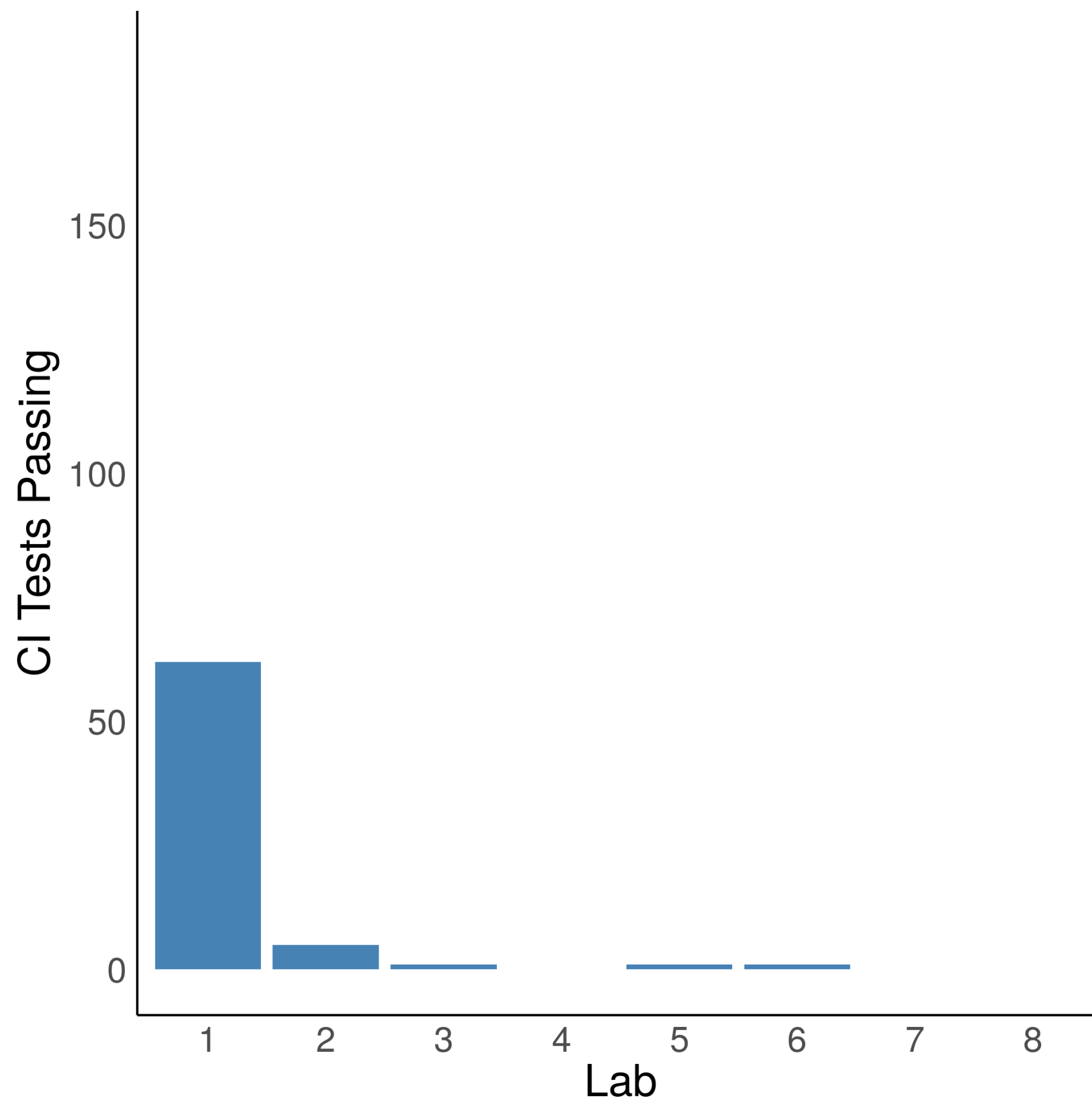


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## Adding Javadoc using Eclipse:

1. Click your method's name
  2. Linux and Windows: press keyboard keys: Alt + Shift + j
  3. Mac OSX: ⌘ + Alt + J
- *Credit: William Thorenfeldt*

"How to Write Doc Comments for the Javadoc Tool", Oracle.  
<https://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/tech/index-137868.html>

