EE538: Computing Principles for Electrical Engineers

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Who Is This Course For?

Preparing you for **design**, **analysis**, and **implementing** a **complete** software **system**

Two unit courses:

- C++, **Algorithm**, and **Data Structure**

Who Is This Course For?

Do not take this course if you are only looking to take an easy two-unit course!

EE538 involves several **homework assignments**, a **project**, a lot of **coding**, and studying **various algorithms**.

I really encourage you to **take the course seriously** and plan to dedicate enough time to complete the homework assignments and the project.

About me:

Very Trojan!

- Student: USC EE: 2004 to 2012
- Lecturer since: Jan 2020

Worked at both big and small corporations

- Hardware and software

Startups

- Mobile apps, full stack

Guess what language I used in all of them?

Introduction

- Coding
  - Basics of C++
- Foundations of Software Engineering
  - Testing, Source Control, Shell scripts
  - Modular Programming
  - Object Oriented Programming
- Basics of Algorithms and Data Structure
  - Trees, linked-lists, hash tables, heaps, ...
  - Runtime analysis
  - Algorithm design and analysis
    - Greedy, recursive, dynamic programming, …

Books

- Algorithm, 4th Edition (required) Robert Sedgewick, Kevin Wayne (available at the campus store)
- Algorithms in C++, 3rd Edition (optional, C++ supplement to 1), Robert Sedgewick, Kevin Wayne (available at the campus store)
- The C++ Programming Language, 4th Edition (recommended) Bjarne Stroustrup (available at the campus store)
- Code Complete: A Practical Handbook of Software Const

Videos and Optional Material

- All lecture recordings will be provided on Blackboard's Zoom section.
- Occasionally, I will send you **optional videos** to watch.
  - Watching these videos are completely optional, and will not affect your grades.
  - There will be no questions from the extra material in these videos.
- Optional questions in homework assignments:
  - They will not be graded.
  - We may not provide solutions.

Final Grades

Assessment Tool (assignments)	**% of Grade**
Homework	35%
Project	25%
Exam #1	20%
Exam #2	20%
TOTAL	100

Course Platform

- Repos we use:
  - https://github.com/ourarash/cpp-template
  - https://github.com/ourarash/cpp_tour
- Piazza
  - All the lecture material will be posted here!
  - **Homework assignment will be released here!**
- GitHub classroom
  - **Submit your homework through GitHub before the deadline!**
- Blackboard/DEN
  - **Your scores will be posted here!**

Piazza

- All sections will share the same **Piazza** link.
- Everyone should've received an email invite to the Piazza for this course
  - **All** questions about assignments, course material, exams, etc. should go there
  - Please read this before asking questions.
- Send an email if:
  - **Regrade question** on Programming Assignment (email the TA who graded you)
  - **Personal question** (such as DSP, etc.)
- **Try** to generalize questions so that they can be public (visible to everyone)
  - ..**BUT** don't put more than 5 lines of code in a public post
- If you need more code than that for context, use a private post
- Bad questions:
  - "here's lots of code, fix it!" cries for help will be ignored – you need to demonstrate that you've actually tried to debug it yourself!

Other Places to Look

Have you heard about this thing called:

- Google Search?
- Stackoverflow?

HW Late Policy

- 1 day late is -15 points
- 2 days late is -30 points
- 3 days late is -45 points

More than 3 days late is a 0

In case of emergency, we will decide on a case by case basis if an extension is warranted. You may need to show documentation depending on the extension request.

Usually assignments have 120 - 130 points, 100 points is considered full credit.

Academic Integrity

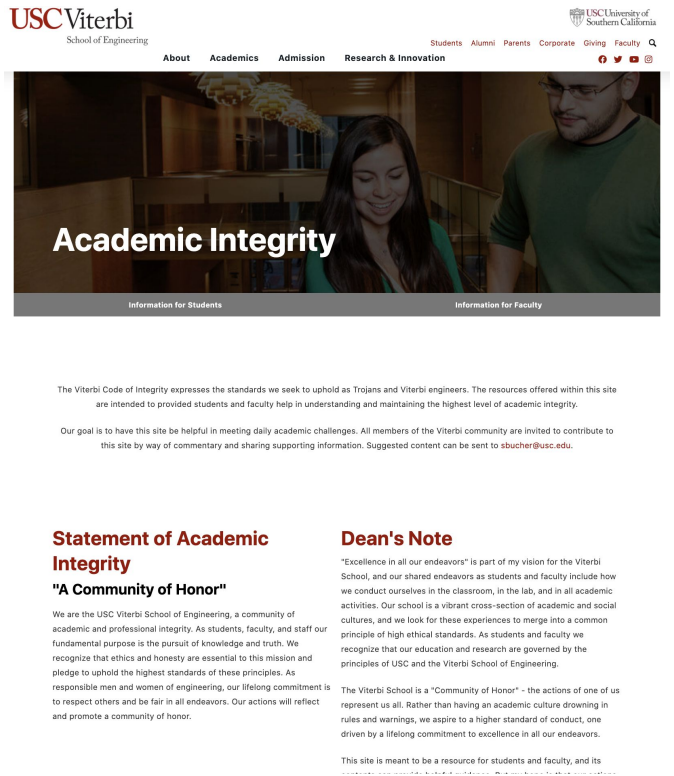
- All assignments should be your **individual work**
- If you are asking classmates questions beyond the scope of what you could reasonably ask on Piazza in a “public” post, then you are not doing individual work
- **Do not** share your code files or part of your code files with your classmates (current or future students)
- **Do not** post your code on a publicly-accessible website (GitHub, course hero, etc).
- **Do not** step through anyone else’s code, if you need help debugging ask an instructor or TA or Piazza
- If you’re not sure if something is allowed: ask an instructor. Instructors/TAs are always happy to help!

