

Big-O Analysis

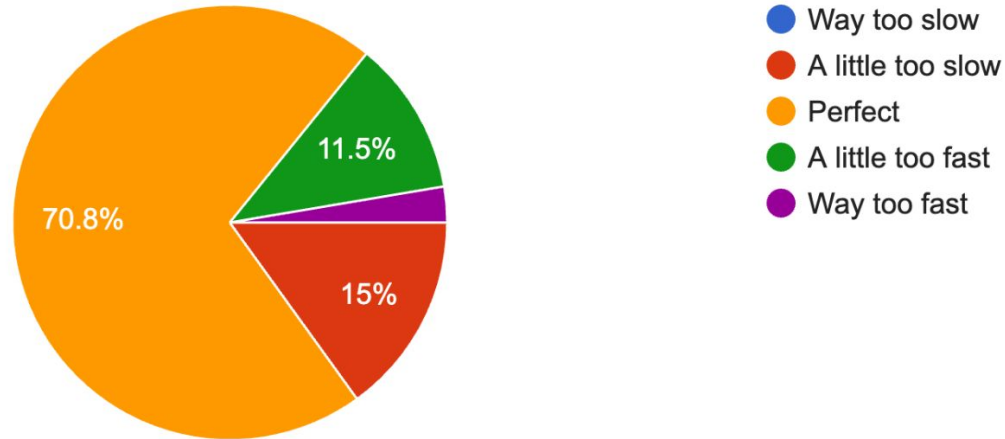
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Week 1 Feedback

Rate the pace of lecture

113 responses



Week 1 Feedback

Things you liked:

“I like the fact that you guys give time to **answer specific questions** that the students might have.”

“I enjoy the **modeling of things on the whiteboard**, it makes it easy to follow concepts.”

“Lots of **worked examples!!** Big fan of that.”

Week 1 Feedback

Places we can improve:

“some of the more complex questions and answers are more confusing than helpful”

“I think the participation tickets are a little hard”

“Would like a stronger emphasis on a recap at the end of each session”

Week 1 Feedback

We hear you...

“It would also be really helpful if you could release the lecture slides a day or two in advance”

“It's complicated having resources on so many different sites like ed, cppreference.com, cs106b.stanford.edu, etc.”

“Plz use VScode for future students :(”

Announcements

- [Week 2 feedback survey](#) is out (✨ bonus participation points ✨)
- Tomorrow (Friday 7/7) is course add/drop deadline
- Assignment 1 is due tomorrow at 11:59pm
 - Help resources drop off over the weekend, go to LaIR tonight!
- Assignment 2 will be released tomorrow afternoon
 - Assignment 2 YEAH Hours on Friday from 3-4pm at this [Zoom link](#)

ADT Highlight Reel

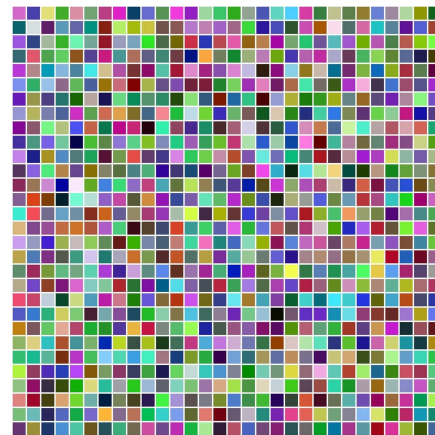
Recap of ADTs

Ordered ADTs

Elements with indices

- Vectors (1D)
- Grids (2D)

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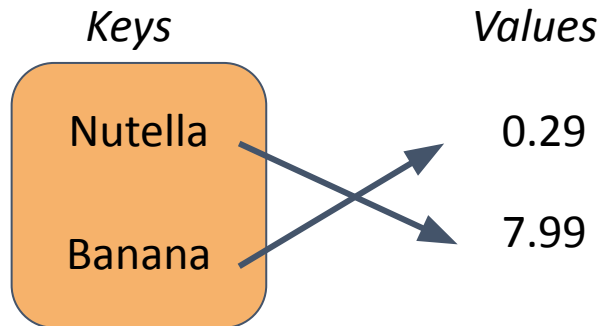
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Unordered ADTs

- Sets (unique elements)
- Maps (key, value pairs)



Nested ADTs

- We can “nest” ADTs (e.g. `Map<string, Set<string>>`)
- This allows us to represent more complex data
- Nested ADTs can be tricky to work with, especially because of reference and copies

