LEC 07

**CSE 123** 

**Runtime Analysis** 

**Questions during Class?** 

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**BEFORE WE START** 

Talk to your neighbors:

What was the latest Youtube rabbit hole you went down?

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#### **Announcements**

- Resubmission Period 1 closes tonight at 11:59pm
- Programming Project 1 out now, due October 29 at 11:59pm

### **Runtime Analysis**

- What's the "best" way to write code?
  - Depends on how you define best: Code quality, memory usage, speed, etc.

- Runtime = most popular way of analyzing solutions
  - Slow code = bad for business
- How do we figure out how long execution takes?
  - Stopwatch = human error
  - Computers = computer error (artifacts, operating systems, language)
  - Need a way to formalize abstractly...

#### **Runtime Analysis**

• We'll count simple operations as 1 unit

```
    variable initialize / update int x = 0;
    array accessing arr[0] = 10;
    conditional checks if (x < 10) {</li>
```

- Goal: determine how the number of operations scales w/ input size
  - Don't care about the difference between 2 and 4
  - Find the appropriate complexity class

- Result: evaluation tactic independent of OS, language, compiler, etc.
  - Simple operation = constant regardless of if it is truly 1

- Input will always be an array arr of length n
- Constant (1)
  - # Ops doesn't relate to *n* return arr[0];
- Linear (n)
  - # Ops proportional to n for (int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++)
- Quadradic (n^2)
  - # Ops proportional to  $n^2$  for (int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) for (int j = 0; j < arr.length; j++)
- Lets say # Ops =  $n^2 + 100000n$ 
  - If n was really, really big, which term matters more?
  - Only care about the **dominating term** for complexity!

What's the complexity class of the following?

#### Constant Complexity (1)

What's the complexity class of the following?

#### Linear Complexity (n)

What's the complexity class of the following?

#### Quadratic Complexity (n^2)

What's the complexity class of the following?

```
public static int mystery(int[] arr) {
    for (int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {
        for (int j = i; j < arr.length; j++) {
            System.out.print(arr[i] + " ");
        }
        System.out.println();
    }
}</pre>
```

#### Quadratic Complexity (n^2)

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What's the complexity class of the following?

```
public static int mystery(int[] arr) {
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < 1000000000; i++) {
        sum += arr[i];
    }
    return sum;
}</pre>
```

### **Big-Oh Notation**

- Programmers... are pessimists (or maybe realists)
  - Case in point: dominating term
- In the real world, best-case complexity isn't super useful
  - Want to make sure solutions work well in the worst possible situations

We use Big-Oh notation to demonstrate worst-case complexity!

# ArrayList vs LinkedList

Operation	ArrayIntList	LinkedIntList
size()	O(1)	O(n)
<pre>get(index)</pre>	O(1)	O(n)
add(val)	O(1)	O(n)
add(0, val)	O(n)	O(1)
add(index, val)	O(n)	O(n)
remove(0)	O(n)	O(1)
remove(n-1)	O(1)	O(n)
remove(index)	O(n)	O(n)

## How should we implement a stack?

- With an ArrayIntList?
  - push = what?
  - pop = what?

- With a LinkedIntList?
  - push = what?
  - pop = what?

# Is running time an implementation detail?

- Yes
- No

Does that help? :D