The most important thing - Academic Integrity

- University Policy
  - https://sjacs.usc.edu/students/academic-integrity/
  - https://viterbischool.usc.edu/academic-integrity/

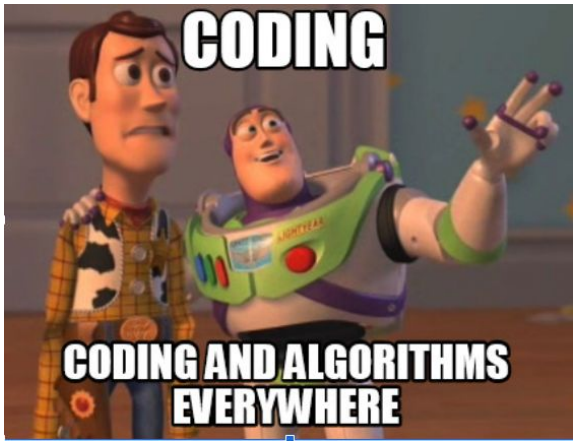
We hope you could...

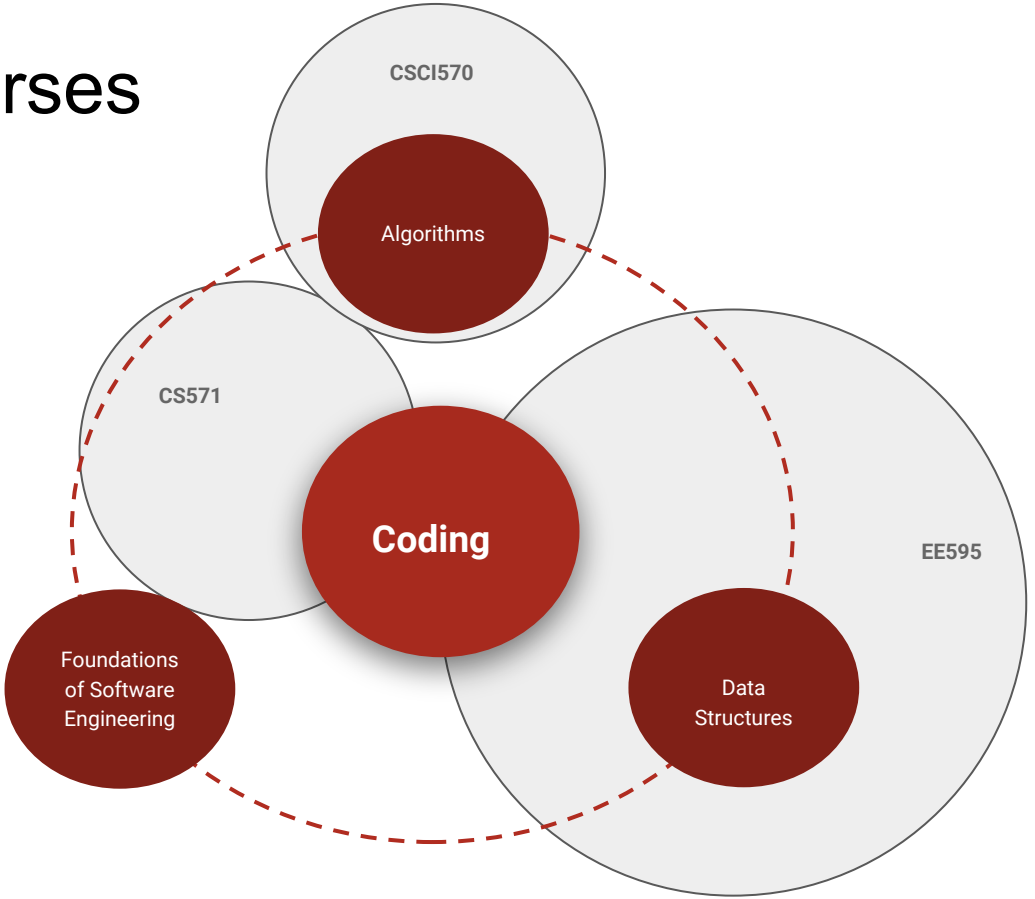
- Be responsible for yourself!
- Learn some useful knowledge!



Overlap with Other Courses

- We are focused on coding:
  - Almost all algorithms discussed should be implemented and tested.





This is a coding-oriented course!