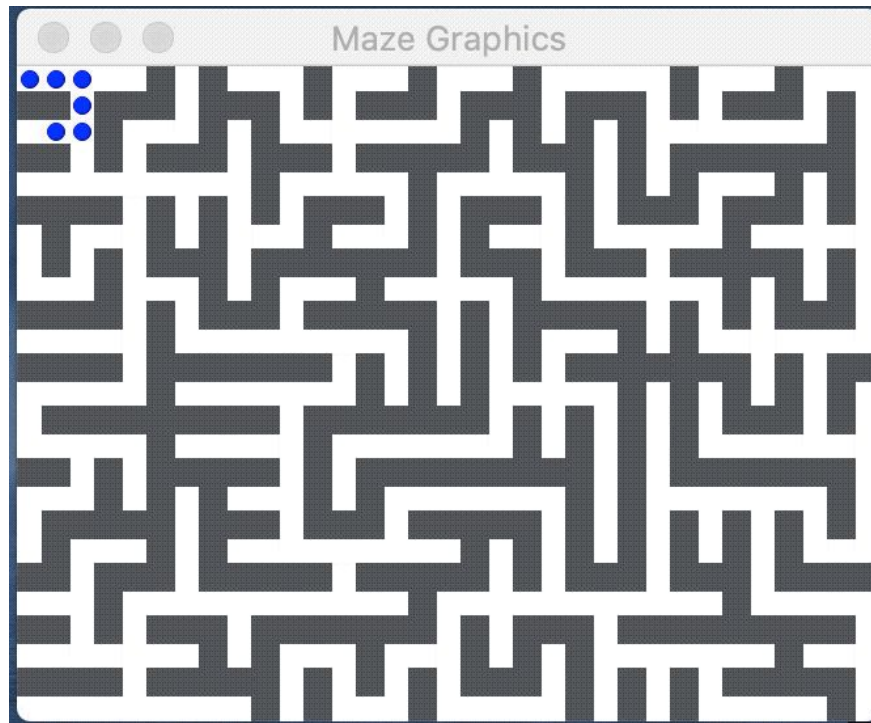


Assignment 2: Fun with Collections!

`Grid<bool>`

Each location is either:

- Corridor (`true`)
- Wall (`false`)



Assignment 2: Fun with Collections!

