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DATA STRUCTURES

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Scenario 1: You are working on a word editor and wants to UNDO last ten operations.

- The operations must be stored somewhere in the system memory.
- The editor retrieves the last ten operations to perform UNDO.
- To carry out these operations, algorithm is followed.

Questions:

1. How these operations are stored in system memory?
2. Will the way of sorting the operation make any impact on the performance of UNDO operation?



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Scenario 2: Faculties of CSE department are using a shared printer. They can send the request to print document at any time. Printer print these documents in the order the request are submitted.

- These print request must be stored in printer memory.
- The printer retrieve these request one by one for printing.
- To carry out these operations, algorithm is followed.



Questions:

1. How these operations are stored in printer memory?
2. Will the way of sorting these request make any impact on the performance of printing operation?

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NOW

What do you think?

What is needed to solve a problem?

Is it only the selection of optimized algorithm?

NO

What else?

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- ✓ The Editor scenario expects the operation(key strokes) to be stored in the memory.
- ✓ The printer scenario expects the requests from different users to be stored in memory.
- ✓ Hence the way of storing (organizing) these data is crucial for the operations to be performed.

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- ✓ Data structure is an arrangement the Editor scenario expects the operation(key strokes) to be stored in the memory.
- ✓ Data structure represents the mathematical or logical model of organized data.
- ✓ For optimized handling of the organized data, knowledge of data structure is necessary.

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- The task is to implement a flight trip planner.
- Flights are specified for various pairs of cities.
- You will be provided with flight number, departure time and arrival time of that flight.
- Note that there could be multiple flights between a pair of cities.
- There is some waiting time for the next flight once you reach an intermediate city.
- You need to find the best trip (taking least time) which starts at given time and given city and has to reach a specified city.

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- Structured Data makes life easier.

Familiar Structures



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Dictionary: sorted data

plumber /ˈplʌmə(r)/ *n* [C] person whose job is to fit and repair water pipes

plumbing /ˈplʌmɪŋ/ *n* [U] **1** system of water pipes, tanks, etc in a building **2** work of a plumber

plume /pluːm/ *n* [C] **1** cloud of sth that rises into the air **2** large feather

plummet /ˈplʌmɪt/ *v* [I] fall suddenly and quickly from a high level: *House prices have ~ed.*

plump /plʌmp/ *adj* having a soft, round body; slightly fat • **plump** *v* [T] ~ (up) make sth larger, softer and rounder: ~ up the pillows [PV] **plump** for sb/sth (*informal*) choose sb/sth ► **plumpness** *n* [U]

plunder /ˈplʌndə(r)/ *v* [I,T] steal things from a place, esp during a war • **plunder** *n* [U] **1** act of plundering **2** things that have been stolen, esp during a war

plunge /ˈplʌndʒ/ *v* [I,T] (cause sb/sth to) move suddenly forwards and/or downwards: *The car ~d into the river.* ◦ *He ~d his hands into his pockets.*

• **plunge** *n* [C, usu sing] sudden movement downwards or away from sth; decrease [IDM] **take the plunge** (*informal*) finally decide to do sth important or difficult ► **plunger** *n* [C] part of a piece of equipment that can be pushed down

pluperfect /ˌplʊːˈpɜːfɪkt/ *n* (*gram*) = THE PAST PERFECT (PAST³)

plural /ˈplʊərəl/ *n* [usu sing] *adj*

◦ **p.m.** /ˌpiːˈem/ *abbr* after 12 o'clock noon

pneumatic /njuːˈmæɪtɪk/ *adj* **1** filled with air: *a ~ tyre* **2** worked by air under pressure: *a ~ drill*

► **pneumatically** /-kli/ *adv*

pneumonia /njuːˈmɒniə/ *n* [U] serious illness affecting the lungs

PO /ˌpiːˈəʊ/ *abbr* **1** = POST OFFICE (POST¹) **2** = POSTAL ORDER (POSTAL)

• **P.O. box** (also **post office box**) *n* [C] used as a kind of address, so that mail can be sent to a post office where it is kept until it is collected

poach /pəʊtʃ/ *v* **1** [T] cook fish or an egg without its shell in water that is boiling gently **2** [I,T] illegally hunt animals, birds or fish on sb else's property **3** [T] take from sb/sth dishonestly; steal sth ► **poacher** *n* [C] person who illegally hunts animals, birds or fish on sb else's property