Programmer Basic Tools

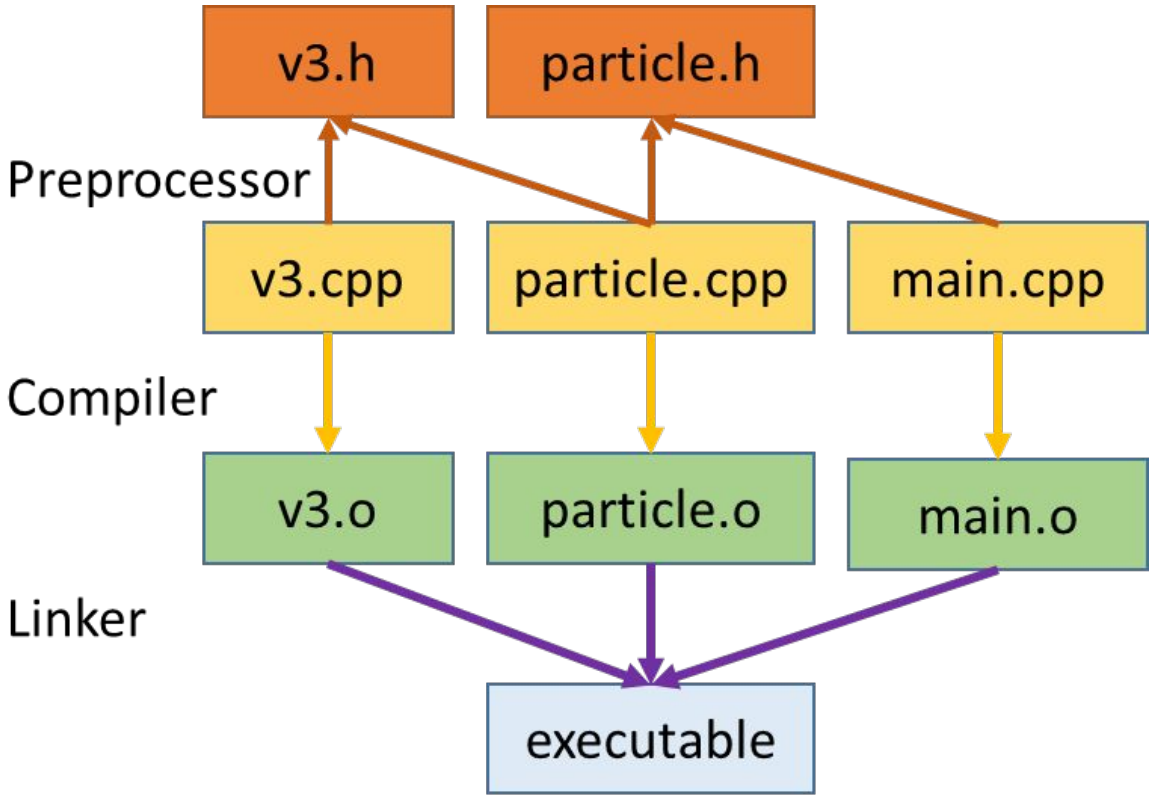
- We should all have:
  - **Stackoverflow** account
  - **Github** account
- Please make sure you install:
  - Visual Studio Code
  - Git
  - Bazel
  - Linux-compatible terminal
  - C++ Toolchain
    - Mac: Xcode
    - Windows:
      - Preferred: Use VirtualBox
      - Cywin or MinGW
    - Linux: g++

We will use C++

Python	C++
Easier to learn	**Harder** for beginners
Interpreted	Compiled
Slow	Very **fast**
Lots of libraries	Libraries are **harder** to access
Machine learning and data science	**Speed**: Gaming, Device Drivers, Servers, Stock Market

Where is C++ Used?

C++ Needs a Compiler



Example

Find the maximum value in an array of integers

- **Step 1:** Clearly define the input and output of the problem

```
int FindMax(std::vector<int> &inputs);
```

Example

Find the maximum value in an array of integers

Let's assume all numbers are higher than -1.

- **Step 2:** What are some example input/outputs?
  - Find corner cases

```
inputs = {1,2,3,4}, output = 4

inputs = {1}, output= 1

inputs = { }, output= -1

inputs = {1,1,1,1}, output = 1
```

Example

Find the maximum value in an array of integers

- **Step 3:** Propose an algorithm
  - May not be perfect.
  - We will learn various techniques in this course

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 for (auto n : inputs) {
   if (n > result) {
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- **Step 4**: Test/Debug your algorithm