## Reminder about GitLab membership:

- Project *membership* for peer feedback from week 3
- Always 1 week after lab deadline
- **Don't add anyone as project member before then**
- GitLab server set up to monitor memberships
- University disciplinary process for code plagiarism

Software Development 3 (F27SG)

## Lecture 3

# Introduction to Complexity

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# Outline

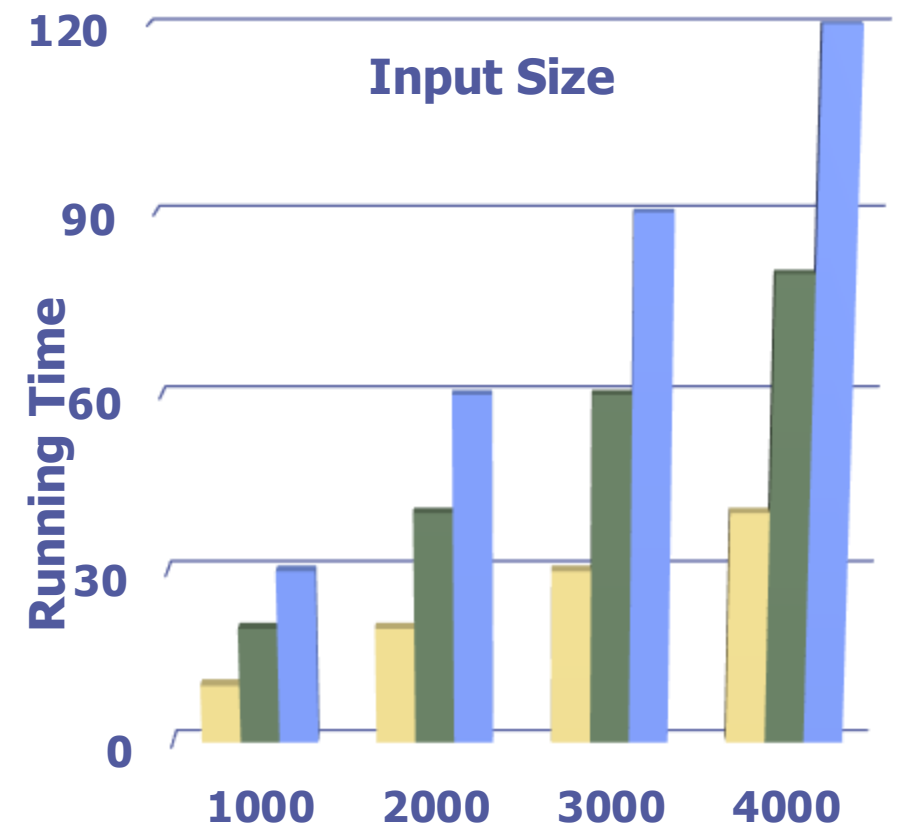
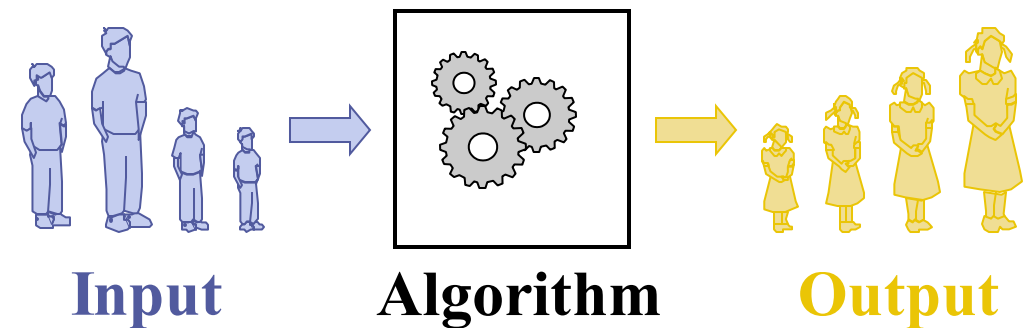
- By the end of this lecture you should
  - understand the importance of analysing algorithms
  - Be able to analyse algorithms using the big-Oh notation for time complexity
  - Abstract Java code to Big-Oh notation

# Introduction to Complexity Analysis

- Choice of algorithm & data structure is important
  - in particular when working with large amounts of data
- We need to be able to
  - analyse algorithms & data structures
  - based on this compare them for the problem in hand
- Typically this is with respect to
  - **time** usage
  - **space** usage
  - our focus will be on **time** usage