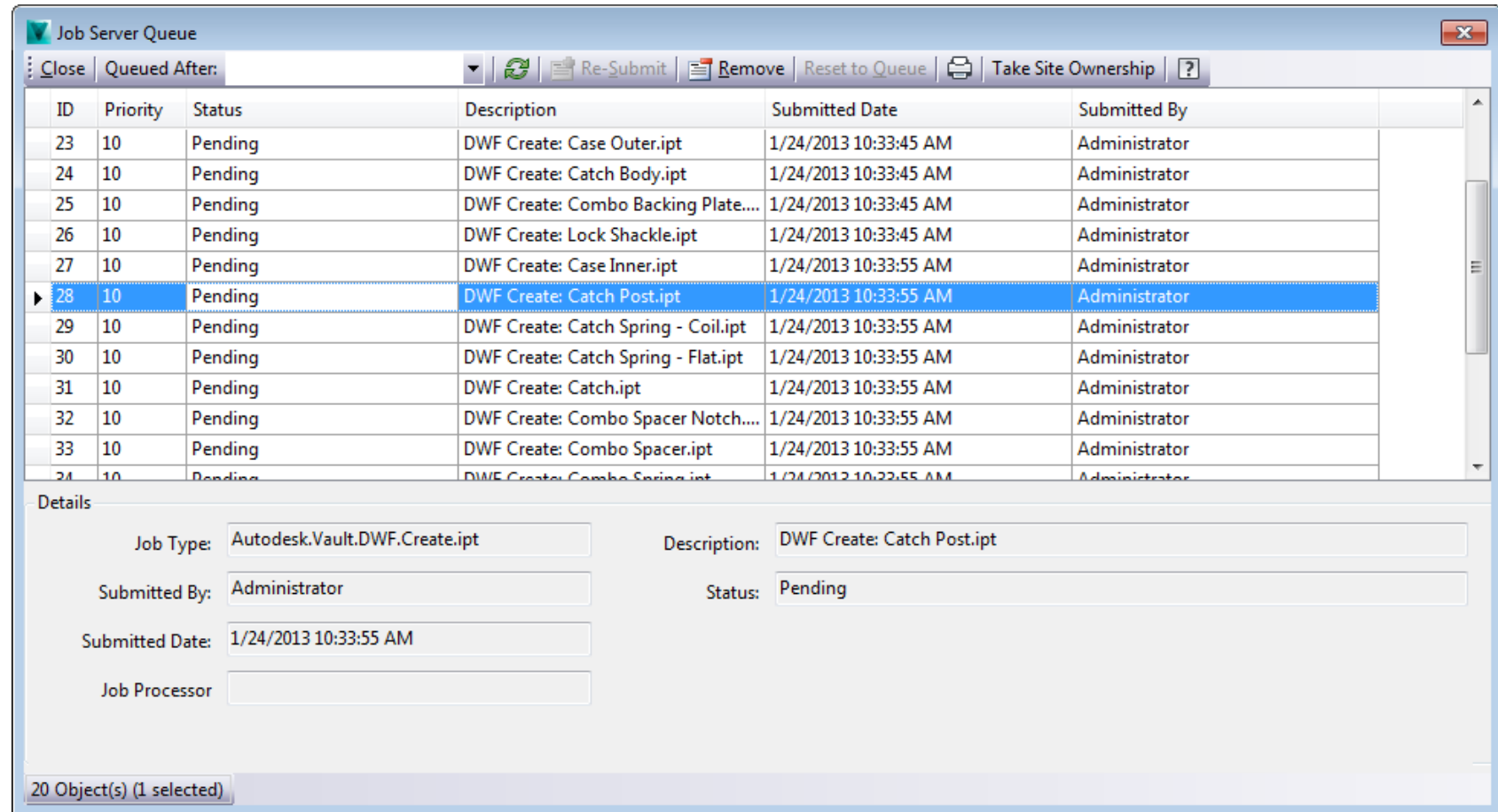
◦ **pocket** /ˈpɒkɪt/ *n* [C] **1** small bag sewn into a piece of clothing so that you can carry things in it **2** small bag or container fastened to sth so that you can put things in it, eg in a car door or handbag **3** [usu sing] amount of money that you have to spend: *He had no intention of paying out of his own ~.* **4** small separate group or area [IDM] **in/out of pocket** (esp GB) having gained/lost money as a result of sth • **pocket** *v* [T] **1** put sth into your pocket **2** keep or take

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Data organized in columns



The screenshot shows a 'Job Server Queue' window. At the top, there's a toolbar with buttons: Close, Queued After (dropdown), Refresh, Re-Submit, Remove, Reset to Queue, Print, and Take Site Ownership. Below the toolbar is a table with columns: ID, Priority, Status, Description, Submitted Date, and Submitted By. The table contains 13 rows of job entries, all with a priority of 10 and status of Pending. The selected row (ID 28) is highlighted in blue. Below the table is a 'Details' section with fields for Job Type, Description, Submitted By, Status, Submitted Date, and Job Processor. The status is 'Pending'. At the bottom, it says '20 Object(s) (1 selected)'.