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 }
 int result = INT32_MIN;
 for (auto n : inputs) {
   if (n > result) {
     result = n;
   }
 }
 return result;
}
```

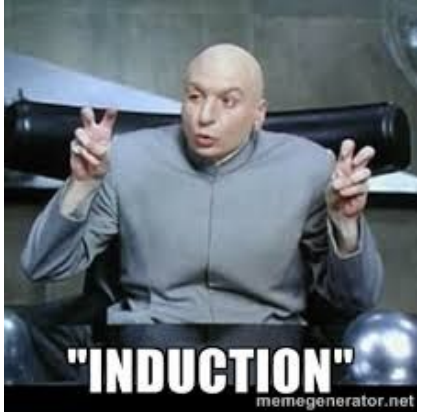
result: -Inf, 1, 2, .., 4

n:1, 2, , ..4

Example

Find the maximum value in an array of integers

- **Step 5**: Prove its correctness
  - Induction
  - Contradiction
  - Case Analysis
  - Other techniques

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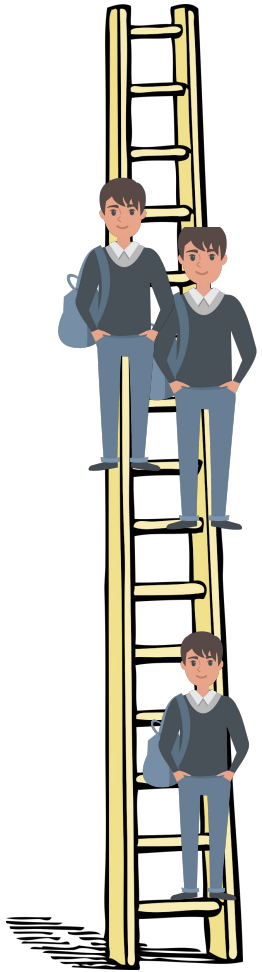
Proof By Induction

- (Base Case) Show the statement is true for k=1.

- (Inductive Step) Show that if the statement is true for k, this implies the statement is true for k+1.



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- Step 5:
  - Proof by Induction
  - Proof by Contradiction

Proof by Induction: We prove the value of *result* at step i is the max of elements 0 to i.

Base case: i = 0: the first time the loop executes.

- Inductive step:
  - *result* is max of [0, …, i], can we say result will be updated to max of [0, …, i+1] ?
  - Example 1: input = [11, 1, 4, 9, 10, 8]
    - 0 to i is: [11, 1, 4, 9] , result = 11, for i+1, the input is [11, 1, 4, 9, 10], n = 10, result stays at 11, and 11 is still maximum!
  - Example 2: input = [11, 1, 4, 9, 12, 8]
    - 0 to i is: [11, 1, 4, 9] , result = 11, for i+1, the input is [11, 1, 4, 9, 12], n = 12, result becomes 12, and 12 is the maximum!

Example

Find the maximum value in an array of integers

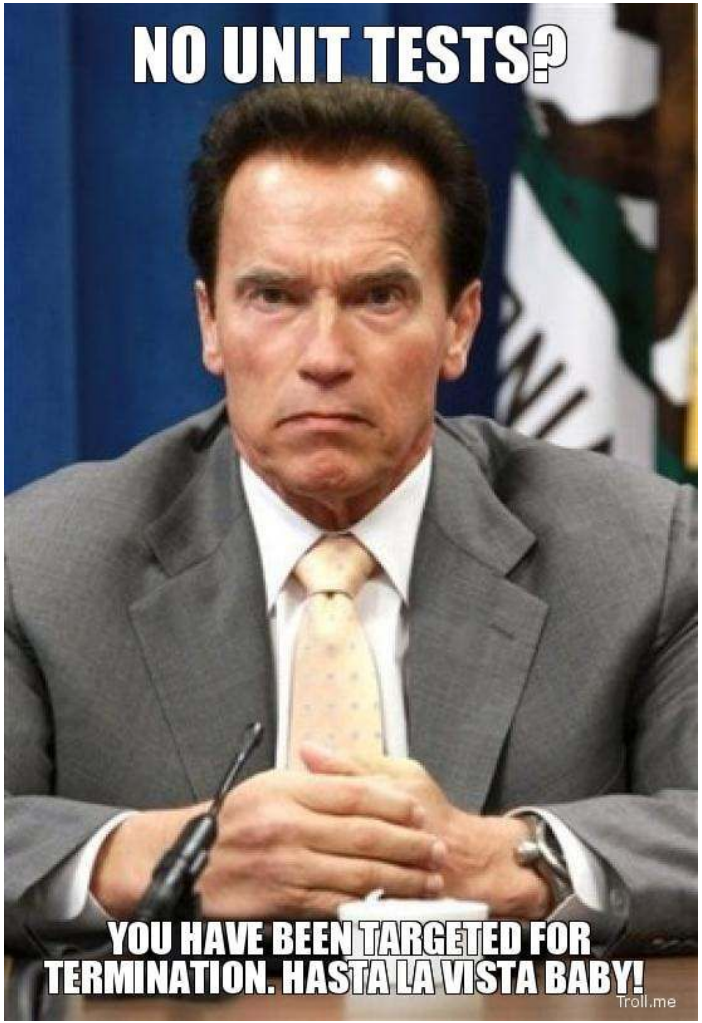
- **Step 6:** Systematic Testing

```
int FindMax(std::vector<int> &inputs) {
 int result = INT32_MIN;
 for (auto n : inputs) {
   if (n > result) {
     result = n;
   }
 }
 return result;
}
```

Why ?

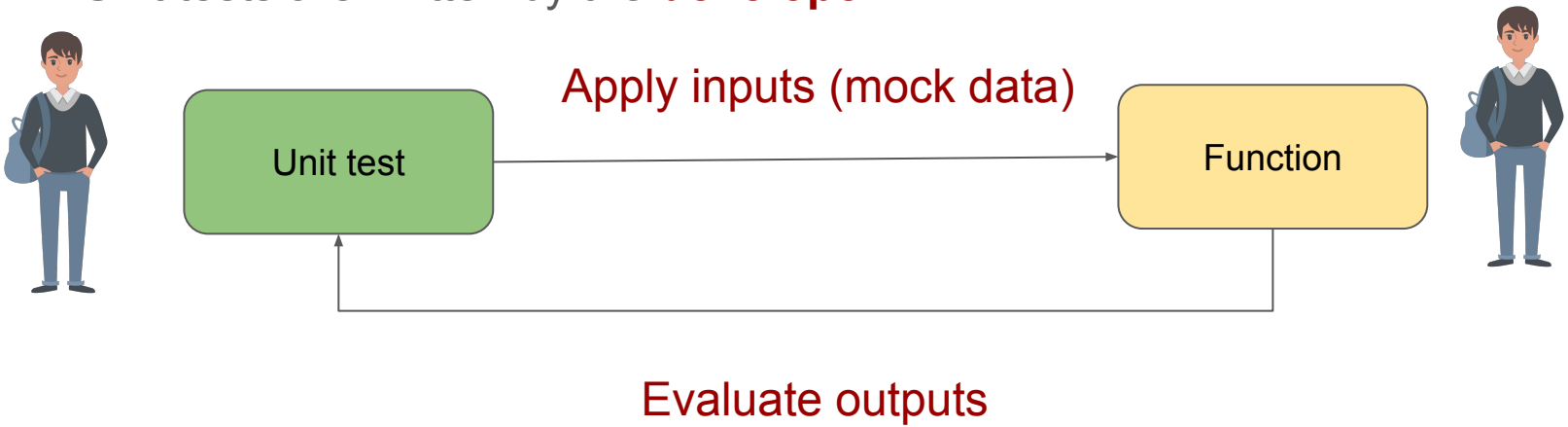
- Even with mathematical proof, there might be **implementation bugs**
- In practice, we may not be able to mathematically prove the correctness

Unit Tests



Unit Tests

- *Test your code. Leave nothing to luck!*
- A unit test is a piece of code that tests a function or a class
- Unit tests are written by the **developer!**



Google Test Platform

- A testing framework for C++ code
- Automates various tasks:
  - Creates a main function
  - Calls our function under test
  - Applies inputs
  - Provides various functions for testing

