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# Algorithm and data structures analysis methods and practice

# Comp Sci 1575 Data Structures





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"Simplicity is a great virtue, but it requires hard work to achieve it, and education to appreciate it. And to make matters worse: complexity sells better."

**Complexity** 

- Edsger Wybe Dijkstra

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## How do we determine the order or growth rate of our code?

# for() loops



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<span id="page-4-0"></span>• The running time of a for loop is at most the running time of the statements inside the for loop (including tests) times the number of iterations.

 $sum = 0$ :

```
for (i = 1; i \le n; i++)
 sum += n;
```
- The first line is  $\Theta(1)$ .
- The for loop is repeated  $n$  times.
- The third line takes constant time, so the total cost for executing the two lines making up the for loop is  $\Theta(n)$ .
- Thus, the cost of the entire code fragment is also  $\Theta(n)$ .

# for() loops

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# • Analyze these inside out.

• Total running time of a statement inside a group of nested loops is the running time of the statement multiplied by the product of the sizes of all the loops.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}\n\textbf{for} (i = 0; i < n; ++i) \\
\textbf{for} (j = 0; j < n; ++j) \\
\textbf{++k};\n\end{array}
$$

$$
\Theta(n^2)
$$
  
Are double for loops always  $n^2$ ?

# Consecutive statements

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• These just add (recall the sum rule)

$$
\begin{array}{l} \textbf{for} \, ( \, i \; = \; 0; \;\; i \; < \; n \, ; \; +i \, ) \\ a \, [ \, i \, ] \; = \; 0 \, ; \end{array}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{ll}\n\textbf{for} (i = 0; i < n; ++i) \\
\textbf{for} (j = 0; j < n; ++j) \\
a[i] += a[j] + i + j; \\
\Theta(n) \textbf{followed by } \Theta(n^2), \textbf{ is just } \Theta(n^2)\n\end{array}
$$

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# if/else

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- Running time of an if/else statement is never more than the running time of the test plus the larger of the running times of S1 and S2.
	- Take greater complexity of then/else clauses

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# switch

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• switch statement: Take complexity of most expensive case.

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# Recursion

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Intuit the solution, or wait until taking algorithms to learn more, like:

- Substitution method
- Recursion-tree method
- Master method



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# Assignment?

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$$
a = b;
$$

Θ(?)



# Simple for loop?

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# Go line-by-line

$$
sum = 0
$$
; // line 1?

$$
\begin{array}{ll}\n\text{for} & \text{if } i < = n; \\
\text{if } i < = n; \\
\text{if } i < = n; \\
\end{array}
$$

 $\Theta(?)$ 



# Mess of for loops?

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$$
sum = 0;
$$
\n
$$
for (i=1; i<=n; i++)
$$
\n
$$
for (j=1; j<=i; j++)
$$
\n
$$
sum++;
$$
\n
$$
for (k=0; k\n
$$
A[k] = k;
$$
$$

- Outer for loop is executed  $n$  times, but each time the cost of the inner loop is different with  $i$  increasing each time.
- During the first execution of the outer loop,  $i = 1$ .
- For the second execution of the outer loop,  $i = 2$ .
- Each time through the outer loop, i becomes one greater, until the last time through the loop when  $i = n$ .

$$
\sum_{i=1}^n i = n(n-1)/2
$$



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## $long$  fact (int n) {

$$
\begin{array}{l}\n\text{if } (n \leq 1) \text{ return } 1; \\
\text{return } n * \text{ fact } (n - 1); \n\end{array}
$$

• 
$$
T(n) = T(n-1) + 1
$$
 for  $n > 1$ ;  $T(1) = 0$ 

• Which we can prove (later) is  $T(n) = n - 1$ 

 $\Theta(n)$ 

}

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# Log review:  $\mathsf{CS}$  is mostly  $\log_2 x$



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- logarithm is the inverse operation to exponentiation
- $\log_b x = y$  and  $b^y = x$  and  $b^{\log_b x} = x$
- Example:  $log_2 64 = 6$  and  $2^6 = 64$  and  $2^{log_2 64} = 64$
- $\log_2 x$  intersects x-axis at 1 and passes through the points with coordinates  $(2, 1)$ ,  $(4, 2)$ , and  $(8, 3)$ , e.g.,  $log_2 8 = 3$ and  $2^3 = 8$



# Log review

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- $log(nm) = log n + log m$
- $\log(\frac{n}{m}) = \log n \log m$
- $\log(n^r) = r \log n$
- $\log_a n = \frac{\log_b n}{\log_b a}$  $\frac{\log_b n}{\log_b a}$  (base switch)

# Log general rule for algorithm analysis

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- Algorithm is in  $O(\log n)$  if it takes constant,  $O(1)$ , time to cut the problem size by a fraction (which is usually  $\frac{1}{2}$ ).
- If constant time is required to merely reduce the problem by a constant amount, such as to make the problem smaller by 1, then the algorithm is in  $O(n)$
- Caveat: with input of  $n$ , an algorithm must take at least  $\Omega(n)$  to read inputs. Thus,  $O(\log n)$  classification often assumes input is pre-read.



