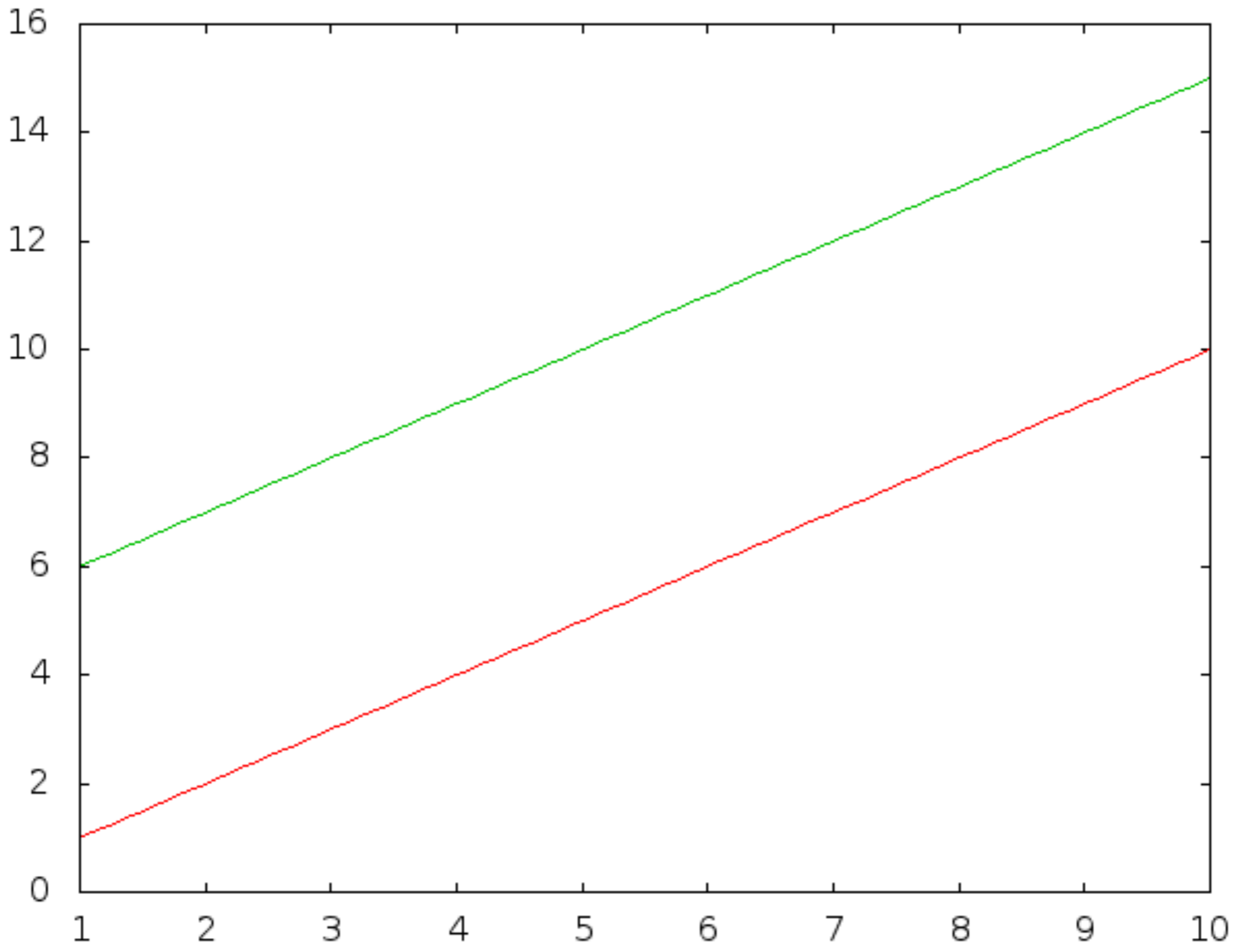
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Which function is “faster”?