Map<string, Set<string>>
Keyword, URLs



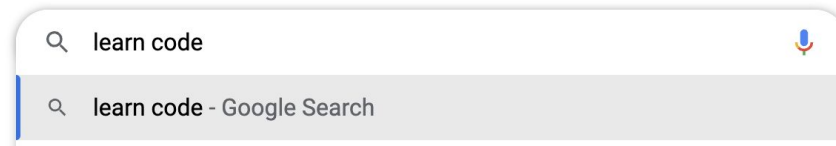
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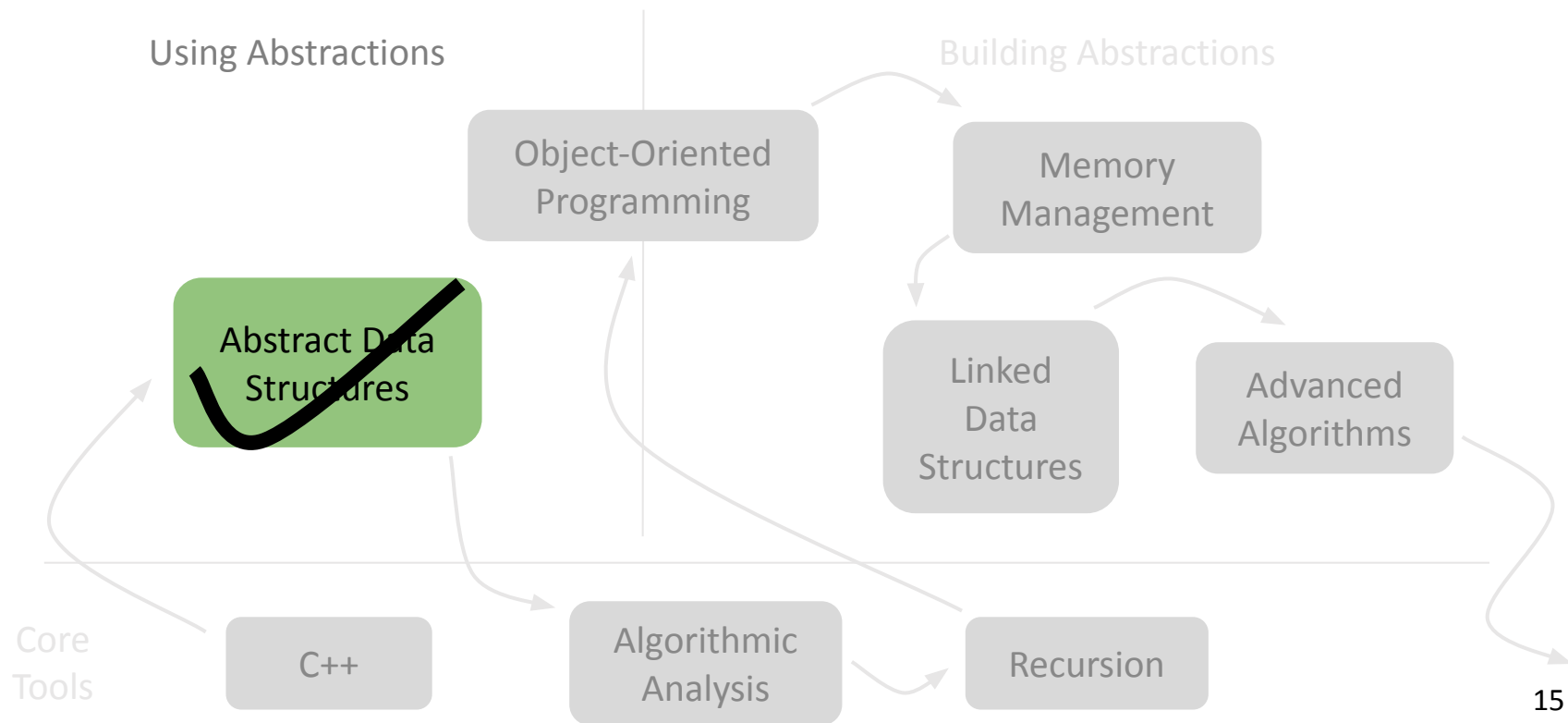
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```
{“learn”: {“desmos.com”, “stanford.edu”},  
  “code” : {“stanford.edu”, “cpp.com”}, ... }
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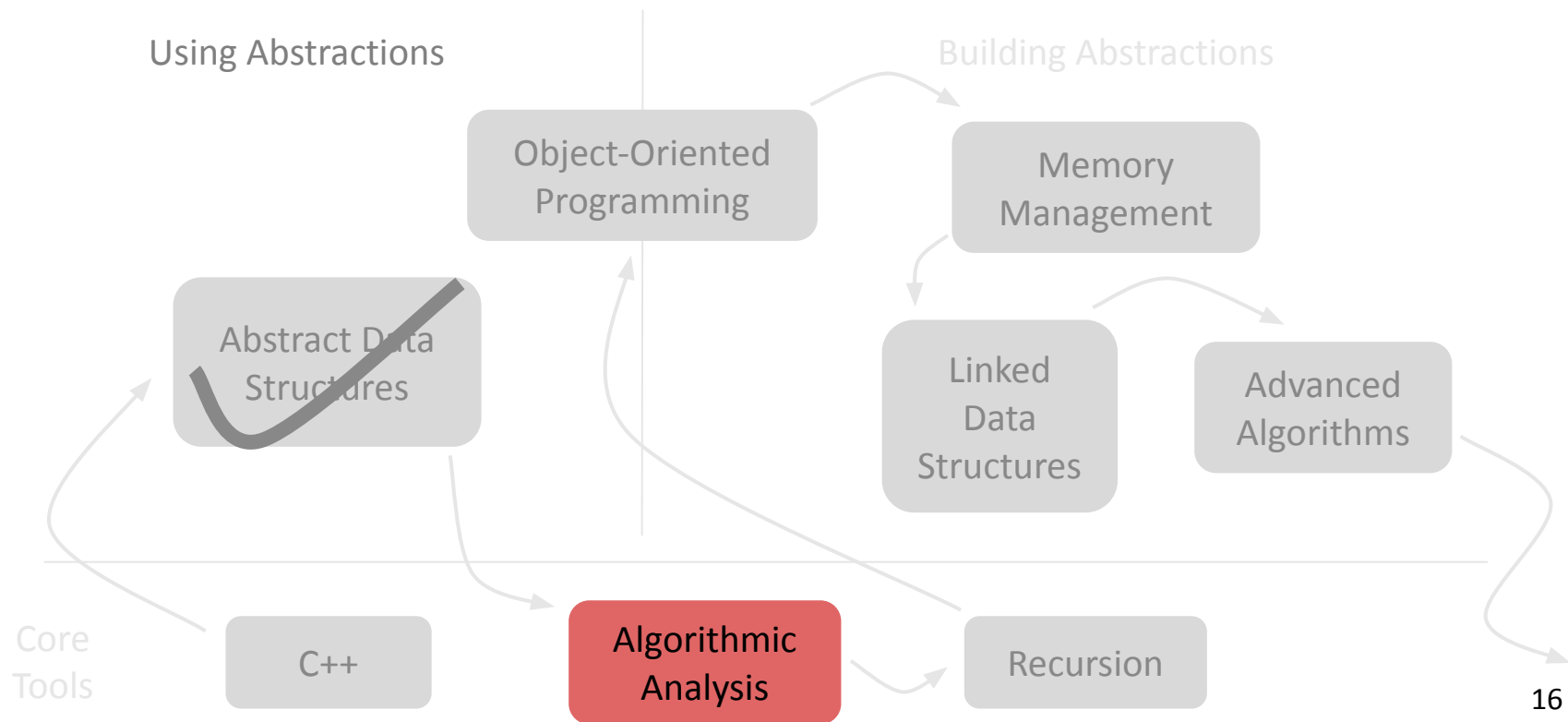
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Roadmap



Roadmap





Discuss with a Neighbor

What does it mean for a program to be

- “Faster”
- “More efficient”
- “Better”

than another program?

Is it Fast?

Measuring the speed of our programs



One Idea: Runtime

- Measure how long a program takes to complete
- Example: timing the vectorMax function

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[SimpleTest] starting (PROVIDED_TEST, main.cpp:54) timing vectorMax on 10,000,000... = Correct  
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Why Runtime Isn't Enough

Runtime depends on:

- The computer you're using
- Other applications running on your computer
- Whether your computer is trying to conserve power
- And more!

Another Idea: Number of Operations

- We could count the number of operations, or steps it takes for a program to complete
- This doesn't change across computers, as long as the input to our program is the same

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*Take in a Vector of ints and
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*What are the “operations”
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Now, let's sum it up!

$$1 + 1 + 1 + n + n - 1 + n - 1 + n - 1 + 1 = \mathbf{4n + 1}$$

Analyzing vectorMax

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This program takes at most $4n + 1$ operations.

... what does this tell us?