# Binary search

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# Binary search: first approach

## Position 2 3 5  $\Omega$ 1 4 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 - 15 Key  $11|13|$  $21$  $26|29|$  $36|40|$  $41$  $45|51|$ 54 56 65 72 77 83

- Inside the loop takes  $\Theta(c)$
- Loop starts with  $high low = n 1$  and finishes with  $high - low \le -1$ .
- Each iteration, *high low* must be at least halved from its previous value
- Number of iterations is at most  $log(n-1) + 2$
- For example, if  $high low = 128$ , then the maximum values of  $high - low$  after each iteration are  $64, 32, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1, 0, -1$

Θ(log n)

# Binary search: second approach

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Though not a recurrent program, we can use a recurrent definition to calculate running time.

- $T(n) = T(n/2) + 1$  for  $n > 1$ ;  $T(1) = 1$
- Which is  $T(n) = \log n$

Θ(log n)



# Euclid's algorithm

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<span id="page-24-0"></span>Euclid's algorithm efficiently computes the greatest common divisor (GCD) of two numbers (AB and CD below), the largest number that divides both without leaving a remainder (CF).



Proceeding left to right:



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# long long gcd (long long ab, long long cd) { while  $(cd := 0)$ long long rem  $=$  ab  $\%$  cd;  $ab = cd$ :  $cd = rem;$ } return ab: }

- After 2 iterations, rem is at most half its original value
- If  $ab > cd$ , then  $ab$  %  $cd < ab/2$ .
- Thus, number of iterations is at most  $2 \log n = \Theta(\log n)$

# Euclid's algorithm



# Exponentiation

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Compute b^n in how many multiplications?
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```
// With a loop:double simple Exploop (int b, int n) \{int result = 1:
  for (int c = 1; c \le n; c++){
    result \approx b:
  }
  return result:
\};
// or even recursively:
double simple Exp Recur (int b, int n) \{if (n = 0) return 1;
  else return b * simpleExpRecur(b, n - 1);}
```


# Efficient exponentiation

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# To obtain  $b^n$ , do recursively:

- if n is even, do  $b^{n/2} * b^{n/2}$
- if n is odd, do  $b * b^{n/2} * b^{n/2}$
- with base case,  $b^1 = b$

**Note:**  $n/2$  is integer division

What is  $b^{62}$  ? **D**  $b^{62} = (b^{31})^2$  $b^{31} = b(b^{15})^2$ 3  $b^{15} = b(b^7)^2$  $b^7 = b(b^3)^2$  $b^3 = b(b^1)^2$  $b^1 = b$ What is  $b^{61}$  ?  $b^{61} = b(b^{30})^2$  $b^{30} = (b^{15})^2$ 3  $b^{15} = b(b^7)^2$ 4  $b^7 = b(b^3)^2$ **5**  $b^3 = b(b^1)^2$  $b^1 = b$ 

How many multiplications when counting from the bottom up?



# Efficient exponentiation

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}

```
To obtain b^n, do recursively:
if n is even, do b^{n/2} * b^{n/2}if n is odd, do b * b^{n/2} * b^{n/2}long long pow (long long x, int n) {
     if(n = 0)return 1:
     if(n = 1)return x;
     if (isEven (n))return pow (x * x, n / 2);
     e l s e
          return pow (x * x, n / 2) * x;
```
• Number of multiplications is at most  $2 \log n$  and thus is in  $\Theta(\log n)$ 



# Nested for loops always  $n^2$ ?

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$$
sum1 = 0;
$$
\n
$$
for (k=1; k<=n; k*=2) // Do log n times
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\n
$$
for (j=1; j<=n; j++) // Do n times
$$
\n
$$
sum1++;
$$

$$
sum2 = 0;
$$
\n
$$
for (k=1; k<=n; k*=2) // Do log n times
$$
\n
$$
for (j=1; j<=k; j++) // Do k times
$$
\n
$$
sum2++;
$$

- First outer for loop executed log  $n + 1$  times; on each iteration  $k$  is multiplied by 2 until it reaches  $n$ Inner loop is always n
	- First block is  $\sum_{i=0}^{\log n} n$ , which is  $\Theta(n \log n)$
- Second outer loop is  $\log n + 1$ Second inner loop, k, doubles each iteration Second block, with  $k = 2^i$  yields  $\sum_{i=0}^{\log n} 2^i$  which is  $\Theta(n)$



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Whereas for a single data structure, different operations can have different efficiencies, space requirements usually apply to the whole data structure itself. For example:

Space complexity

- What are the space requirements for an array of of  $n$ integers?
- To define binary connectivity between all elements with all other elements, we can use a fully connected matrix:



 $\Theta(?)$ 

and can we do better for this kind of binary connectivity?



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# Algorithms as technology

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Would you rather have a faster algorithm or a faster computer?



Growth rate | old computer | 10x faster computer  $\Delta$  | ratio This is a better key ↑



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[Problem versus](#page-39-0) algorithms

- Analysis of algorithms applies to particular solutions to **problems**, which themselves have **complexities** defined by the entire set of their solutions.
- Problem: E.g., what is the least possible cost for any sorting algorithm in the worst case?
	- Any algorithm must at least look at every element in the input, to determine that input is sorted, which would be be cn with  $\Omega(n)$  lower bound.
	- Further, we can prove that any sorting algorithm must have running time in  $\Omega(n \log n)$  in the worst case