```
// Tests factorial of 0.
TEST(FactorialTest, HandlesZeroInput) {
  EXPECT_EQ(Factorial(0), 1);
}

// Tests factorial of positive numbers.
TEST(FactorialTest, HandlesPositiveInput) {
  EXPECT_EQ(Factorial(1), 1);
  EXPECT_EQ(Factorial(2), 2);
  EXPECT_EQ(Factorial(3), 6);
  EXPECT_EQ(Factorial(8), 40320);
}
```

Fatal assertion	Nonfatal assertion	Verifies
`ASSERT_TRUE(condition);`	`EXPECT_TRUE(condition);`	`condition` is true
`ASSERT_FALSE(condition);`	`EXPECT_FALSE(condition);`	`condition` is false

- `ASSERT_*` yields a fatal failure and returns from the current function.
- `EXPECT_*` yields a nonfatal failure, allowing the function to continue running.

Example

Find the maximum value in an array of integers

- Step 6: Using Google Test

```
int FindMax(std::vector<int> &inputs) {
 int result = INT32_MIN;
 for (auto n : inputs) {
   if (n > result) {
     result = n;
   }
 }
 return result;
}
```

```
TEST(FindMaxTest, HandlesConsecutiveNumbers) {
 Solution solution;
 std::vector<int> inputs = {1, 2, 3, 4};
 EXPECT_EQ(solution.FindMax(inputs), 4);
}
```

```
TEST(FindMaxTest, HandlesSizeOne) {
 Solution solution;
 std::vector<int> inputs = {2};
 EXPECT_EQ(solution.FindMax(inputs), 2);
}
```

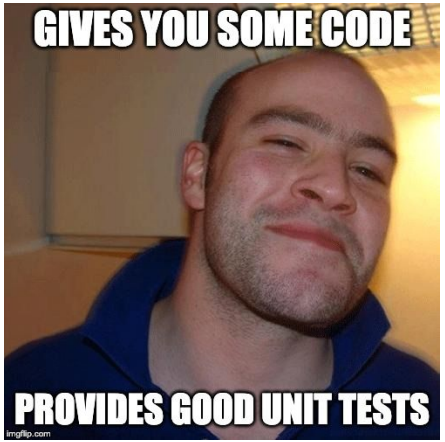
```
TEST(FindMaxTest, HandlesEmptyVector) {
 Solution solution;
 std::vector<int> inputs = {};
 EXPECT_EQ(solution.FindMax(inputs), -1);
}
```

Google Test Platform

Fatal assertion	Nonfatal assertion	Verifies
`ASSERT_EQ(val1, val2);`	`EXPECT_EQ(val1, val2);`	`val1 == val2`
`ASSERT_NE(val1, val2);`	`EXPECT_NE(val1, val2);`	`val1 != val2`
`ASSERT_LT(val1, val2);`	`EXPECT_LT(val1, val2);`	`val1 < val2`
`ASSERT_LE(val1, val2);`	`EXPECT_LE(val1, val2);`	`val1 <= val2`
`ASSERT_GT(val1, val2);`	`EXPECT_GT(val1, val2);`	`val1 > val2`
`ASSERT_GE(val1, val2);`	`EXPECT_GE(val1, val2);`	`val1 >= val2`

https://github.com/google/googletest

Unit Tests

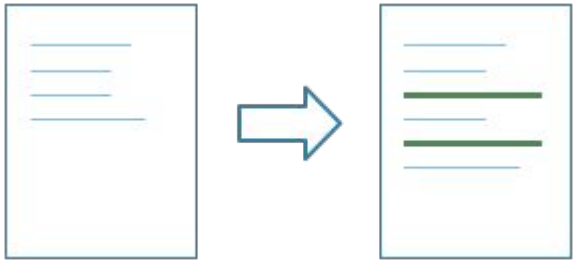


- Test should be independent and repeatable.
  - A test should not succeed or fail as a result of other tests.
- Tests should be portable and reusable.
  - They should work on different platforms
- Tests should be fast.
- Test should provide as much information about the problem as possible.

```
TEST(FindMaxTest, HandlesEmptyVector) {
 Solution solution;
 std::vector<int> inputs = {};
 EXPECT_EQ(solution.FindMax(inputs), 1)
     << "ERROR: The result of an empty vector was not -1.";
}
```

Version Control

- Who made the change?
  - So you know whom to blame
- What has changed (added, removed, moved)?
  - Changes within a file
  - Addition, removal, or moving of files/directories
- Where is the change applied?
  - Not just which file, but which version or branch
- When was the change made?
  - Timestamp
- Why was the change made?
  - Commit messages



Tracking file changes

Git

- Started by Linus Torvalds – 2005
- Efficient for large projects
  - E.g. Linux
  - Much faster than other alternatives

```
GIT(1)                                Git Manual                                GIT(1)