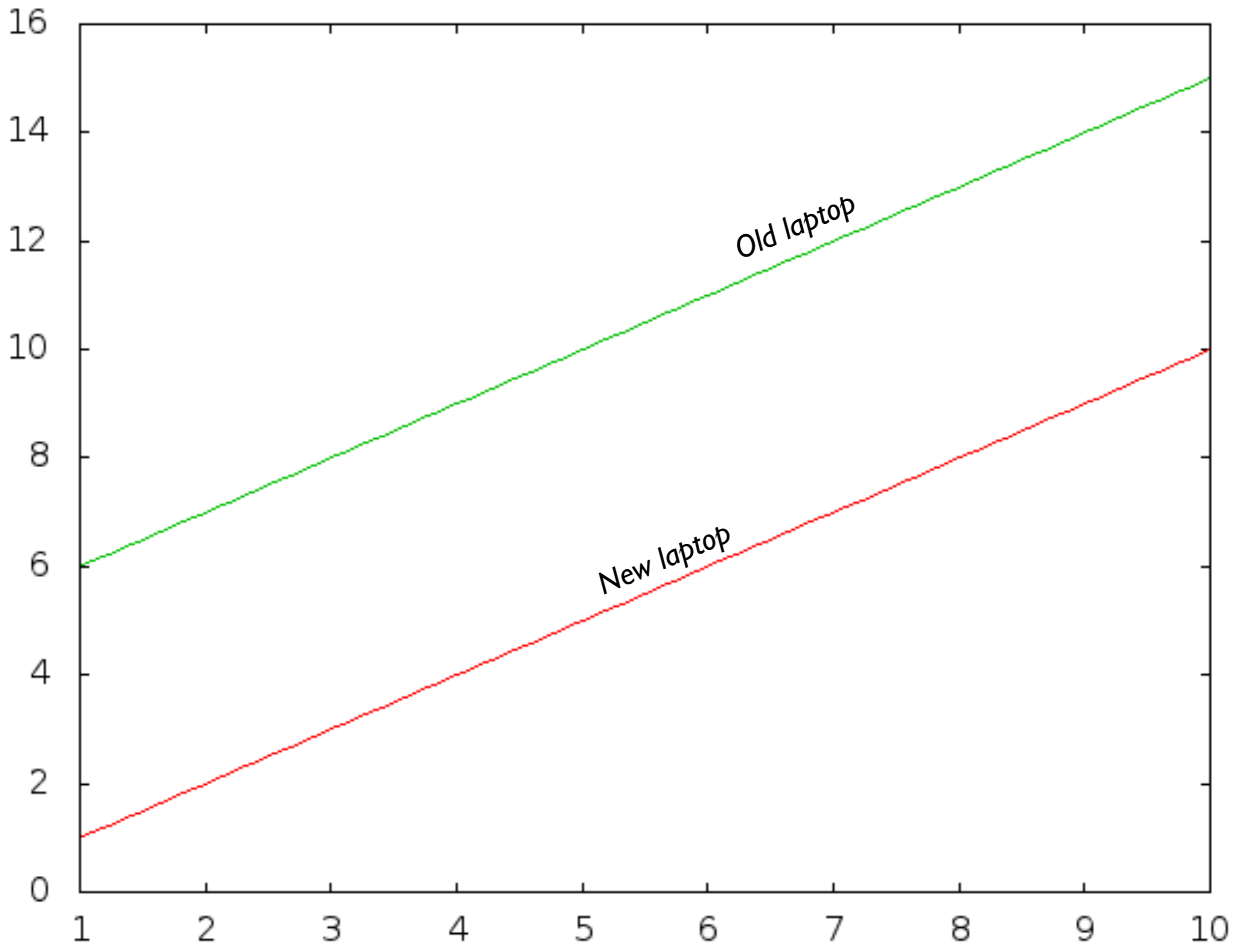
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mathematical
parlance





