

# LECTURE 4

# Which $g(n)$ - Inherent imprecision of the big-O

The big-O notation is **inherently imprecise** as there can be infinitely many functions  $g$  for a **given function  $f$** .

- For example, the  $f(n)=2n^2 + 3n+1$  is big-O not only of  $n^2$ , but also of  $n^3, \dots, n^k, \dots$  for any  $k \geq 2$ .
- To avoid this embarrassment of riches, the smallest function  $g$  is chosen,  $n^2$  in this case.

## Real World Example:

- If a child, ask what comes after **class 1**
  - Answer could be class 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, ... but one should say **2<sup>nd</sup>**



PF -> OOP -> DS-> ALGO

# EXAMPLES

## BASIC LOOP ORDERS

# Simple Loop Orders

## Example 0

**for (i=0;i<n;i=i++)**

Loop will run approximately **n** times ...  $O(n)$

## Example 1

**for (i=0;i<n;i=i+k)**

Loop will run approximately **n/k** times ...  $O(n)$

## Example 2

**for (i=n;i>0;i=i-k)**

Loop will run approximately **n/k** times ...  $O(n)$

## Example 3

**for (i=1;i<n; i=i\*k)**

Loop will run approximately  **$\log_k n$**  times ...  $O(\log_k n)$

# Nested Loops Orders

## Example

```
for(i=0;i<n; i++)  
    for (j=i; j<n;++j)
```

Nested loop approximately run  $\mathbf{n(n+1)/2}$  times.  $O(n^2)$

## Example

```
for (i=0;i<n;++i)  
    for (j=0;j<m;++j)
```

Nested loop approximately run  $\mathbf{n*m}$  times. ...

$O(n^2)$  given  $n \geq m$

# Nested Loops Orders 1

## Example 5

```
for(i=1;i<=n;++i)  
    for (j=1;j<=i;++j)
```

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = O(n^2)$$

Nested loop approximately runs  $n(n+1)/2$  times.  
(Arithmetic Series)  $O(n^2)$

# Nested Loops Orders 2

## Example

```
for( i = 1; i < n; ++i )  
    for( j = 1; j < n * n; ++j )
```

Approximately runs  $n^3$  times.  $O(n^3)$

	No of times loop runs
for( i = 1; i <= n; ++i )	$\sum_{i=1}^n 1 = n$
for( j = 1; j < i * i; ++j )	$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2$

$O(n^3)$  ... **Arithmetic Series**

# Nested Loop Orders

```
for (i=1; i<=n; i=i*2)
    for (j=1; j<=i; ++j)
        sum+=1;
```

Nested loop run apprx.  
 $2n-1$  times.

- Outer loop runs **lgn** times
- Inner loop runs **1 2 4 8 16 32 64 ...** times
- We need to sum up  $1+2+4+8+16+32+64$
- This forms a **Geometric series** sum up to lgn
- $1+2^1+2^2+2^3+2^4+2^5+2^6 \dots 2^{\lg n}$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n x^k = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n = \frac{x^{n+1} - 1}{x - 1} \quad (x \neq 1)$$

$$\sum_{x=1}^{\lg n} 2^x = 1 + 2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^{\lg n} = \frac{2^{\lg n + 1} - 1}{2 - 1} = O(n)$$

$$\frac{2^{\lg n + 1} - 1}{2 - 1} = n - 1$$



# Nested Loops Orders

## Example

```
for(i=1;i<=n; i=i*2)
    for (j=1;j<=n;++j)
```

Outer loop runs  $O(\lg n)$  times

Inner loop runs  $n$  times for each  $i \dots n+n+n+\dots +n \dots \lg n$  times

Nested loop approximately run  **$O(n \lg n)$**  times.

# Nested Loops Orders

```
for(i=1;i<=n; i++)  
    for (j=1;j<=i; j*2)
```

*Outer loop runs n time and  
inner lg1+lg2+lg3+...lgn times ..this is arithmetic series of lg*

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \lg k = n \lg_2 n$$

Nested Loop approx. runs **O(nlgn)** times.

