

# CS2010: ALGORITHMS AND DATA STRUCTURES

## Lecture 4.1: More Asymptotic Notation

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Can calculate the running time for **3 possible kinds of input**:

1. Worst Case
2. Best Case
3. Average Case

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# Common order-of-growth classifications

order of growth	name	typical code framework	description	example	$T(2N) / T(N)$
1	<b>constant</b>	<code>a = b + c;</code>	statement	add two numbers	1
$\log N$	<b>logarithmic</b>	<pre>while (N &gt; 1) {   N = N / 2;   ...   }</pre>	divide in half	binary search	$\sim 1$
$N$	<b>linear</b>	<pre>for (int i = 0; i &lt; N; i++) {   ...   }</pre>	loop	find the maximum	2
$N \log N$	<b>linearithmic</b>	[see mergesort lecture]	divide and conquer	mergesort	$\sim 2$
$N^2$	<b>quadratic</b>	<pre>for (int i = 0; i &lt; N; i++)   for (int j = 0; j &lt; N; j++)   {   ...   }</pre>	double loop	check all pairs	4
$N^3$	<b>cubic</b>	<pre>for (int i = 0; i &lt; N; i++)   for (int j = 0; j &lt; N; j++)     for (int k = 0; k &lt; N; k++)     {   ...   }</pre>	triple loop	check all triples	8
$2^N$	<b>exponential</b>	[see combinatorial search lecture]	exhaustive search	check all subsets	$T(N)$

## One more example: BinarySearch

Specification:

- **Input:** array  $a[0..n-1]$ , integer key
- **Input property:**  $a$  is sorted
- **Output:** integer pos
- **Output property:** if  $key == a[i]$  then  $pos == i$

# BinarySearch – worst case asymptotic running time

Cost      No of times

```
1. lo = 0, hi = a.length-1
2. while (lo <= hi) {
3.     int mid = lo + (hi - lo) / 2
4.     if      (key < a[mid]) then hi = mid - 1
5.     else if (key > a[mid]) then lo = mid + 1
6.     else return mid
7. }
8. return -1
```

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        AInB = AInB && iInB;  
    }  
    return AInB;  
}  
  
boolean isContained2(int[] A, int[] B) {  
    int[] C = new int[B.length];  
    for (int i = 0; i < B.length; i++) { C[i] = B[i] }  
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    boolean AInC = true;  
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5.     }		
6. <b>return</b> AInB;	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(1)$
}		
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1. <b>int</b> [] C = <b>new int</b> [B.length];		
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3.     sort(C); // heapsort		
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- $\Theta(1) =?= \Theta(10)$
- $\Theta(5n) =?= \Theta(n^2)$
- $\Theta(n^3 + \log(n)) =?= \Theta(100n^3 + \log(n))$
- Write all of the above in order, writing = or < between them



## 1.4 ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

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- *introduction*
- *observations*
- *mathematical models*
- *order-of-growth classifications*
- *theory of algorithms*
- *memory*

# Types of analyses

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**Best case.** Lower bound on cost.

- Determined by “easiest” input.
- Provides a goal for all inputs.

**Worst case.** Upper bound on cost.

- Determined by “most difficult” input.
- Provides a guarantee for all inputs.

**Average case.** Expected cost for random input.

- Need a model for “random” input.
- Provides a way to predict performance.

this course

**Ex 1.** Array accesses for brute-force 3-SUM.

Best:  $\sim \frac{1}{2} N^3$

Average:  $\sim \frac{1}{2} N^3$

Worst:  $\sim \frac{1}{2} N^3$

**Ex 2.** Compares for binary search.

Best:  $\sim 1$

Average:  $\sim \lg N$

Worst:  $\sim \lg N$

# Theory of algorithms

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## Goals.

- Establish “difficulty” of a problem.
- Develop “optimal” algorithms.

## Approach.

- Suppress details in analysis: analyze “to within a constant factor.”
- Eliminate variability in input model: focus on the worst case.

**Upper bound.** Performance guarantee of algorithm for any input.

**Lower bound.** Proof that no algorithm can do better.

**Optimal algorithm.** Lower bound = upper bound (to within a constant factor).



# Commonly-used notations in the theory of algorithms

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# Theory of algorithms: example 1

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## Goals.

- Establish “difficulty” of a problem and develop “optimal” algorithms.
- Ex. 1-SUM = “*Is there a 0 in the array?*”

## Upper bound. A specific algorithm.

- Ex. Brute-force algorithm for 1-SUM: Look at every array entry.
- Running time of the optimal algorithm for 1-SUM is  $O(N)$ .

## Lower bound. Proof that no algorithm can do better.

- Ex. Have to examine all  $N$  entries (any unexamined one might be 0).
- Running time of the optimal algorithm for 1-SUM is  $\Omega(N)$ .