Another Idea: Number of Operations

- We could count the number of operations, or steps it takes for a program to complete
- This doesn't change across computers, as long as the input to our program is the same

This is still too much detail

Some of those constant operations might depend on your computer

The Big Idea: Big-O

- General enough to compare across different computer systems
- Focuses on how the runtime will grow with the input size
 - It's all about growth rate
- This allows us to predict the runtime of future inputs

Calculating Big-O of vectorMax

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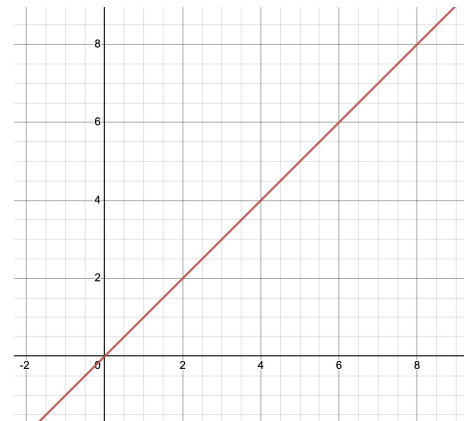
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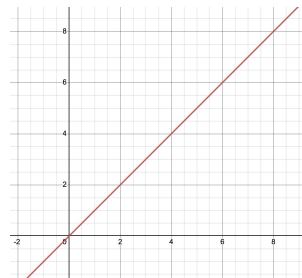


The runtime grows linearly with size of input vector

Let's Make a Prediction

4	7	-3	6
0	1	2	3

$O(n)$



2	5	1	-10	8	3	14	2
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

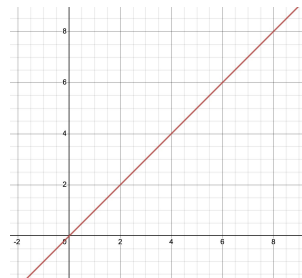


How much longer will vectorMax take for a Vector of size 8, compared to size 4?

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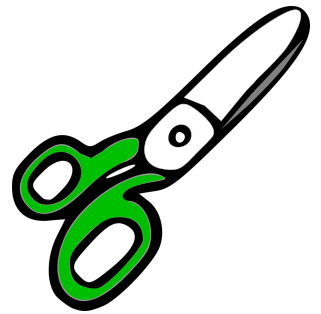
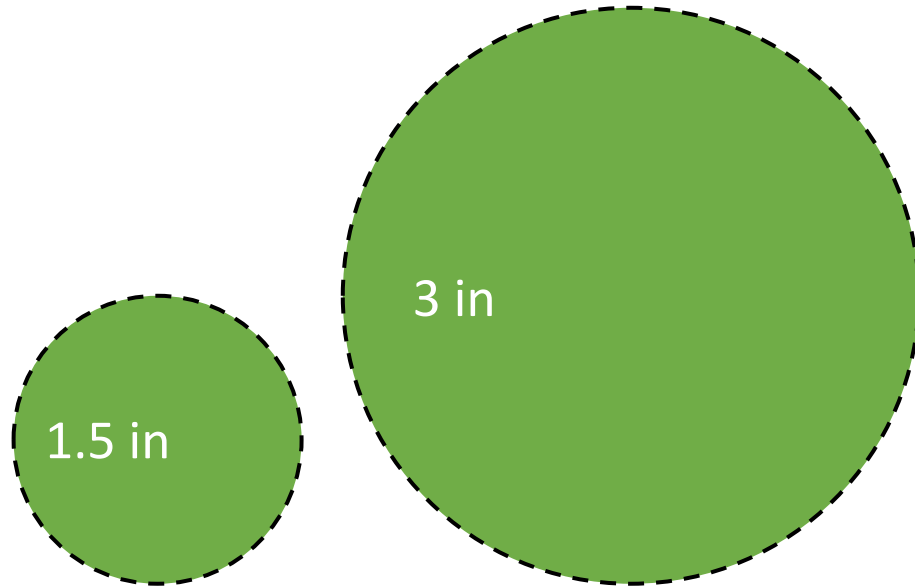


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Twice as long: doubling the size of the input doubles the runtime of `vectorMax`