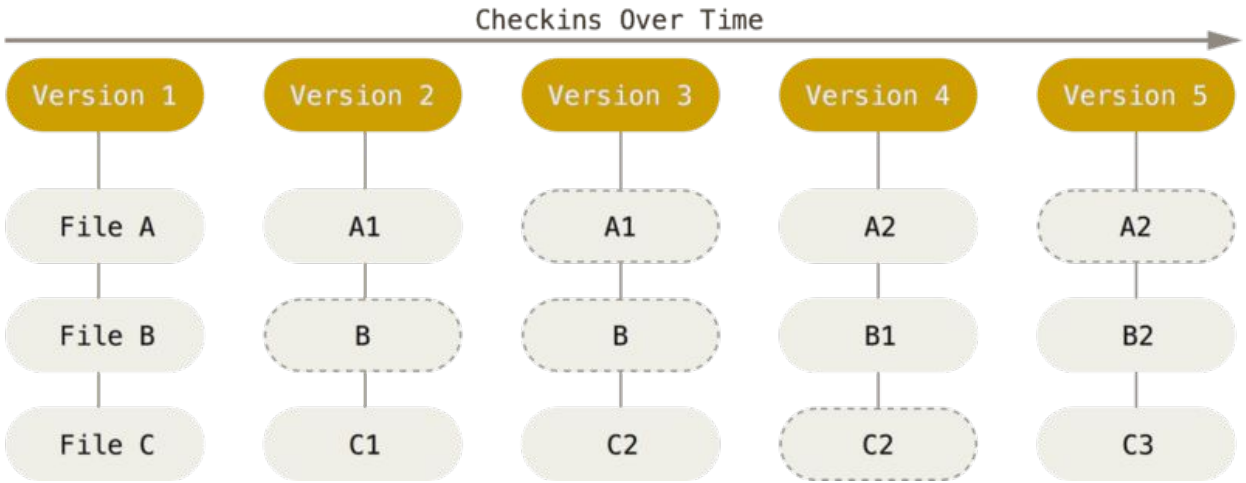
NAME
       git - the stupid content tracker

SYNOPSIS
       git [--version] [--help] [-C <path>] [-c <name>=<value>]
           [--exec-path[=<path>]] [--html-path] [--man-path] [--info-path]
           [-p|--paginate|-P|--no-pager] [--no-replace-objects] [--bare]
           [--git-dir=<path>] [--work-tree=<path>] [--namespace=<name>]
           [--super-prefix=<path>]
           <command> [<args>]

DESCRIPTION
       Git is a fast, scalable, distributed revision control system with an unusually rich command set that provides both high-level operations and full
       access to internals.

       See gittutorial(7) to get started, then see giteveryday(7) for a useful minimum set of commands. The Git User's Manual[1] has a more in-depth
       introduction.
```

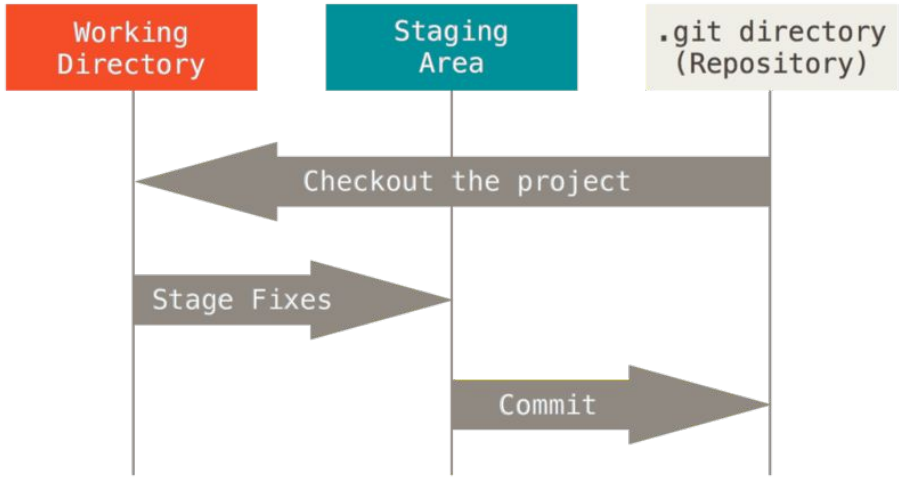
Git



Stream of Snapshots

Git

- **Modified**
  - You have changed the file but have not committed it to your database yet.
- **Staged**
  - You have marked a modified file in its current version to go into your next commit snapshot.
- **Committed**
  - the data is safely stored in your local database.



Main sections of a Git project

Runtime Analysis

- How long does it take for our algorithm to finish?
- Depends on both Algorithm and Input
  - Average case OR
  - Worst case

2	4	6	1	8

```
int FindMax(std::vector<int> &inputs) {
 if (inputs.size() == 0) {
   return -1;
 }
 int result = INT32_MIN;
 for (auto n : inputs) {
   if (n > result) {
     result = n;
   }
 }
 return result;
}
```

Finding which item is faster?

Algorithm A: starts from left Machine 1: 10ms, 100ms
Machine 2: 200ms, 10ms

Algorithm B: starts from right 100ms, 10ms

The runtime grows with the size of the array

Runtime Analysis

- It is hard to compare run times
  - Depends on the things like hardware, OS, …
- Count the number of operations
  - What is an operation?
    - i++
    - i = i / 2
    - I = i + 2
- For input *I* of size *n: R = F(I,n)*
- T(*n):* worst case
  - Usually we care about the worst case input
- Basic operations:
  - Basic math operations +, -, *, /
  - Comparison
  - Assignment