# Running Time

- Most algorithms transform input objects to output objects
  - running time grows with input
- We can use
  - best case
  - average case
  - worst case
- We focus on worst case
  - easier to analyse
  - most important in many applications
    - banks, car control systems, real time systems







# Comparing Algorithms

- Consider the following (correct) ways of
  - multiplying two positive numbers

**A**

```
int posmult1(int m,int n){  
    return m*n;  
}
```

**B**

```
int posmult2(int m,int n){  
    int result = 0;  
    for(int i = 0; i < m;i++){  
        result += n;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

Which one do you think is best?

Give an argument why you think one is better

# Measuring Time

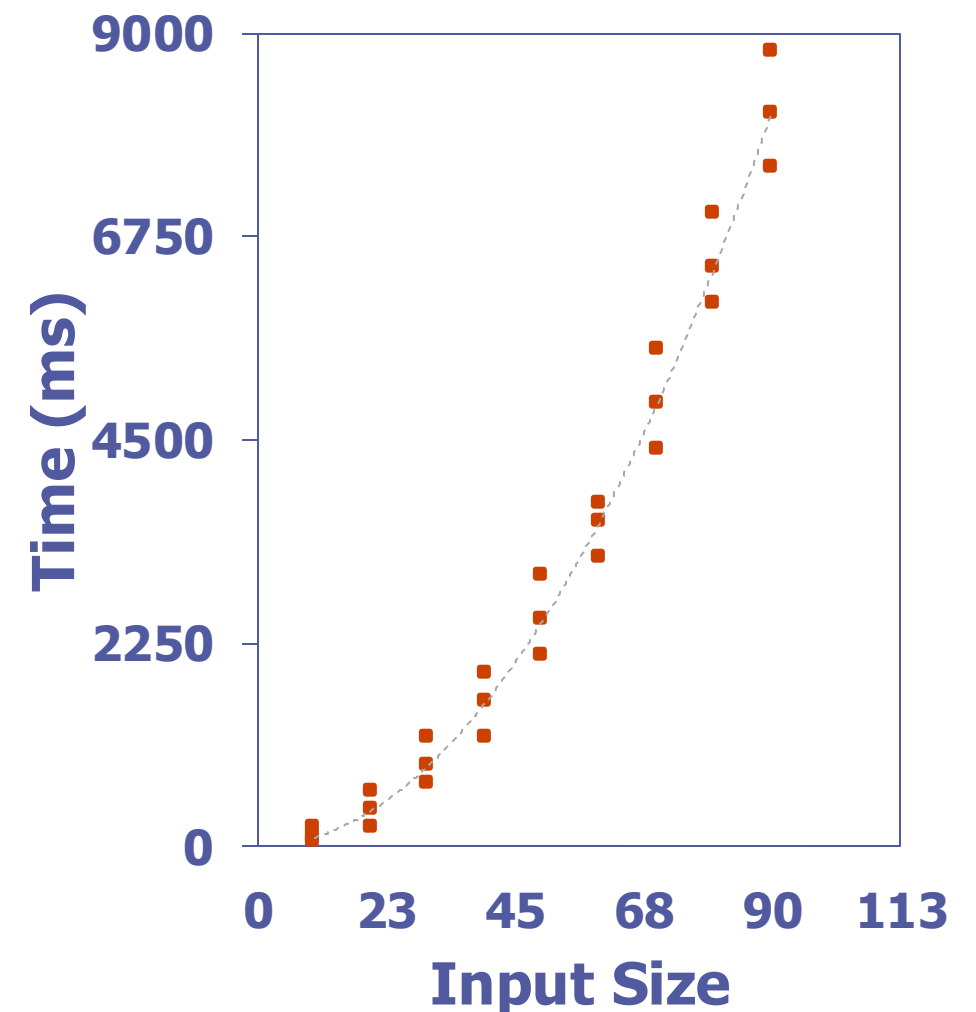
- We can measure an algorithm by implementing it and experimentally
  - run it for different input sizes
  - measure time usage, e.g by