# Nested Loops Orders

## Example

```
for(i=1;i<=n; i*2)
    for (j=1;j<=n; j*2)
```

Nested Loop approximately runs  $O(\lg_2 n)^2$  times.  
*Outer loop runs  $\lg n$  time and inner  $\lg n$  for each  $i$*

# Linear Search

```
int LinearSearch(const int a[], int key, int n){  
    for (int i = 0; i < n && a[i] != key; i++);  
    if (i == n)  
        return -1;  
    return i;  
}
```

**Unsuccessful Search:** →  $O(n)$

**Successful Search:**

**Best-Case:** *item* is in the first location of the array →  $O(1)$

**Worst-Case:** *item* is in the last location of the array →  $O(n)$

**Average-Case:** The number of key comparisons 1, 2, ..., n

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n i}{n} = \frac{(n^2 + n) / 2}{n} \rightarrow O(n)$$

# Types of Analysis

- **Worst case**

- Provides an upper bound on running time (maximum number of steps)
- An absolute **guarantee** that the algorithm would not run longer, no matter what the inputs are

- **Best case**

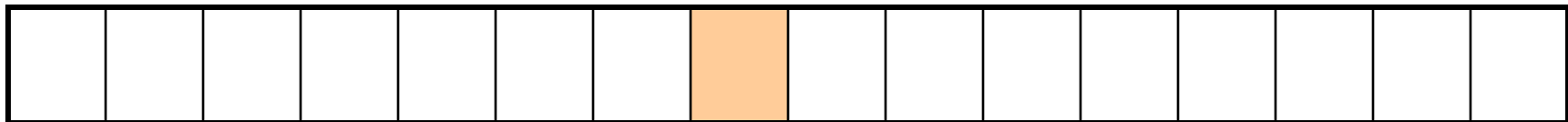
- Provides a lower bound on running time (number of steps is the smallest)
- Input is the one for which the algorithm runs the fastest

$$\textit{Lower Bound} \leq \textit{Running Time} \leq \textit{Upper Bound}$$

- **Average case**

- Provides a **prediction** about the running time
- Assumes that the input is random

# EXAMPLE Binary search

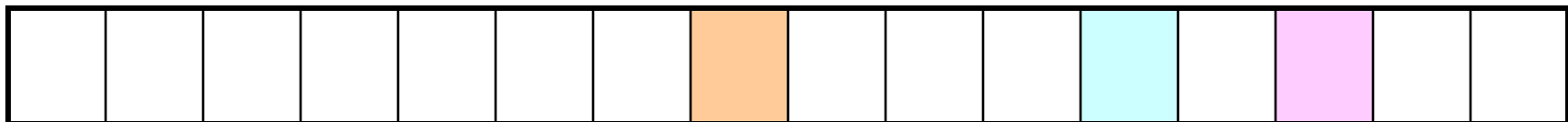


$$\frac{n}{2}$$



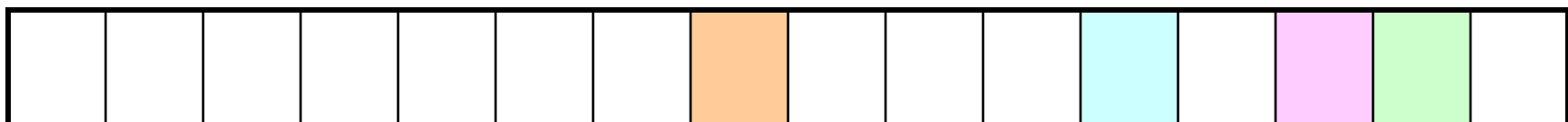
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$$\frac{n}{2^2}$$