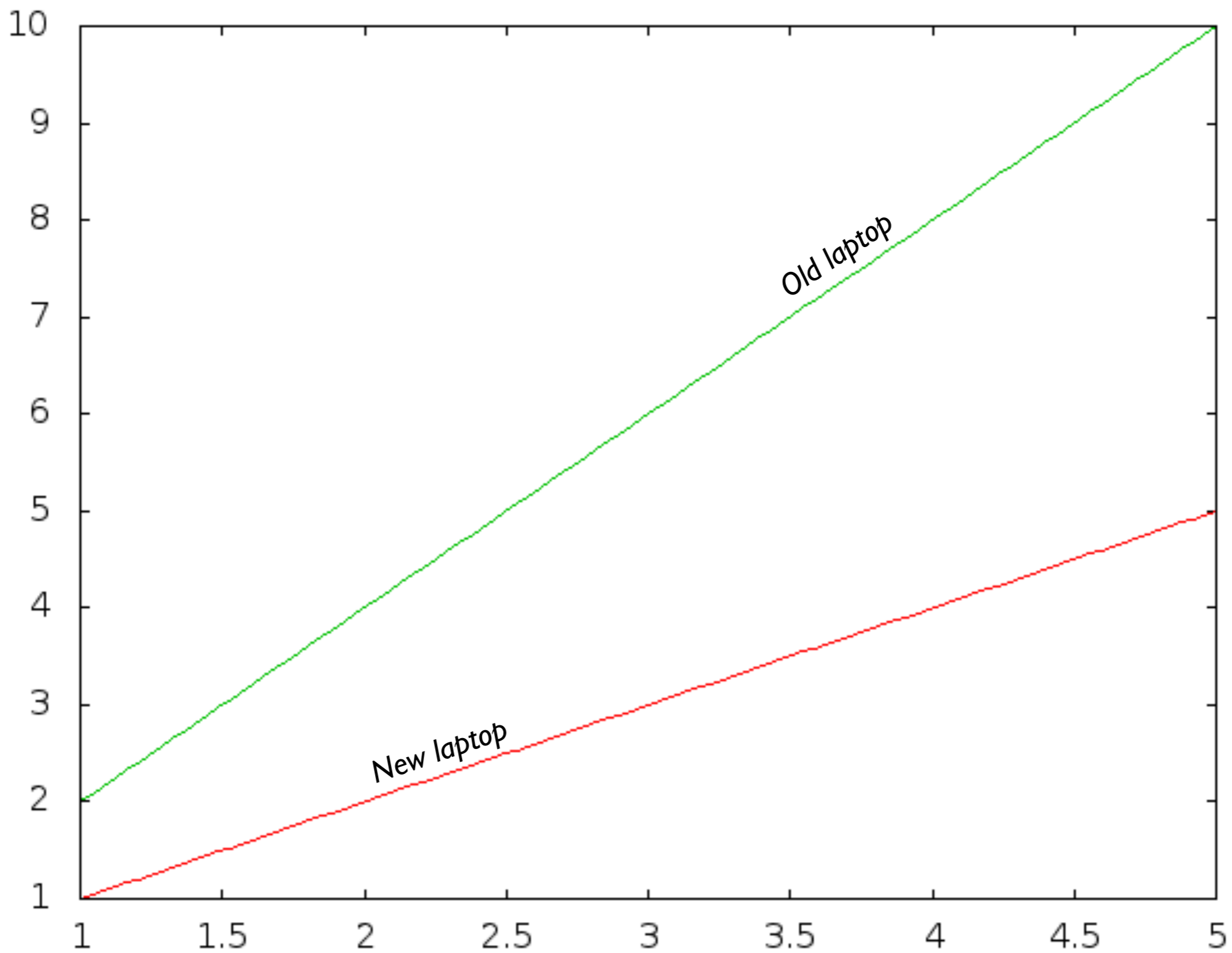
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1. Analyze *large* N.