```
long before = System.currentTimeMillis();  
program(n);  
long after = System.currentTimeMillis();  
long time = after - before;
```

- plot the result

- **Problems**

- other inputs may behave differently
- depends on underlying architecture
- external events may have impact
  - e.g. other processes using CPU, garbage collection, ...



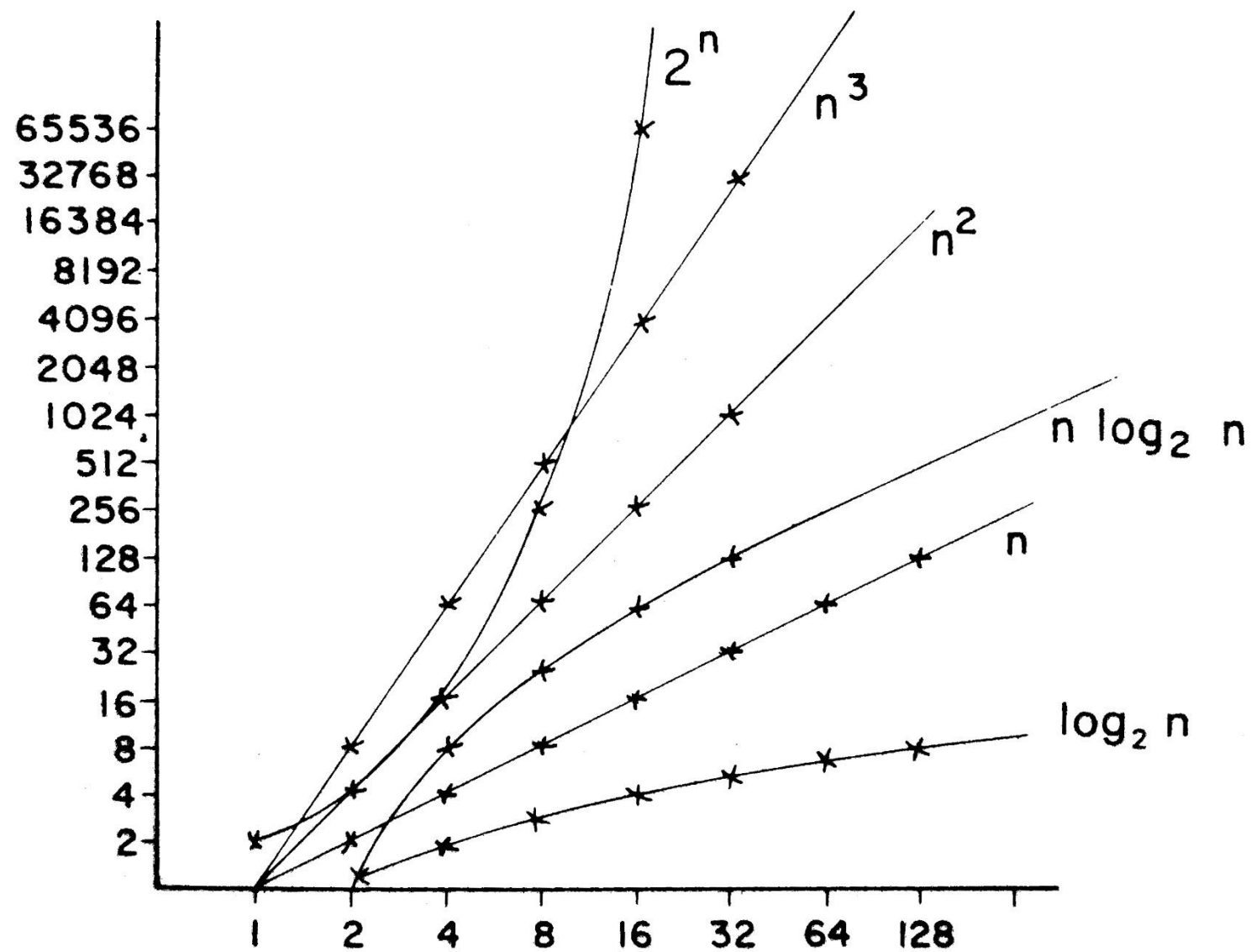
# Big-O Notation

- **Big-O** follows a more theoretical approach
- Characterises the running time as a function on the input size **n**
  - don't take input here too literally,
  - it can e.g. be an array stored as a field in the object

# Big-O Notation

- It describes the **growth rate** with respect to the input size
  - *All possible inputs* are taken into account
  - Evaluation is independent of the underlying software and hardware environment
- We take a “big picture” approach where we try to be simple