Other Growth Rates

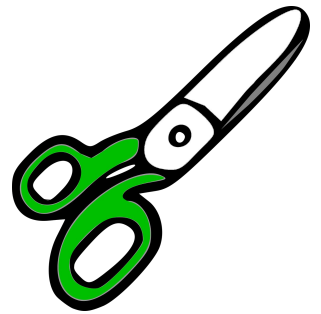
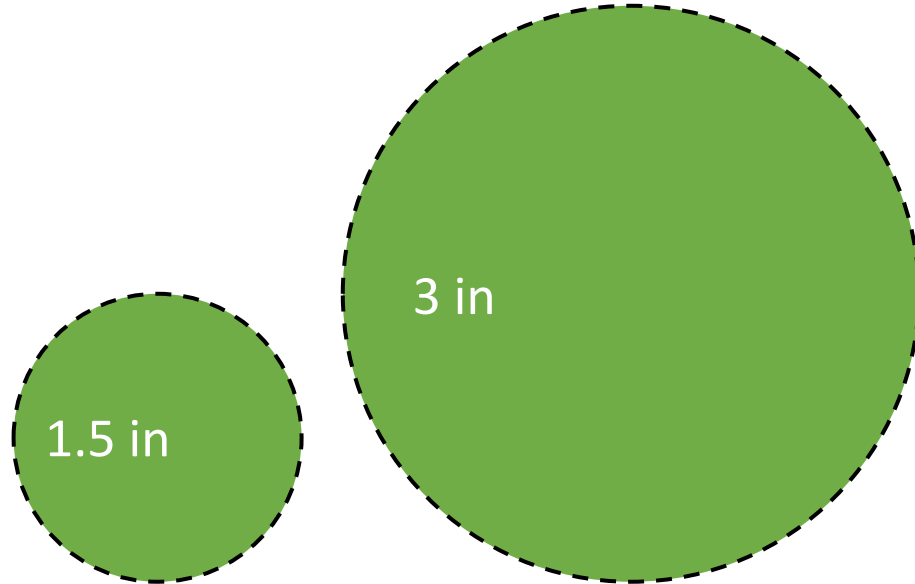
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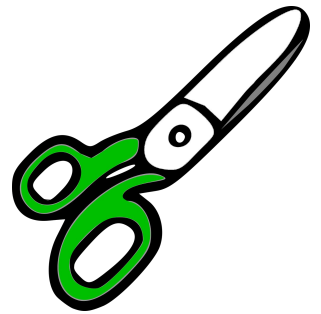
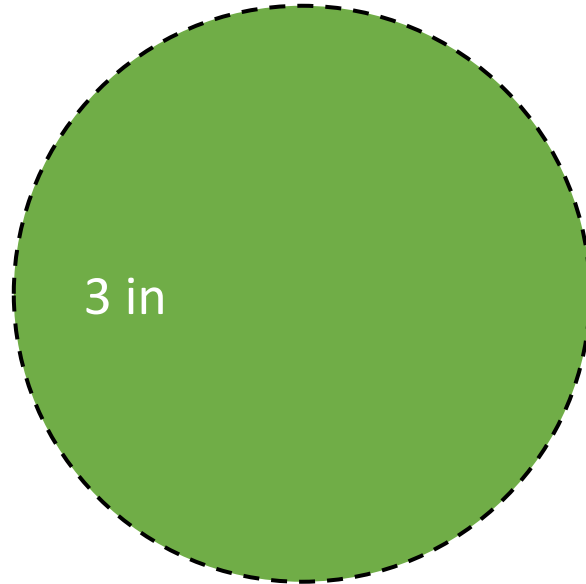
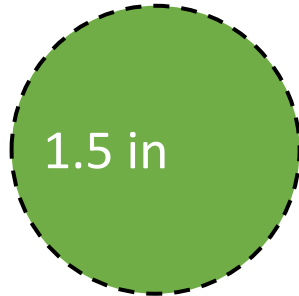


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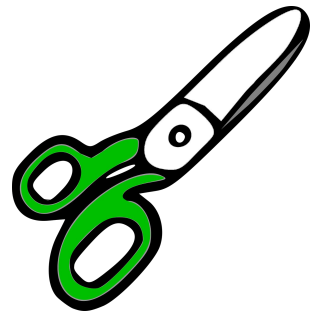
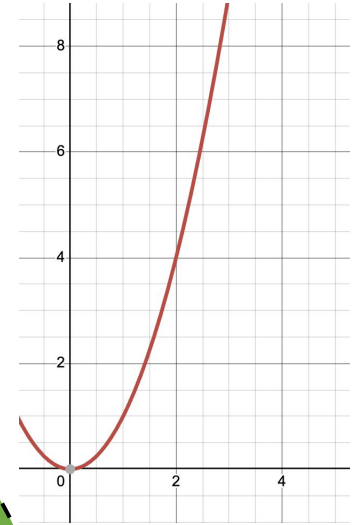
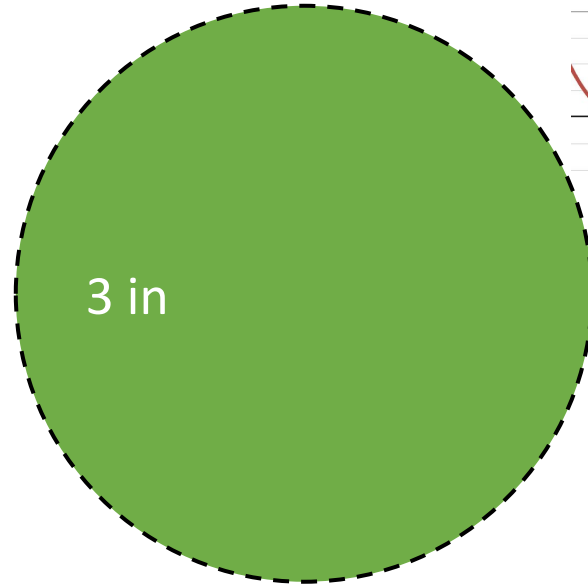
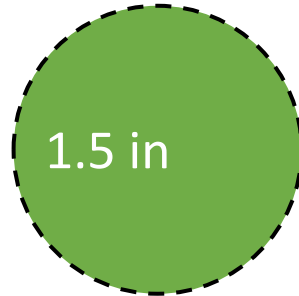