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24	10	Pending	DWF Create: Catch Body.ipt	1/24/2013 10:33:45 AM	Administrator
25	10	Pending	DWF Create: Combo Backing Plate....	1/24/2013 10:33:45 AM	Administrator
26	10	Pending	DWF Create: Lock Shackle.ipt	1/24/2013 10:33:45 AM	Administrator
27	10	Pending	DWF Create: Case Inner.ipt	1/24/2013 10:33:55 AM	Administrator
28	10	Pending	DWF Create: Catch Post.ipt	1/24/2013 10:33:55 AM	Administrator
29	10	Pending	DWF Create: Catch Spring - Coil.ipt	1/24/2013 10:33:55 AM	Administrator
30	10	Pending	DWF Create: Catch Spring - Flat.ipt	1/24/2013 10:33:55 AM	Administrator
31	10	Pending	DWF Create: Catch.ipt	1/24/2013 10:33:55 AM	Administrator
32	10	Pending	DWF Create: Combo Spacer Notch....	1/24/2013 10:33:55 AM	Administrator
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Details

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Submitted By: Administrator Status: Pending

Submitted Date: 1/24/2013 10:33:55 AM

Job Processor:

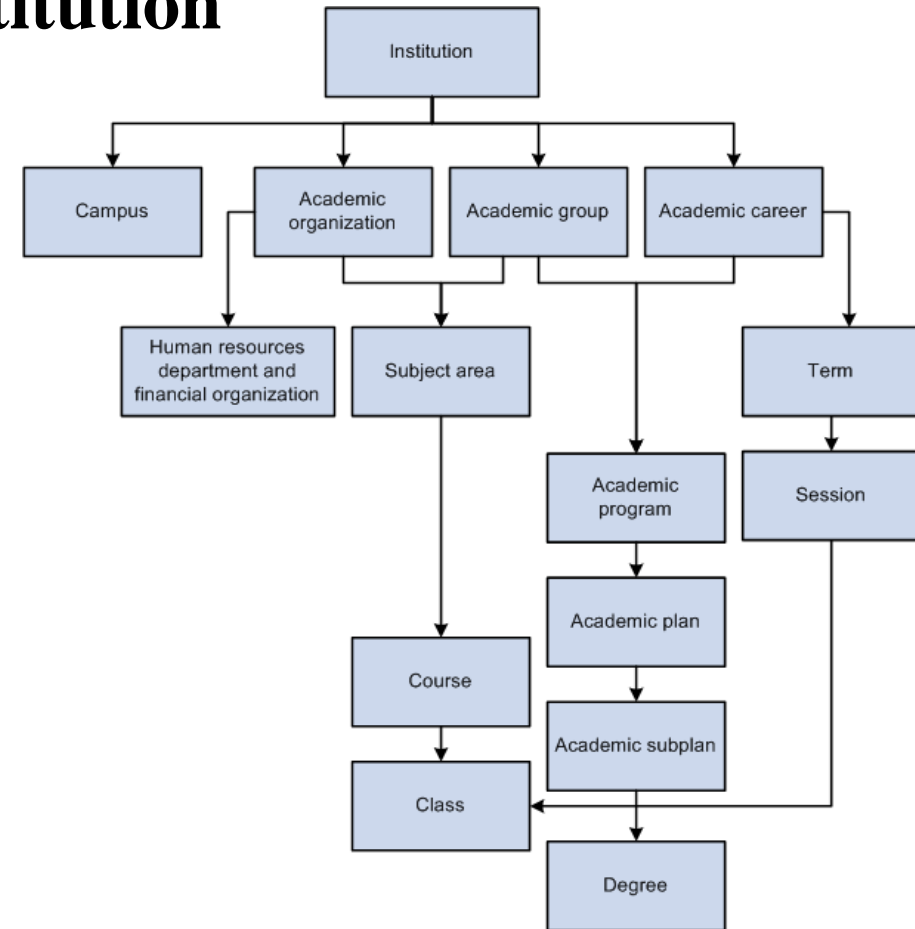
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Organization structure of an institution