  - ... but also as close to the actual value as we can
- This is computed by a process called asymptotic analysis

# Illustration of Growth Rates



# Complexity in Words

- **$O(1)$**  - *"constant time"*
  - *the time taken doesn't change regardless of input size*
- **$O(\log n)$**  - *"logarithmic time"*
  - *any algorithm which cuts the problem in half each time.*
  - *Operation will take longer as the input size increases, but once the input gets fairly large it won't change enough to worry about.*
- **$O(n)$**  - *"linear time"*
  - *for every element in  $1..n$ , you are doing a constant number of operations, such as comparing each element to a known value.*
  - *Every time you double  $n$ , the operation will take twice as long.*
- **$O(n \log n)$**  - *"log linear time"*
  - *perform an  **$O(\log n)$**  operation for each item in your input.*
  - *Every time you double  $n$ , you spend twice as much time plus a little more.*
- **$O(n^2)$**  - *"quadratic time"*
  - *for every element in  $1..n$ , you do something with every other element  $1..n$ , such as comparing them.*
  - *Every time  $n$  doubles, the operation takes four times as long. Only practical up to a certain input size.*

# Shopping Basket



Shopping list



Shopping basket

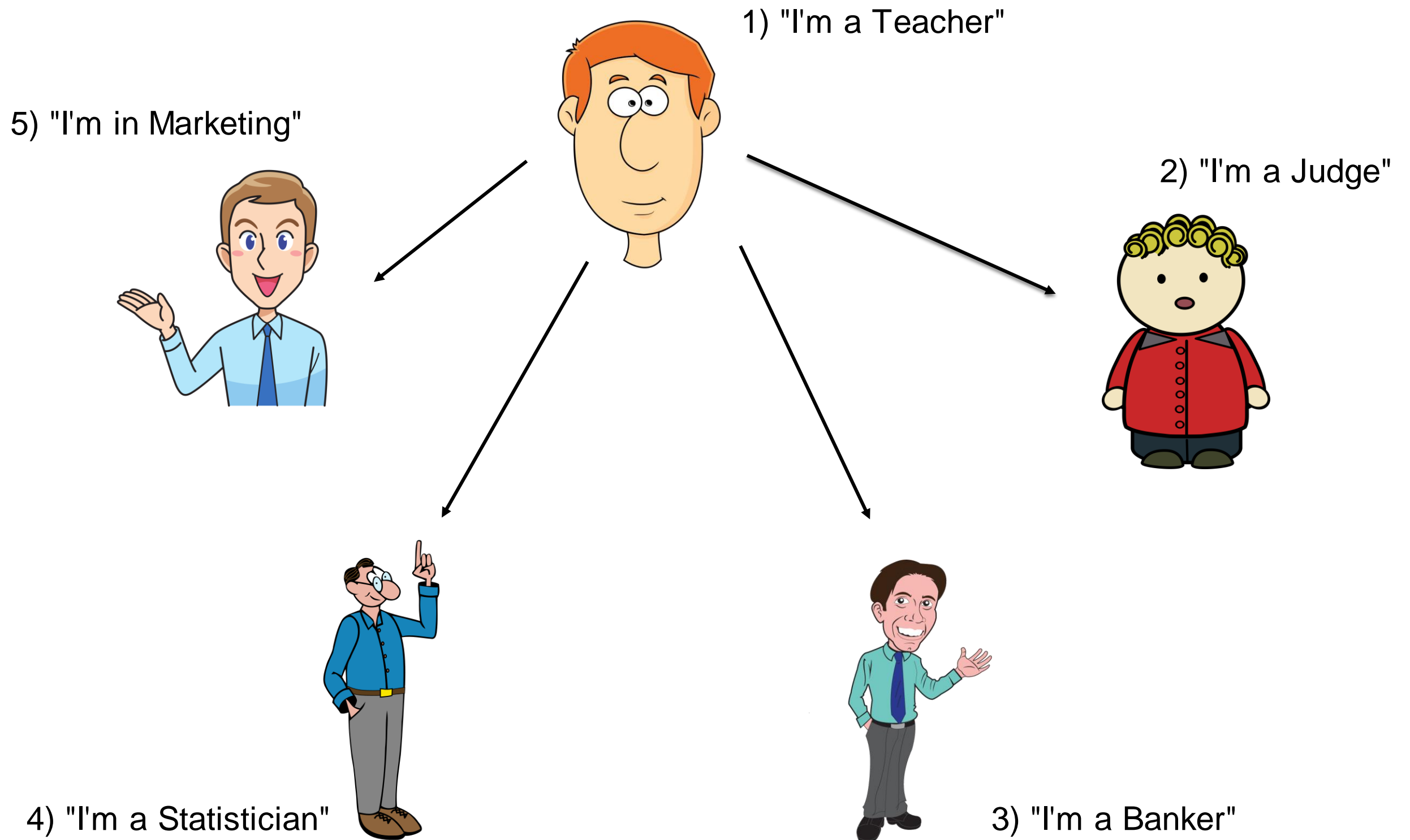


- Apple
- Banana
- Shampoo
- Bread
- Orange juice

Step 1) check next list item

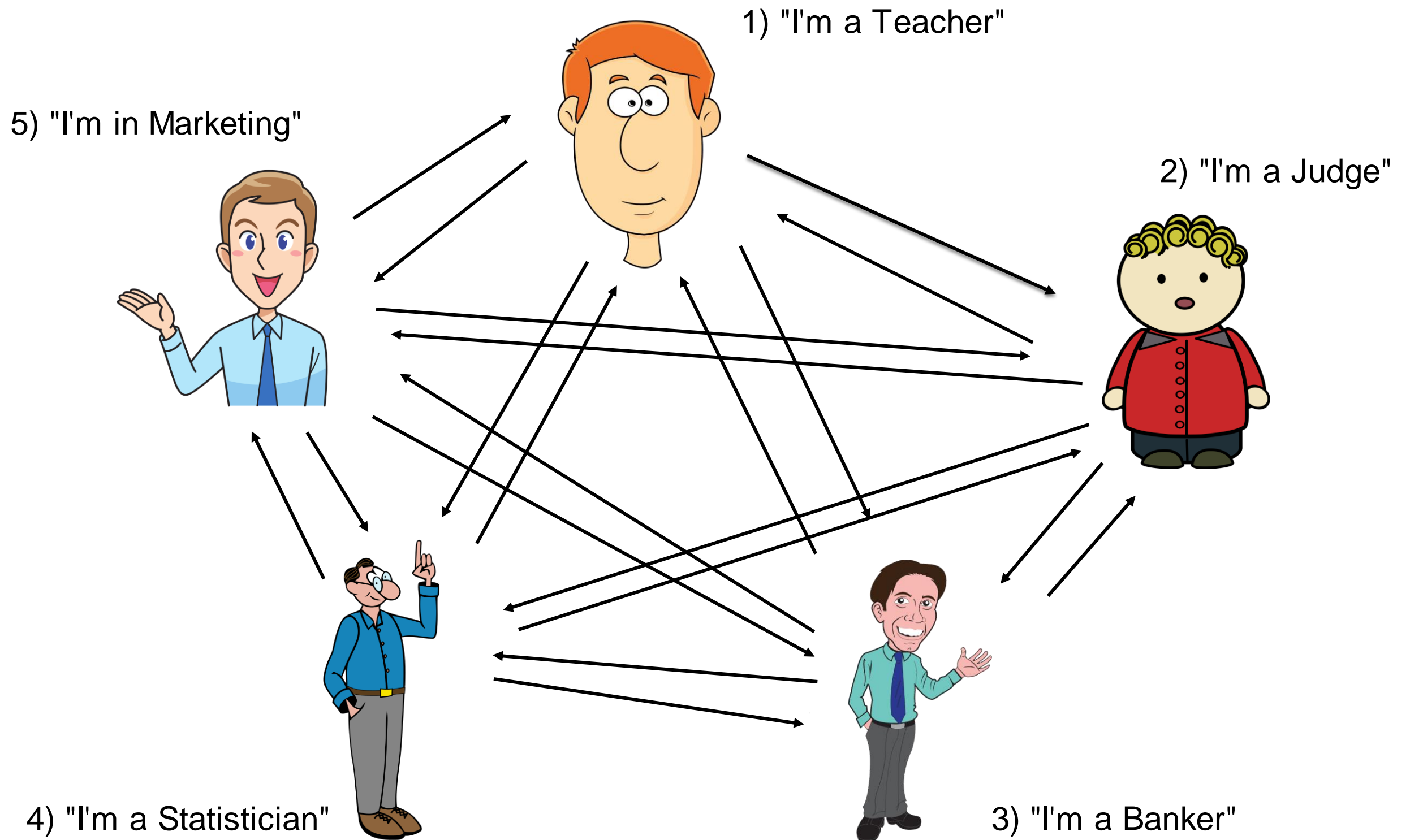
Step 2) check if it's in the basket

# Job announcements





# Job announcements



# Address book

How could I find someone in an address book?

# Address book

- Finding someone in address book
  - 1) start at A, scan to Z (linear)
  - 2) start in the middle, letter M  
Either: go to A-L, or N-Z (recursive)

# $O(N)$ versus $O(N^2)$

- Linear  **$O(N)$**  complexity of **reading a book**