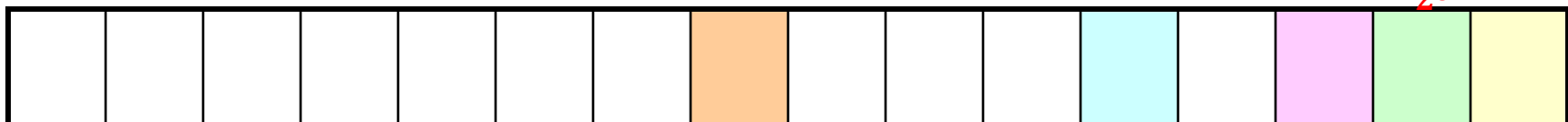


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$$\frac{n}{2^4}$$



$$\frac{n}{2^8}$$



$$\frac{n}{2^m} = 1$$

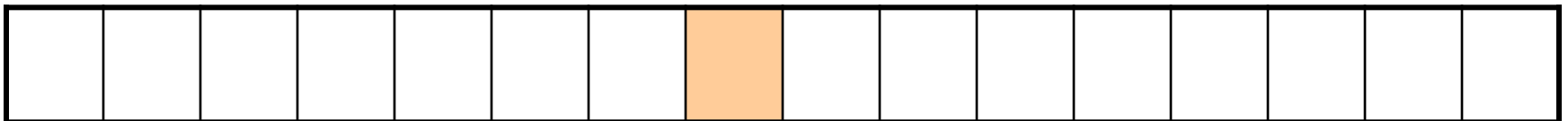
# Binary Search – Analysis

- For an unsuccessful search:
  - The number of iterations in the loop is  $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$   
→  $O(\log_2 n)$
- For a successful search:
  - **Best-Case:** The number of iterations is 1. →  $O(1)$
  - **Worst-Case:** The number of iterations is  $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$  →  $O(\log_2 n)$
  - **Average-Case:** The avg. # of iterations  $< \log_2 n$  →  $O(\log_2 n)$

0   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   ← an array with size 8

3   2   3   1   3   2   3   4   ← # of iterations

The average # of iterations =  $21/8 < \log_2 8$



# BUBBLE SORT

```
void BubbleSort(int arr[], int n) {  
  
    bool done = false;  
    for(i = 1; i < n; i++)          //repeat a pass of bubble sort  
    {  
        for (j=0; j < n-i; j++)//inner loop swaps consecutive items  
        {  
            if (arr[j+1] < arr[j]){  
                swap(arr[j+1],arr[j])  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```



# BUBBLE SORT

```
void BubbleSort(int arr[], int n) {  
    bool done = false;  
    for(i = 1; (i < n) && !done; i++){ //repeat a pass of bubble sort  
        done = true;  
        for (j=0; j <n-i; j++){ //inner loop swaps consecutive items  
  
            if (arr[j+1] < arr[j]){  
                swap(arr[j+1],arr[j])  
                done = false; //a swap is made and so sorting continues  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Best case  $O(n)$   
Worst case  $O(n^2)$

# SELECTION SORT

```
void SelectionSort(int arr[], int n) {  
    for (i=0;i<n;++i){  
        maxIndex = FindMaxIndex(arr,i,n-1);  
        swap(arr[i],arr[maxIndex]);  
    }  
}
```

```
//finds the maximum item in the partial array startIndex to endIndex  
int FindMaxIndex(int arr[], int startIndex, int endIndex){  
    int max = startIndex  
    for (i= startIndex; i<= endIndex;++i)  
        if (a[max] < arr[i]) max =i;  
    return max;  
}
```

# SPACE COMPLEXITY

- Space complexity is the amount of memory a program needs to run to completion
  - If program uses array of size  $n \rightarrow O(n)$  Space
  - IF program uses 2D array of size  $n*n \rightarrow O(n^2)$  Space
- Time complexity is the amount of computer time a program needs to run to completion
- [..\2. Lists.pptx](#)



# Practice Questions

# Euclids GCD

- 1 long gcd( long m, long n )
  - 2 {
  - 3 while( n != 0 )
  - 4 {
    - 5 long rem = m % n;
    - 6 m = n;
    - 7 n = rem;
  - 8 }
  - 9 return m;
- 10 }

# EXAMPLES

- Summing an array of size  $n$ :  $O(n)$
- Printing a matrix of size  $n \times n$ :  $O(n^2)$
- Summing two matrices of size  $n \times n$ :  $O(n^2)$
- Product of two matrices of size  $n \times n$ :  $O(n^3)$
- Linear search in array of size  $n$ :  $O(n)$
- Binary search in array of size  $n$ :  $O(\log n)$
- Printing all numbers that can be represented by  $n$  bits:  $O(2^n)$
- Printing all subsets of numbers in an array of size  $n$ :  $O(2^n)$
- Printing all permutations of numbers in array of size  $n$ :  $O(n!)$