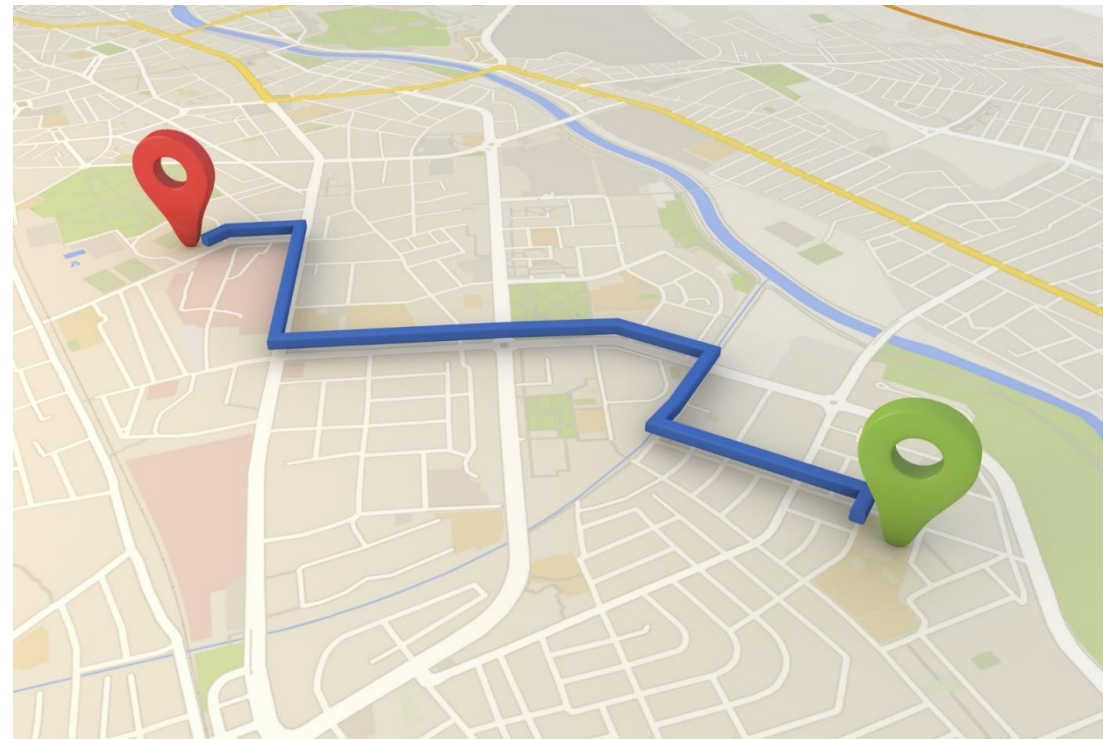


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- **Road Map: geo-spatial data**
- Actual Storage: coordinates of end points of all road sections.
- calculates shortest path from A to B.