```
for (int page = 0; page < N; page++) {  
    readPage(page);  
}
```

- Quadratic  **$O(N^2)$**  complexity of **person introductions:**

```
for (int personA = 0; personA < N; personA++) {  
    for (int personB = 0; personB < N; personB++) {  
        sayHello(personA, personB);  
    }  
}
```

- Quadratic  **$O(N^2)$**  complexity of **checking your shopping basket:**

```
for (int listItem = 0; listItem < N; listItem++) {  
    for (int basketItem = 0; basketItem < M; basketItem++) {  
        if (shoppingList[listItem] == basket[basketItem])  
            break;  
    }  
}
```

# The Big-O Approach

A set of **primitive operations** are defined  
– each assumed to have the same running time

1. We find (count) the **worst-case** number of primitive operations  
– expressed as a function on the input size
2. We then **simplify** this function to Big-O notation

# Abstracting Code to Big-O formula

- The following constitutes as a primitive
  - assignment
  - calling a method
  - arithmetic operation
  - comparison (e.g. of two numbers)
  - index into an array
  - following an object reference
  - returning from a method

# Counting Primitives Example

```
public int count(int [] arr){  
    int MAX = arr.length;  
    int total = 0;  
    int i = 0;  
    while (i < MAX){  
        total = total + arr[i];  
        i++;  
    }  
    return total;  
}
```

- **Primitives**

- assignment
- calling a method
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# Counting Primitives Example

```
public int count(int [] arr){  
    int MAX = arr.length; // assignment + follow ref = 2  
    int total = 0; // assignment = 1  
    int i = 0; // assignment = 1  
    while (i < MAX){ // compare = 1  
        total = total + arr[i]; // arith + array lookup + assign = 3  
        i++; // (i = i+1) : assign + arith = 2  
    }  
    return total // return = 1  
}
```

- Before loop: 4
- Loop: 6 per iteration
- After loop: 1
- Total:  $6N + 5$  (where N is size of array)





# Exercises

- **Primitives**

- assignment
- calling a method
- arithmetic operation
- comparison
- index into an array
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- returning from a method

**Q1:** How many primitive operations does the following code have (worse case):

```
public boolean isEmpty(){  
    return curr == 0; }
```

**Q2:** How many primitive operations does the following code have (worst case):

```
if (i < j){  
    int tmp = i;  
    i = j;  
    j = tmp;  
}else{  
    i = j;    }
```



# Exercises

- **Primitives**

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```

2

**Q2:** How many primitive operations does the following code have (worst case):

```
if (i < j){  
    int tmp = i;  
    i = j;  
    j = tmp;  
}else{  
    i = j; }
```

4

# Common Functions

- We then need to simplify the function
- The following functions are very commonly used:
  - **$O(1)$**  - the constant function
  - **$O(\log n)$**  - the logarithmic function
  - **$O(n)$**  - the linear function
  - **$O(n \log n)$**  - the n-log-n function
  - **$O(n^2)$**  - the quadratic function
  - $O(n^3)$  - the cubic function
  - $O(2^n)$  - the exponential function
- This are listed in *order of complexity*
  - $O(1)$  is the simplest, while  $O(2^n)$  is the most complex
- *We will come across and introduce the **bold** functions during this course*

# Simplifying Functions

- In Big-O we try to write the functions in the **simplest terms**
- The following rules are used to simplify terms
  - **drop lower-order terms**
  - **drop constant factors**
- For our example:  $6N+5$ 
  - we drop the lower-order term 5 (left with  $6N$ )
  - we drop the constant 6 (left with  $N$ )
  - meaning it is expressed by the linear function  $O(N)$
- Another example:  $5n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n - 4$ 
  - drop the lower terms:  $2n^2$ ,  $3n$  and  $4$
  - drop the constant 5
  - meaning it is the cubic function  $O(n^3)$



# Exercise [revisited]

- Compute big-O for each program and figure out which is better:

```
int posmult1(int m,int n){  
    return m*n;  
}
```

```
int posmult2(int m,int n){  
    int result = 0;  
    for(int i = 0; i < m;i++){  
        result += n;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