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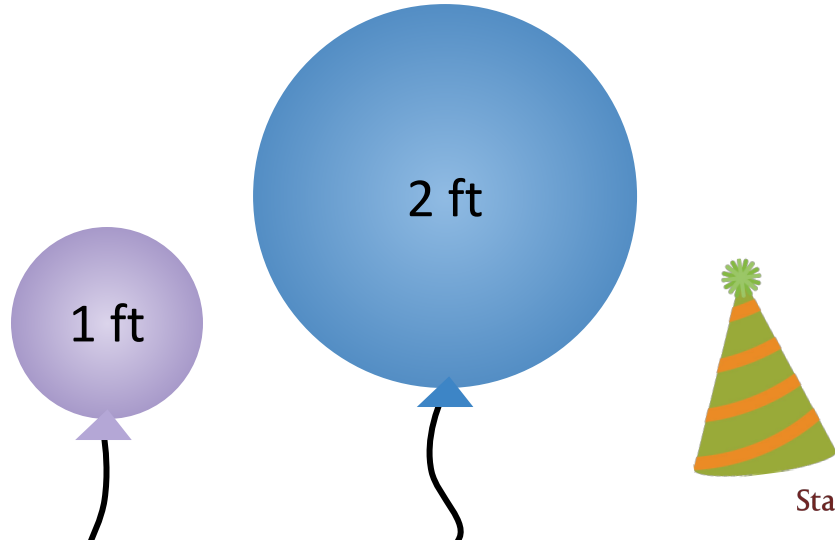
The circle's area grows quadratically with its radius



Other Growth Rates

- How does a sphere's volume scale with its radius?

$$V = (4/3)\pi r^3$$

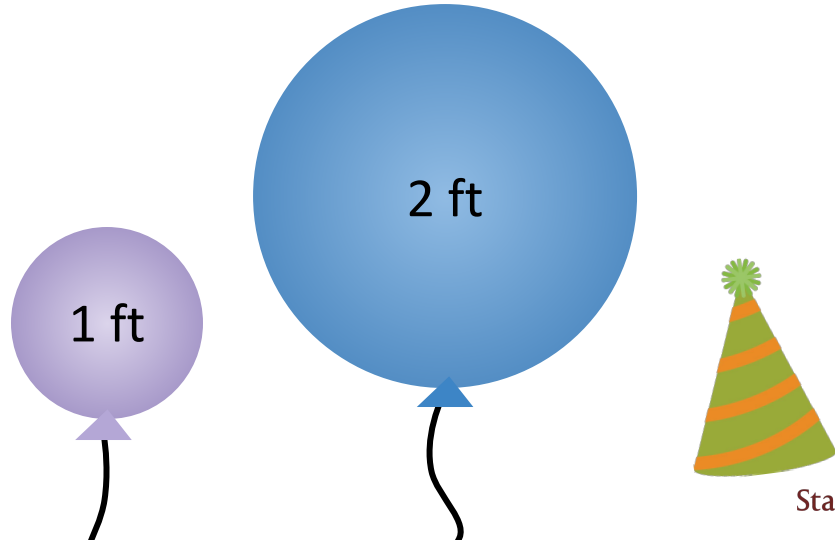


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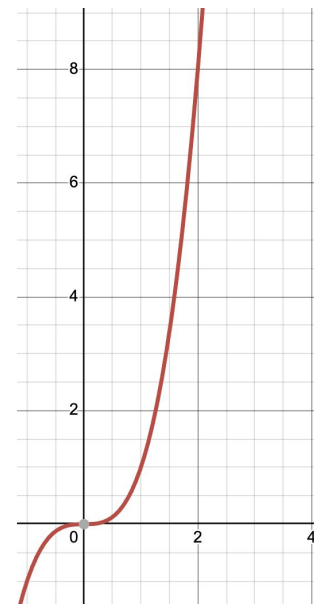
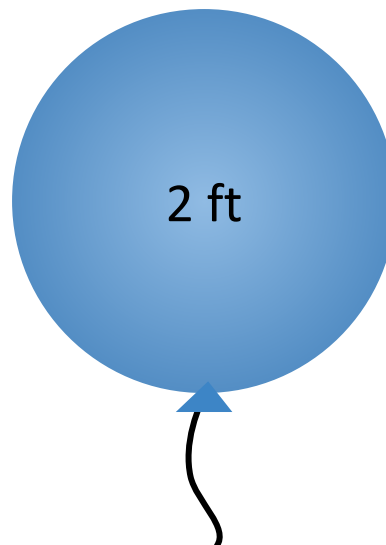
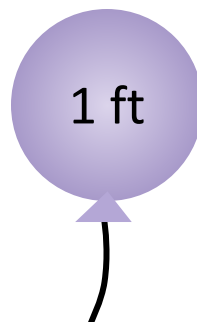