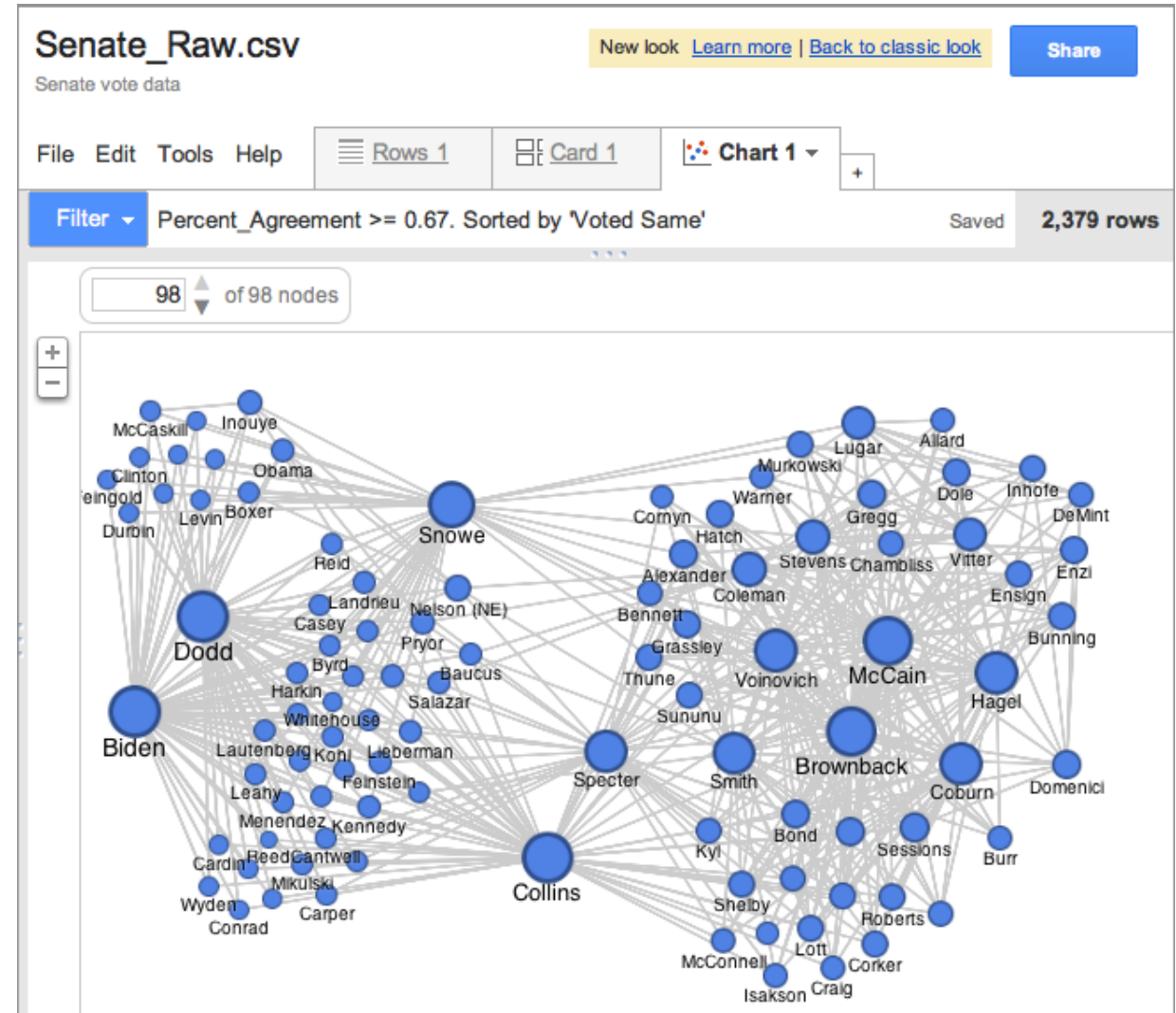


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Social network

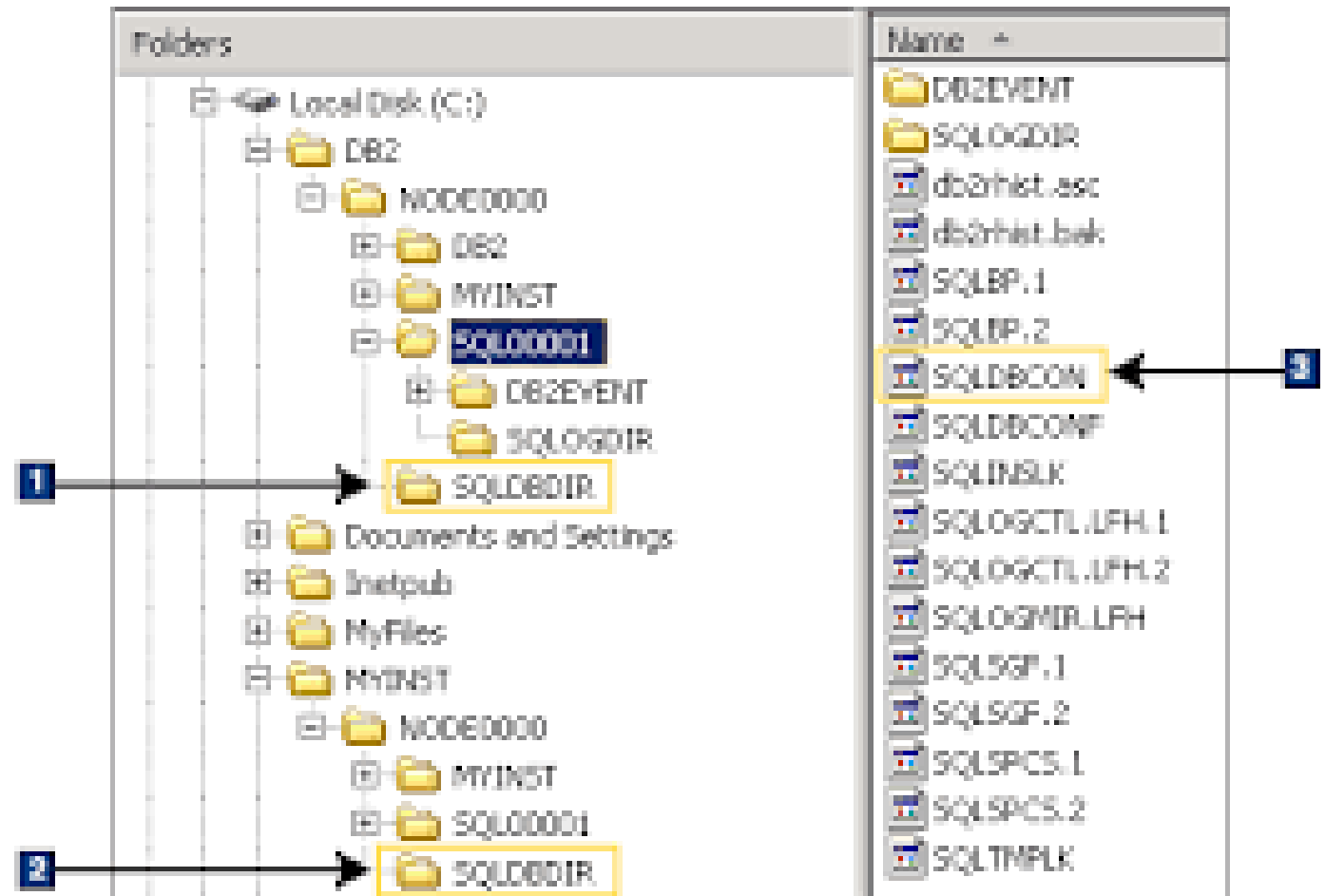


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Hard disk directory



Why Data Structures?