- **Primitives**

- assignment
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- **Simplify terms**

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- drop constant factors

# Solution

```
int posmult1(int m,int n){  
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}
```

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int posmult2(int m,int n){  
    int result = 0;  
    for(int i = 0; i < m;i++){  
        result += n;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

- posmult1: 2 operation =  $O(1)$
- posmult2:
  - 2 before loop
  - 5 in loop
  - 1 after loop
  - =  $5N+3$  which is simplified to  $O(N)$
- Conclusion: **posmult1** is preferable

# Complexity of Data Structures (weeks 2-7)

## DATA STRUCTURE OPERATIONS

Data Structure	Time Complexity							
	Average				Worst			
	Access	Search	Insertion	Deletion	Access	Search	Insertion	Deletion
Array	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Stack	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Singly-Linked List	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Doubly-Linked List	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Skip List	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Hash Table	-	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	-	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Binary Search Tree	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Cartesian Tree	-	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	-	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
B-Tree	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$
Red-Black Tree	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$
Splay Tree	-	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	-	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$
AVL Tree	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$

# Complexity of Sorting (weeks 9-10)

## ARRAY SORTING ALGORITHMS

Algorithm	Time Complexity		
	Best	Average	Worst
Quicksort	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n^2)$
Mergesort	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$
Timsort	$O(n)$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$
Heapsort	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$
Bubble Sort	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$
Insertion Sort	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$
Selection Sort	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$
Shell Sort	$O(n)$	$O((n \log(n))^2)$	$O((n \log(n))^2)$
Bucket Sort	$O(n+k)$	$O(n+k)$	$O(n^2)$
Radix Sort	$O(nk)$	$O(nk)$	$O(nk)$



# Complexity Space Race



# Exercise

Simplify the following function using Big-Oh notation and order them according to growth rate (smallest first):

1.  $n \log n + 5 \log n + 3n + 5$

2.  $n^2 + n \log n - 2n$

3.  $34$

4.  $\log n + 5$

5.  $n^3 + 2^n + 100$

- **Simplify terms**
  - drop lower-order terms
  - drop constant factors



# Solution

- **Primitives**

- assignment
- calling a method
- arithmetic operation
- comparison
- index into an array
- follow object reference
- returning from a method

Simplify the following function using Big-Oh notation and order them according to growth rate (smallest first):

- $34 \rightarrow O(1)$
- $\log n + 5 \rightarrow O(\log n)$
- $n \log n + 5 \log n + 3n + 5 \rightarrow O(n \log n)$
- $n^2 + n \log n - 2n \rightarrow O(n^2)$
- $n^3 + 2^n + 100 \rightarrow O(2^n)$



# Exercises

- **Primitives**

- assignment
- calling a method
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Compute big-O for **sumBetween** and **find\_max** by

- first finding primitive operations
- then simplify terms

```
int sumBetween(int[] arr, int min,int max){
    int tmp;
    int result = 0;
    for(int i = 0; i < arr.length;i++){
        tmp = arr[i];
        if (tmp <= max && tmp >= min)
            result += tmp;
    }
    return result;
}
```

```
public int find_max(int x,int y,int z){
    int res = x;
    if (y > res) res = y;
    if (z > res) res = z;
    return res;
}
```

- **Simplify terms**

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# More Examples

- Determine if a number is odd or even
  - $\text{isOdd}(x) = (\text{mod } (x, 2) == 1)$
- Reading a book
- How to sort a deck of playing cards?

# Real World Examples

- Determine if a number is odd or even
  - **$O(1)$** :  $\text{isOdd}(x) = \text{mod}(x, 2) == 1$
  - Doesn't matter how big the number  $x$  is
- Finding a word in the dictionary
  - **$O(\log N)$** : use binary search
  - Size of dictionary has impact on runtime
- Reading a book
  - **$O(N)$** : read from start to end
- Checking if you have everything on your shopping list in trolley
  - **$O(N^2)$** : for each shopping list item, check every time in the trolley
- Person introductions
  - **$O(N)$** : one to all
  - **$O(N^2)$** : all to all

# Summary

- In this lecture we have
  - motivated the importance of analysing algorithms
  - introduced big-O notation
- Attendance sheet
- Next lecture: **stacks**
- **Lab 2:** stacks. Try to complete this week.
- **Lab 1 deadline**
  - Group 1: Friday 18th January
  - Group 2: Monday 21st January