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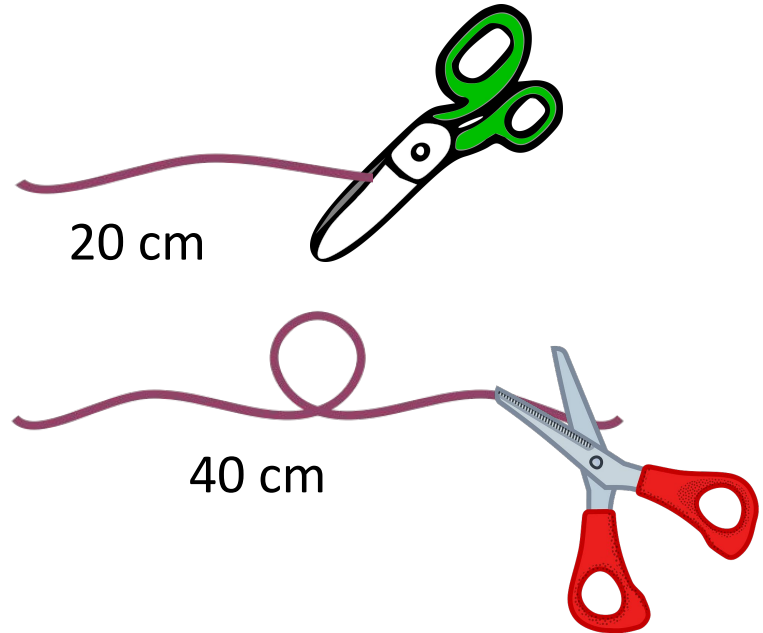
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The sphere's volume grows cubically with its radius



Other Growth Rates

- How does the amount of effort needed to cut a piece of string scale with its length?

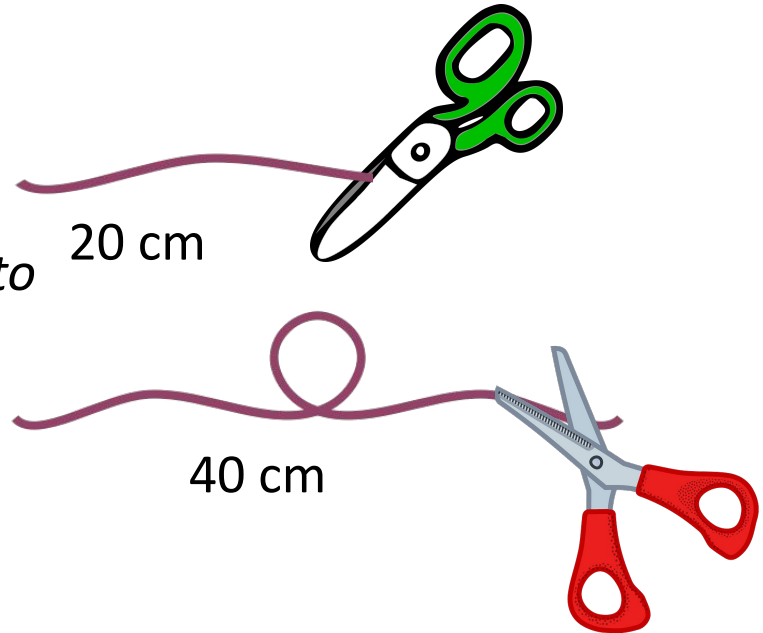


Other Growth Rates

- How does the amount of effort needed to cut a piece of string scale with its length?

It doesn't!

It takes the same amount of work to cut the string, no matter its length

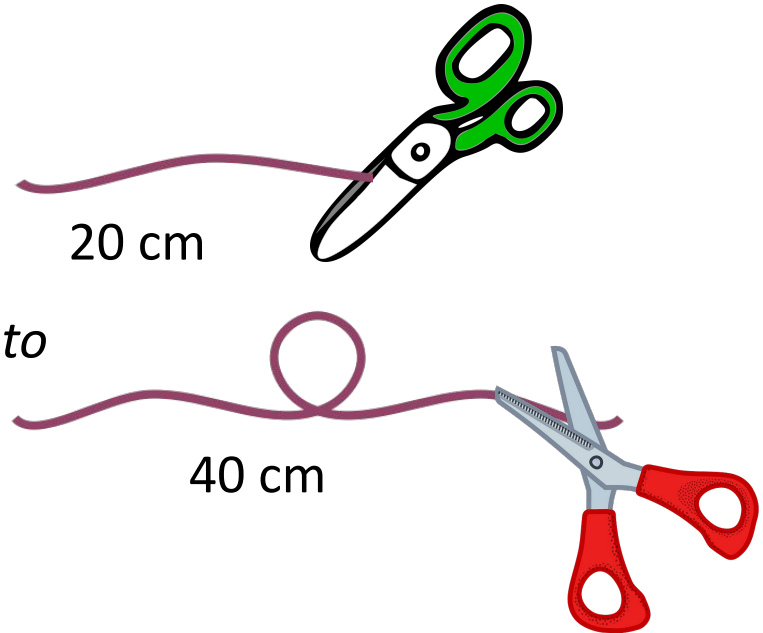


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$O(1)$

Cutting a piece of string requires a constant amount of work, relative to the string's length



Growth Rates We'll Explore

Constant	Logarithmic	Linear	$n \log n$	Quadratic	Polynomial	Exponential
$O(1)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^k)$ $k \geq 1$	$O(a^n)$ $a > 1$

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Why does inserting into a Vector have linear time complexity? Think of the “worst case” scenario.

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In the worst case, we're inserting at the front, shifting the other n elements over by one position.

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Is it Efficient?