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- Data is just the raw material for information, analytics, business intelligence, advertising, etc.
- We need Computational efficient ways of analyzing, storing, searching, modeling data.
- Smart data structures offer an intelligent tradeoff.

What is this Course About?



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- **Clever** ways to organize information in order to enable **efficient** computation
- What do we mean by clever?
 - Given flight timings between various cities, work out the optimal (**best path**) route to reach a destination starting at a specific time from source.
- What do we mean by efficient?
 - Efficient algorithm to solve the above problem in **best time**

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- ✓ Can we conclude that
- ✓ **Program = Data Structure + Algorithm** operating on data?
- ✓ Yes
- ✓ For writing a program both algorithm and data structure should be considered.

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Lists, Stacks, Queues
Heaps
Binary Search Trees
AVL Trees
Hash Tables
Graphs
Disjoint Sets

Data Structures

Insert
Delete
Find
Merge
Shortest Paths
Union

Algorithms



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Analysis of Algorithms



- To **analyze** an algorithm means:
 - developing a formula for predicting *how fast* an algorithm is, based on the size of the input (**time complexity**)
 - developing a formula for predicting *how much memory* an algorithm requires, based on the size of the input (**space complexity**)
- Usually time is our biggest concern
 - Most algorithms require a fixed amount of space



- In a higher-level language (such as Java), we *do not know* how long each operation takes
 - Which is faster, $x < 10$ or $x \leq 9$?
 - We don't know exactly what the compiler does with this.
 - The compiler probably optimizes the test anyway (replacing the slower version with the faster one).
- In a higher-level language we *cannot* do an exact analysis
 - Our timing analyses will use *major* oversimplifications.
 - Nevertheless, we can get some very useful results.



- A technique used to characterize the execution behavior of algorithms in a manner *independent* of a particular platform, compiler, or language.
- Abstract away the minor variations and describe the performance of algorithms in a more theoretical, *processor independent* fashion.
- A method to compare speed of algorithms against one another depending on *size of the input*.

What does “size of the input” mean?



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- If we are searching an array, the “size” of the input could be the size of the array.
- If we are merging two arrays, the “size” could be the sum of the two array sizes.
- If we are computing the n^{th} Fibonacci number, or the n^{th} factorial, the “size” is n .
- We choose the “size” to be the parameter that most influences the actual time/space required
 - It is *usually* obvious what this parameter is.
 - Sometimes we need two or more parameters.

Operations to count



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- In computing time complexity, one good approach is to count **characteristic operations**
 - What a “characteristic operation” is depends on the particular problem
 - If searching, it might be comparing two values
 - If sorting an array, it might be:
 - comparing two values
 - swapping the contents of two array locations
 - both of the above
 - Sometimes we just look at how many times the *innermost loop* is executed



- *Constant time* means there is some constant **k** such that this operation always takes **k** nanoseconds.
- A Java statement takes constant time if:
 - It does not include a loop.
 - It does not include calling a method whose time is unknown or is not a constant.
- If a statement involves a choice (**if** or **switch**) among operations, each of which takes constant time, we consider the statement to take constant time.

Big O -- Big Oh



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- The most common method and notation for discussing the execution time of algorithms is "Big O".
- Operations involving constant time are said to require order 1 steps, that is $O(1)$ steps.
- For an alphabetized dictionary the algorithm requires $O(\log N)$ steps to search for an item.
- For an unsorted list, the linear search algorithm requires $O(N)$ steps.
- Big O is the *asymptotic execution time* of the algorithm.



- Normally a loop operates on a data set which can vary in size.

```
public double minimum(double[] values, int n)
{
    double minValue = values[0];
    for(int i = 1; i < n; i++)
        if(values[i] < minValue)
            minValue = values[i];
    return minValue;
}
```

- The number of executions of the loop depends on the number of elements in the array .
- The run time is $O(n)$.

