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What is a good algorithm, and why use asymptotic running time?

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Running time...

Input size	n^2 ops	n^3 ops	n^4 ops	$n!$ ops
5	0 secs	0 secs	0 secs	0 secs
20	0 secs	0 secs	0 secs	16 mins
30	0 secs	0 secs	0 secs	$3 \cdot 10^9$ years
100	0 secs	0 secs	0 secs	never
8000	0 secs	0 secs	1 secs	never
16000	0 secs	0 secs	26 secs	never
32000	0 secs	0 secs	6 mins	never
64000	0 secs	0 secs	111 mins	never
200,000	0 secs	3 secs	7 days	never
2,000,000	0 secs	53 mins	202.943 years	never
10^8	4 secs	12.6839 years	10^9 years	never
10^9	6 mins	12683.9 years	10^{13} years	never

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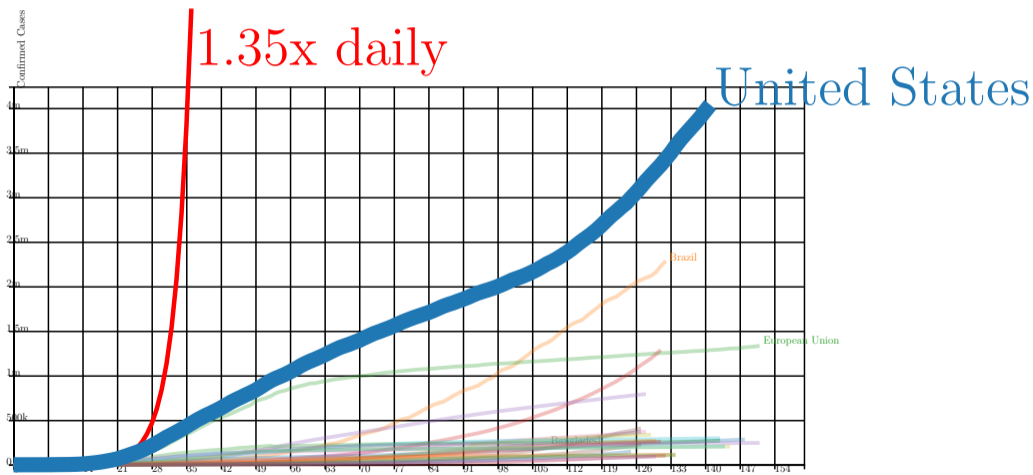
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"No, Thursday's out. How about never—is never good for you?"

Exponential growth is bad

COVID 19 cases

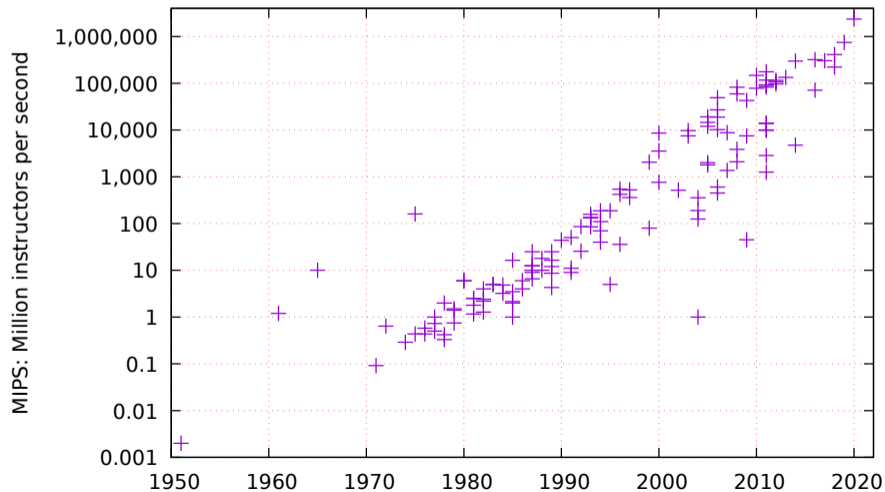


Snapshot: July 24, 2020.

CPU/Computer performance in MIPS over the years

No, no, no, exponential growth is good

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Instructions_per_second



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