```
int FindMax(std::vector<int> &inputs) {
 if (inputs.size() == 0) {          1
   return -1;                       1
 }
 int result = INT32_MIN;            1
 for (auto i : inputs) {            1
   if (i > result) {                1
     result = i;                    1
   }
 }
 return result;                     1
}
```

- Number of operations:
  - If n=0: 2
  - If n>0: **1 + 1 + n(1 + 1 + k) + 1**
    - k is between 0 and **1**
    - **Worst** case: **3n + 3 < 4n < 9n < 10n < 100n^100**
      - **If n is close to 0, T(n) = 3**
      - **If n is too high, T(n) ≈ 3n**

…To be more precise:

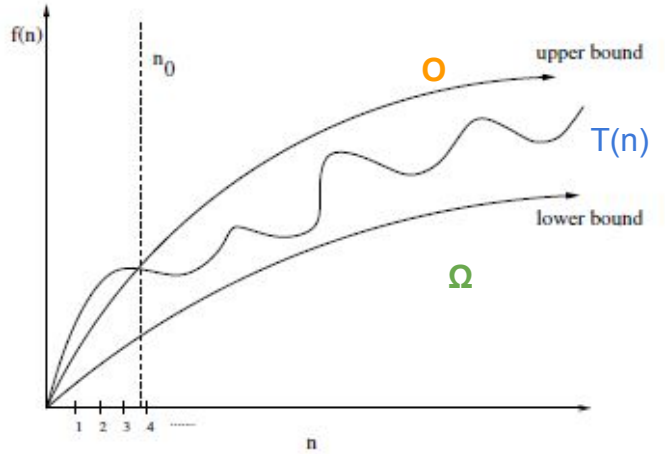
When we do runtime analysis, we are really talking about the **number of operations** based on **the number of inputs**, which does affects the **runtime**.

Runtime analysis = F(n), in the worst case, when n gets close to infinity.

Big O, Ω, Θ

- Let **a** and $\mathbf{n_0}$ be constants
- T(n) is O(f(n)) if…
  - T(n) < **a***f(n) for some n > n_0
  - where a and n0 are constants
  - Essentially an upper-bound
- T(n) is said Ω(f(n)) if…
  - T(n) > **b***f(n) for some n > n_0
  - Essentially a lower-bound
- T(n) is said to be Θ(f(n)) if…
  - T(n) is both O(f(n)) AND Ω(f(n))

5n+2 = O(1) ? 5n+2 < a.1 , No!
5n+2 = Ω(1) ? 5n+2 > a.1 -> a=1 -> Yes!

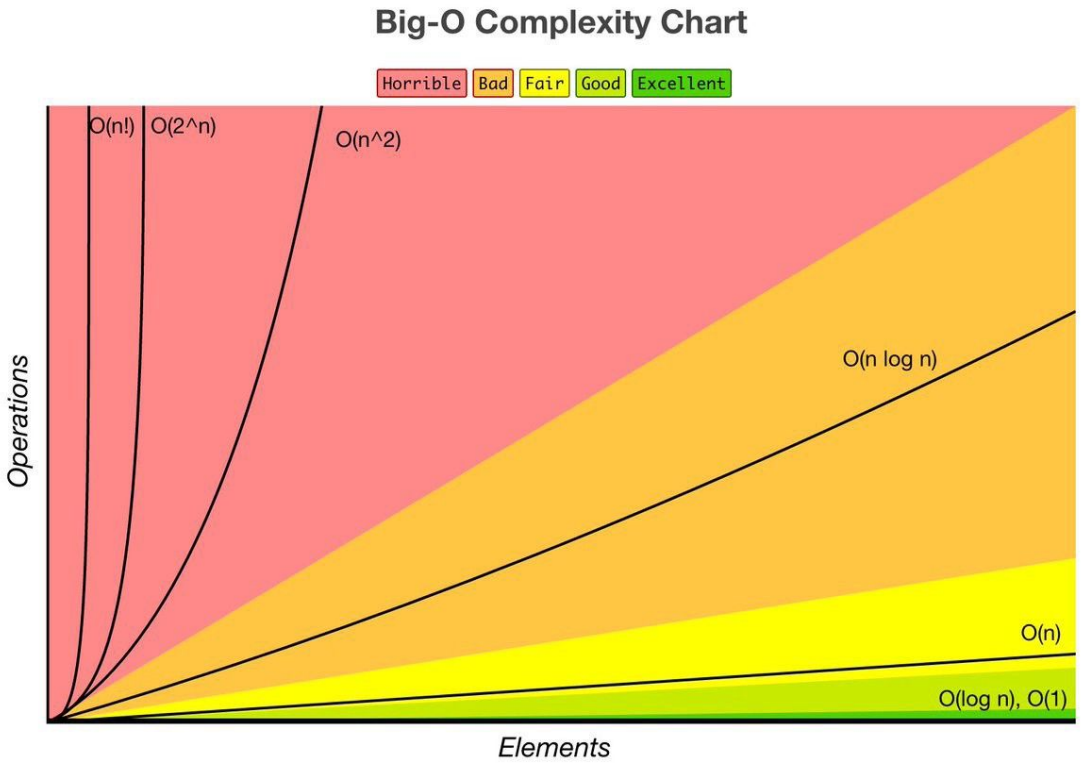


T2(n) = 5n + 2 = O(n) —> f(n)=n → 5n+2 < a.n → 5n+2 < 6n (when n is really high) → 4 < (5n+2)/n < 6
T2(n) = 5n + 2 = Ω(n) —> f(n)=n → 5n+2 > a.n → 5n+2 > 4n (when n is really high)→ 4 < (5n+2)/n < 6

5n+2 = O(n^2) = O(n^3)

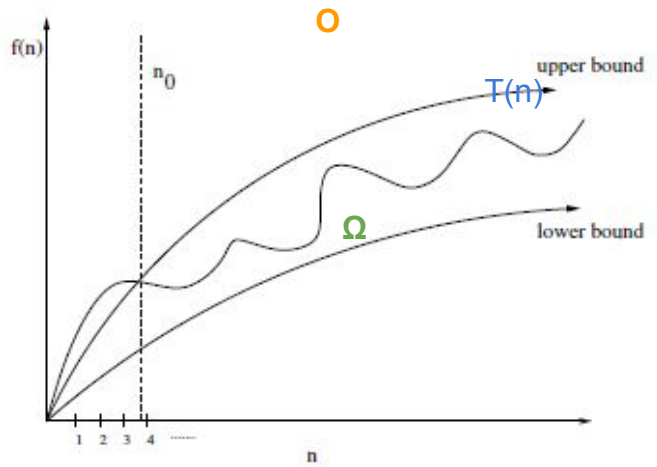
5n+2 = Θ(n) → tight bound
5n+2 != Ω(n^2)
5n+2 != Θ(n^2)
5n+2 = O(n) = O(n^2)= O(n^3) →-100 < **-10** < 1 < **10** < 100 < 1000

Big O, Ω, Θ



Some examples

- T(n) = f(n) + c = Θ(f(n))
  - T(n) = 5n+10 = Θ(5n+10) = Θ(n)
- T(n) = c.f(n) = Θ(f(n))
  - T(n) = 5n+10 = Θ(5n+10) = Θ(n)
- T(n) = n^2 + n = Θ(n^2)
- T(n) = n^2 + log(n) = Θ(n^2)
- T(n) = n + nlog(n) = Θ (nlog(n))



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   }
 }
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    - k is between 0 and 1
    - Worst case: **3n + 4** = **O(n)**

Runtime Analysis