Linear Search



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```
static boolean member(int x, int[] a) {  
    int n = a.length;  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
        if (x == a[i]) return true;  
    }    return false;  
}
```

- If x is *not* in a , the loop executes n times, where n is number of elements in the array.
 - This is the **worst case**
- If x is in a , the loop executes $n/2$ times *on average*.
- Either way, it is order of n , $O(n)$.

Linear time algorithm



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```
for (i = 0, j = 1; i < n; i++) {  
    j = j * i;  
}
```

➤ This loop takes time $k*n + c$, for some constants k and c

k : How long it takes to go through the loop once
(the time for $j = j * i$, plus loop overhead)

n : The number of times through the loop
(we can use this as the “size” of the problem)

c : The time it takes to initialize the loop

➤ The total time $k*n + c$ is *linear in* n

➤ Execution time $O(n)$.



Constant time is (usually) better than linear time

- Suppose we have two algorithms to solve a task:
 - Algorithm A takes 5000 time units
 - Algorithm B takes $100 \cdot n$ time units
- Which is better?
 - Clearly, algorithm B is better if our problem size is small, that is, if $n < 50$
 - Algorithm A is better for larger problems, with $n > 50$
 - So B is better on small problems that are quick anyway
 - But A is better for large problems, *where it matters more*
- *We usually care most about very large problems*