2. Ignore constants!



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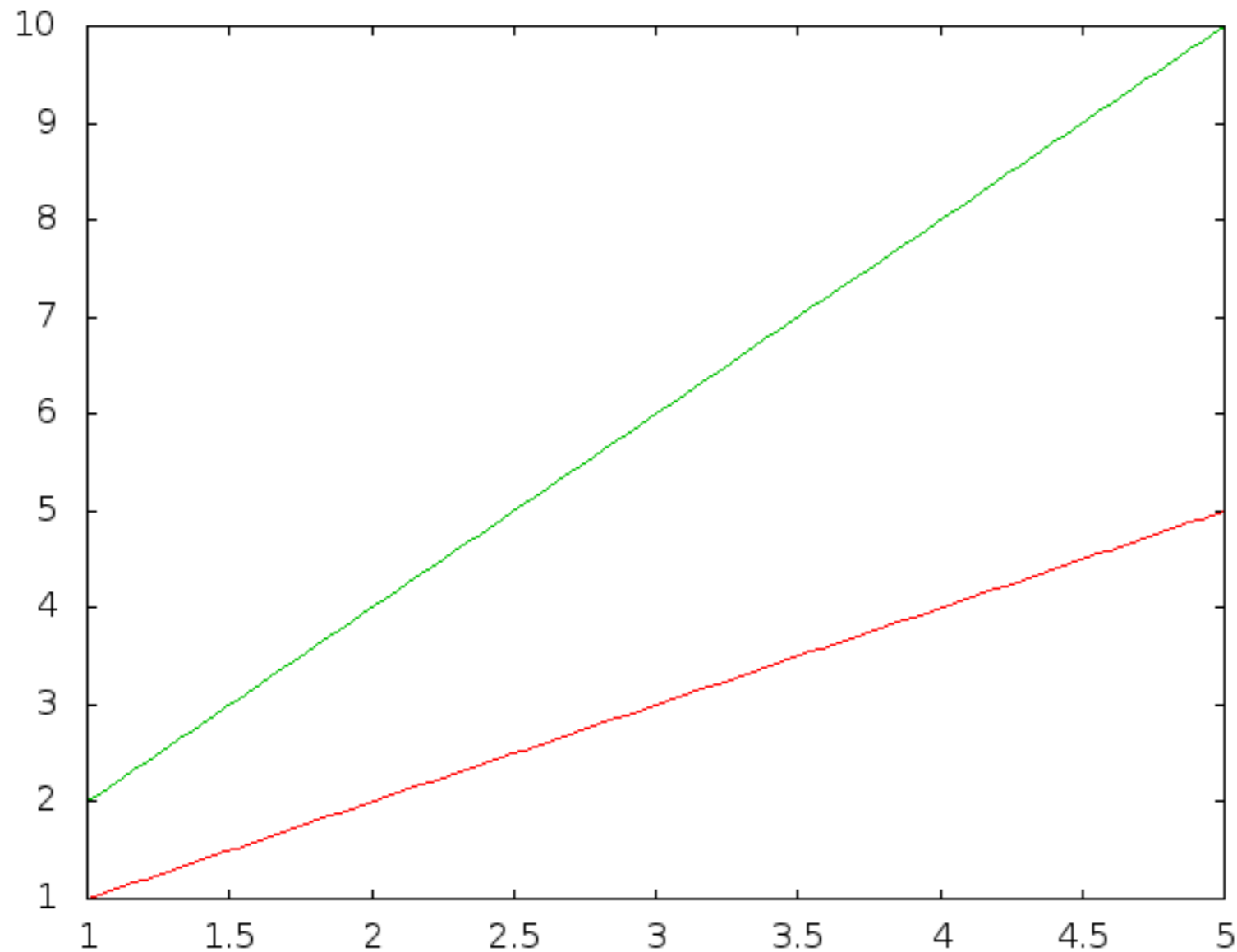
Your choice of
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If c and n_0 exist, we say $f(n) \in O(g(n))$



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$$f_1(n) = 2n$$

$$f_2(n) = n$$

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$$f_0(n) = n \quad f_1(n) = n^2 + 10 \quad f_2(n) = n!$$

$$f_3(n) = n \log n \quad f_4(n) = n^n \quad f_5(n) = n \log(n^2)$$

$$f_6(n) = \log n \quad f_7(n) = \frac{1}{10^6} n^3 + 10^6 n^2 + 12n + 4$$

$$f_8(n) = n^2 \log n \quad f_9(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n i \quad f_{10}(n) = 2^n$$

$$f_{11}(n) = 3^n$$

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