```
void MatrixInitialization(std::vector<std::vector<int>> &matrix) {
 int n = matrix.size();
 for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
   for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
     matrix[i][j] = 1;
   }
 }
}
```

T(n)= 1 + n (2 + n (2 + 1)) = 1 + n (2 + 3n) = 3n^2 + 2n + 1 = O(n^2)

$$\sum_{1}^{n}\sum_{1}^{n} 1 = \sum_{1}^{n} n = n \cdot n = n^2$$

```
void Solution::MatrixInitialization(std::vector<std::vector<int>> &matrix1,
                                    std::vector<std::vector<int>> &matrix2) {
 int n = matrix1.size();
 for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
   for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
     matrix1[i][j] = 1;
   }
 }
 n = matrix2.size();
 for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
   for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
     matrix2[i][j] = 1;
   }
 }
}
```

$T(n)= 1 + n (2 + n (2 + 1)) = 1 + n (2 + 3n) = 3n^2 + 2n + 1 = O(n^2)$

new_$T(n) = 2T(n) = O(n^2)$

Runtime Analysis

- **Careful about nested loops**
  - We can't alway look at the number of nested loops and raise n to that power!
- Carefully count the operations
  - Outer loop increments by 1 each time
  - Inner loop updates by dividing x in half each iteration
    - After 1st iteration => x=n/2
    - After 2nd iteration => x=n/4
    - After 3rd iteration => x=n/8
    - After the last iteration (k)
      - x = n/2^k = 1.
      - Solve for k: k = log2(n) iterations
  - O(n*log(n))

```
void DoubleLoops(int n) {
 {
   for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
     int y = 0;
     for (int x = n; x > 1; x = x / 2) {
       y++;
     }
     cout << y << endl;
   }
   return 0;
 }
}
```

Some Base Sums

- Arithmetic Series $\sum_{i=1}^{n} i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \Theta(n^2)$
- Geometric Series $\sum_{i=0}^{n} c^i = \frac{c^{n+1}-1}{c-1} = \Theta(c^n)$
- Harmonic Series $\sum_{i=1}^{n} 1/i = \Theta(\log n)$

Runtime Analysis

- What is the runtime of this function?

```
int main() {
 for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
   for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {
     a[i] += j;
   }
 }
 return 0;
}
```

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 1 = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i = ?$$

What about recursion?

- What is the runtime of this function?

```
void print(Item *head) {
 if (head == NULL)
   return;
 else {
   std::cout << head->val << std::endl;
   print(head->next);
 }
}
```

$T(n) = 1 + T(n-1)$

$= 1 + 1 + T(n-2)$

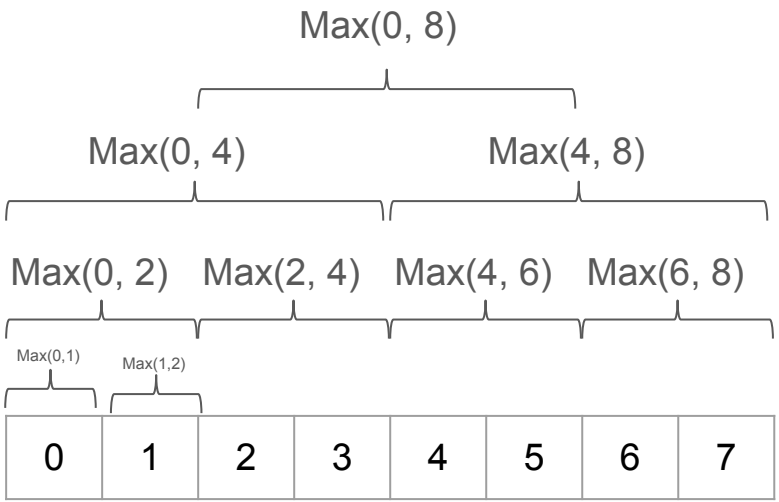
$= 1 + 1 + 1 + T(n-3)$

$= 1 + 1 + 1 + \ldots + 1$

$= O(n)$

(1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
1 → (2, 4, 5, 6)
2 → (4, 5, 6)
4 → (5, 6)
5 → 6

Recursive FindMax




```
int Solution::FindMaxRecursiveAux(
     std::vector<int> &inputs, int left, int right)
{
 if (right == left + 1) {
   return inputs[left];
 }
 int mid = (right + left) / 2;
 return std::max(
     FindMaxRecursiveAux(inputs, left, mid),
     FindMaxRecursiveAux(inputs, mid, right)
 );
}
```

- We visit every element only once, so T(n) should be O(n)
- $T(n)= 2T(n/2) + \Theta(1) = O(n)$
  - We don't provide the proof now