Nested Loops



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```
public void bubbleSort(double[] data, int n)
{
    for(int i = n - 1; i > 0; i--)
        for(int j = 0; j < i; j++)
            if(data[j] > data[j+1])
            {
                double temp = data[j];
                data[j] = data[j + 1];
                data[j + 1] = temp;
            }
}
```

Number of executions?

The array subset problem



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- Suppose you have two sets, represented as unsorted arrays:
 - `int[] sub = { 7, 1, 3, 2, 5 };`
 - `int[] super = { 8, 4, 7, 1, 2, 3, 9 };`
- and you want to test whether every element of the first set (**sub**) also occurs in the second set (**super**)
- If there are **m** elements in first set, and **n** elements in the second set, an algorithm will select one element from first set and go through **n** elements of the second set.
- Thus for m elements of first set, total number of operations are going to be order of $m*n$.
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 - If m and n are similar in value, this is roughly **quadratic time complexity**

What about the constants?



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- Forget the constants!
- An added constant, $f(n)+c$, becomes less and less important as n gets larger
- Suppose an algorithm takes $12n^3+4n^2+15$ steps and another takes $24n^2+8n+35$ how do we compare the two algorithms?
- We need to simplify the formulae for a quick comparison.

Simplifying the formula



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- Consider a jungle with number of animals in it.
- Let there be n elephants, m tigers, p foxes, k squirrels, and g ants in the jungle. Is there a simple formula to represent the net weight of the animals?
- Consider 3 elephants, 5 tigers, 10 foxes, 200 squirrels, and 10,000 ants. The net weight is going to be governed mainly by the weight of the elephants.
- In another jungle with no elephants, the weight of the tigers would be most prominent.
- Thus it makes sense to keep only the highest order terms of the formula for calculating time complexity.

Simplifying the formulae



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- Throwing out the constants is one of *two* things we do in analysis of algorithms
 - By throwing out constants, we simplify $12n^2 + 35$ to just n^2
- Our timing formula is a polynomial, and may have terms of various orders (constant, linear, quadratic, cubic, etc.)
 - We usually discard all but the *highest-order* term
 - We simplify $n^2 + 3n + 5$ to just n^2

Big O notation



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- When we have a polynomial that describes the time requirements of an algorithm, we simplify it by:
 - Throwing out all but the highest-order term
 - Throwing out all the constants
- If an algorithm takes $12n^3+4n^2+8n+35$ time, we simplify this formula to just n^3
- We say the algorithm requires $O(n^3)$ time
 - We call this **Big O** notation

Formal Definition of Big O-notation



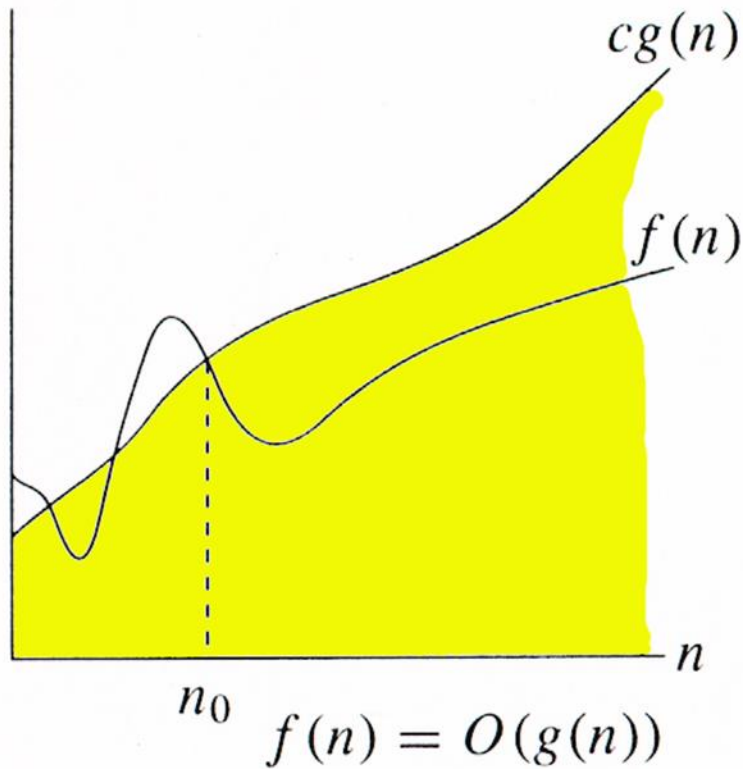
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- Let $f(n)$ denote the expression denoting the number of operations for an algorithm.
- If there are positive constants c and n_0 ,
- such that for all $n \geq n_0$,
- $$f(n) \leq cg(n)$$
- then we say that $f(n)$ is of order $O(g(n))$
- This covers set of all functions whose *rate of growth* is the same as or lower than that of $g(n)$.

Big O-notation



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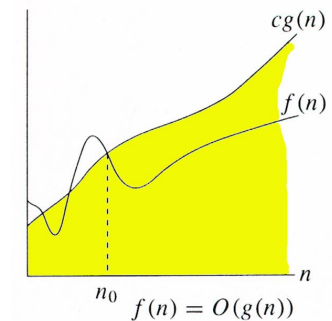
$c g(n)$ is an *asymptotic upper bound* for $f(n)$.

More on Big - O



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- There is a point n_0 such that for all values of n that are past this point, $f(n)$ is bounded by some multiple of $g(n)$.
- Thus if $f(n)$ of the algorithm is $O(n^2)$ then, ignoring constants, at some point we can *bound* the running time by a quadratic function of the input size.
- Given a *linear* algorithm, it is *technically correct* to say the running time is $O(n^2)$. $O(n)$ is a more precise answer as to the Big O bound of a linear algorithm.



Can we justify Big O notation?



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- Big O notation is a *huge* simplification; can we justify it?
 - It only makes sense for *large* problem sizes
 - **For sufficiently large problem sizes, the highest-order term swamps all the rest!**
- Consider $R = x^2 + 3x + 5$ as x varies:

$x = 0$	$x^2 = 0$	$3x = 0$	$5 = 5$	$R = 5$
$x = 10$	$x^2 = 100$	$3x = 30$	$5 = 5$	$R = 135$
$x = 100$	$x^2 = 10000$	$3x = 300$	$5 = 5$	$R = 10,305$
$x = 1000$	$x^2 = 1000000$	$3x = 3000$	$5 = 5$	$R = 1,003,005$
$x = 10,000$	$x^2 = 10^8$	$3x = 3 \cdot 10^4$	$5 = 5$	$R = 100,030,005$
$x = 100,000$	$x^2 = 10^{10}$	$3x = 3 \cdot 10^5$	$5 = 5$	$R = 10,000,300,005$

Big O Examples



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- $3n^3 = O(n^3)$
- $3n^3 + 8 = O(n^3)$
- $8n^2 + 10n * \log(n) + 100n + 10^{20} = O(n^2)$
- $3 \log(n) + 2n^{1/2} = O(n^{1/2})$
- $2^5 = O(1)$
- $T_{\text{linearSearch}}(n) = O(n)$
- $T_{\text{binarySearch}}(n) = O(\log(n))$

Common time complexities



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- $O(1)$ constant time
- $O(\log n)$ log time
- $O(n)$ linear time
- $O(n \log n)$ log linear time
- $O(n^2)$ quadratic time
- $O(n^3)$ cubic time
- $O(2^n)$ exponential time

Ranking of Algorithmic Behaviors



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Function	Common Name
$N!$	factorial
2^N	Exponential
$N^d, d > 3$	Polynomial
N^3	Cubic
N^2	Quadratic
$N\sqrt{N}$	
$N \log N$	
N	Linear
\sqrt{N}	Root - n
$\log N$	Logarithmic
1	Constant

Running Times



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Assume $N = 100,000$ and a computer with processor speed of 1,000,000 operations per second.

Function	Running Time
2^N	over 100 years
N^3	31.7 years
N^2	2.8 hours
$N \sqrt{N}$	31.6 seconds
$N \log N$	1.2 seconds
N	0.1 seconds
\sqrt{N}	3.2×10^{-4} seconds
$\log N$	1.2×10^{-5} seconds



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