## Optimal algorithm.

- Lower bound equals upper bound (to within a constant factor).
- Ex. Brute-force algorithm for 1-SUM is optimal: its running time is  $\Theta(N)$ .

## Theory of algorithms: example 2

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- Ex. 3-SUM.

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## Theory of algorithms: example 2

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- Establish “difficulty” of a problem and develop “optimal” algorithms.
- Ex. 3-SUM.

### Upper bound. A specific algorithm.

- Ex. **Improved** algorithm for 3-SUM.
- Running time of the optimal algorithm for 3-SUM is  $O(N^2 \log N)$ .

### Lower bound. Proof that no algorithm can do better.

- Ex. Have to examine all  $N$  entries to solve 3-SUM.
- Running time of the optimal algorithm for solving 3-SUM is  $\Omega(N)$ .

### Open problems.

- Optimal algorithm for 3-SUM?
- Subquadratic algorithm for 3-SUM?
- Quadratic lower bound for 3-SUM?

# Algorithm design approach

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## Start.

- Develop an algorithm.
- Prove a lower bound.

## Gap?

- Lower the upper bound (discover a new algorithm).
- Raise the lower bound (more difficult).

## Golden Age of Algorithm Design.

- 1970s–.
- Steadily decreasing upper bounds for many important problems.
- Many known optimal algorithms.

## Caveats.

- Overly pessimistic to focus on worst case?
- Need better than “to within a constant factor” to predict performance.

## Commonly-used notations in the theory of algorithms

notation	provides	example	shorthand for	used to
<b>Tilde</b>	leading term	$\sim 10 N^2$	$10 N^2$ $10 N^2 + 22 N \log N$ $10 N^2 + 2 N + 37$	provide approximate model
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**Common mistake.** Interpreting big-Oh as an approximate model.

**This course.** Focus on approximate models: use Tilde-notation



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# Basics

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Bit. 0 or 1.

Byte. 8 bits.

Megabyte (MB). 1 million or  $2^{20}$  bytes.

Gigabyte (GB). 1 billion or  $2^{30}$  bytes.

NIST



most computer scientists



64-bit machine. We assume a 64-bit machine with 8-byte pointers.

- Can address more memory.
- Pointers use more space.



some JVMs "compress" ordinary object pointers to 4 bytes to avoid this cost





# Typical memory usage for primitive types and arrays

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type	bytes
boolean	1
byte	1
char	2
int	4
float	4
long	8
double	8

**primitive types**

type	bytes
char[]	$2N + 24$
int[]	$4N + 24$
double[]	$8N + 24$

**one-dimensional arrays**

type	bytes
char[][]	$\sim 2MN$
int[][]	$\sim 4MN$
double[][]	$\sim 8MN$

**two-dimensional arrays**

## Typical memory usage for objects in Java

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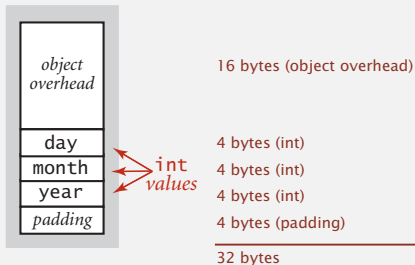
**Object overhead.** 16 bytes.

**Reference.** 8 bytes.

**Padding.** Each object uses a multiple of 8 bytes.

**Ex 1.** A Date object uses 32 bytes of memory.

```
public class Date
{
    private int day;
    private int month;
    private int year;
    ...
}
```



## Typical memory usage summary

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### Total memory usage for a data type value:

- Primitive type: 4 bytes for int, 8 bytes for double, ...
- Object reference: 8 bytes.
- Array: 24 bytes + memory for each array entry.
- Object: 16 bytes + memory for each instance variable.
- Padding: round up to multiple of 8 bytes.

↖ + 8 extra bytes per inner class object  
(for reference to enclosing class)

**Shallow memory usage:** Don't count referenced objects.

**Deep memory usage:** If array entry or instance variable is a reference, count memory (recursively) for referenced object.

## Example

Q. How much memory does `WeightedQuickUnionUF` use as a function of  $N$ ?  
Use tilde notation to simplify your answer.

```
public class WeightedQuickUnionUF  
{
```

```
    private int[] id;  
    private int[] sz;  
    private int count;
```

```
    public WeightedQuickUnionUF(int N)  
    {
```

```
        id = new int[N];  
        sz = new int[N];  
        for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) id[i] = i;  
        for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) sz[i] = 1;  
    }  
    ...
```

```
}
```

← 16 bytes  
(object overhead)

← 8 + (4N + 24) bytes each  
(reference + int[] array)

← 4 bytes (int)

← 4 bytes (padding)

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8N + 88 bytes

A.  $8N + 88 \sim 8N$  bytes.