Comparing Big-O runtimes

We'll Use Big-O to Categorize Efficiency

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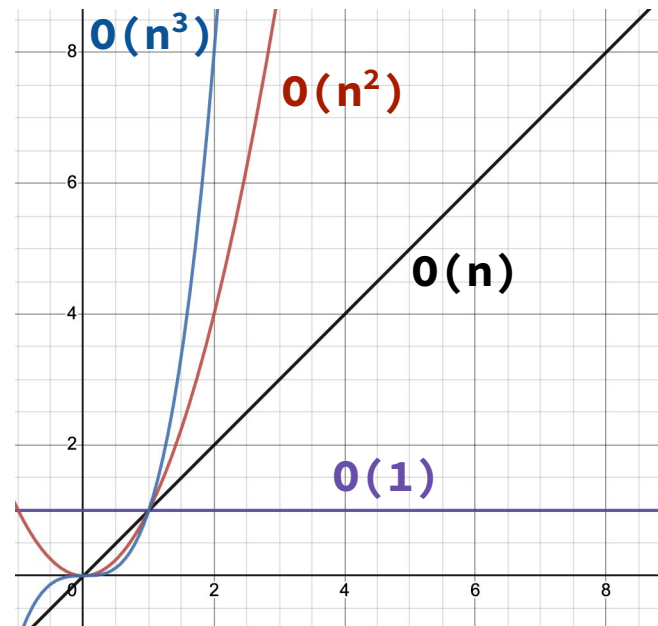
- The best we can do!
- Euclid's Algorithm for Perfect Numbers

Linear Time - $O(n)$

- This is okay, we can live with this

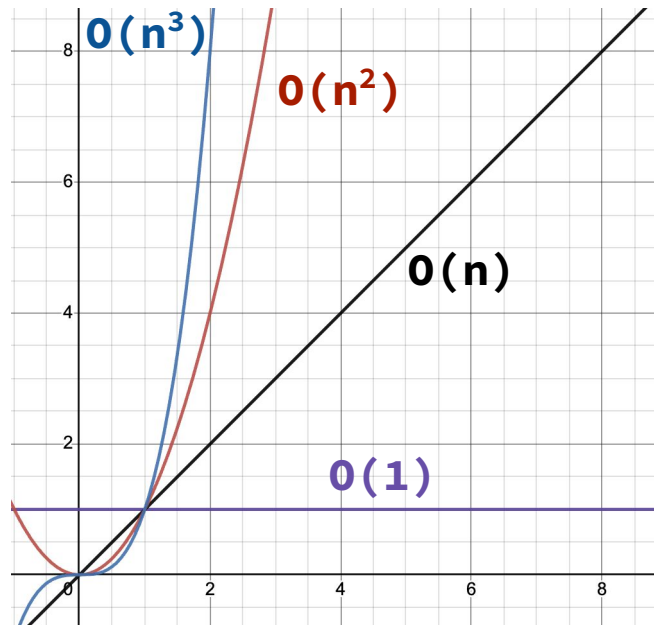
Quadratic Time - $O(n^2)$ and beyond

- This can start to slow down really quickly
- Exhaustive Search for Perfect Numbers



We'll Use Big-O to Categorize Efficiency

- Spoiler alert: not every problem is solvable in $O(1)$ time
- We can use Big-O to compare different solutions to the same problem
- The “more efficient” solution gets the job done with a smaller Big-O



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Does this algorithm seem more or less efficient than the other one?

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Big-O considers worst case runtime. What if our Vector looked like this instead?

Consider what happens if we have to loop the max number of times.

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n Initialize
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How many times do we initialize
compareNum in this function?

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1 Return

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$3n + 3n^2 + 1$ operations

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Remove lower order terms

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Remove leading coefficients

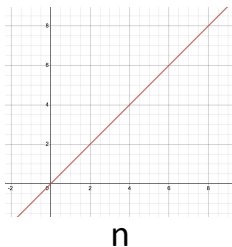
vectorMax, revisited

What's the Big-O?

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$O(n^2)$

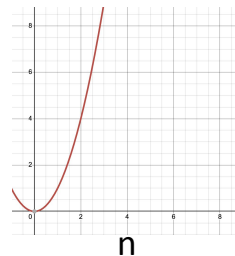
runtime



$O(n)$

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    int n = v.size();  
    for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {  
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        }  
    }  
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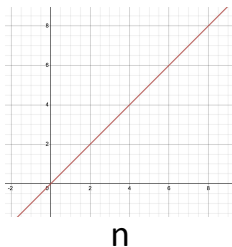
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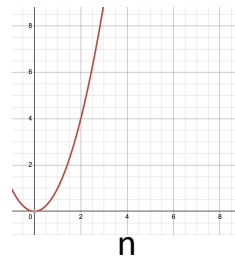

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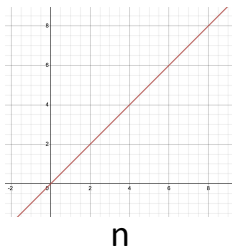
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Let's try it!



runtime



$O(n)$

```
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```
    int currentMax = v[0];
```

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```
        currentMax = v[i];
```

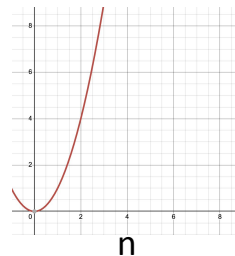
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Is it Better?

It depends...



“Better” is Subjective

Do you care about:

- Runtime?
- Memory usage?
- Code readability?

Beyond Algorithmic Analysis

Based on slides by Katie Creel

Big-O Efficiency Matters

- Consider an algorithm that runs in $O(\log n)$ time
- If it takes 10 milliseconds to process an input of size 1000...

Constant	Logarithmic	Linear	$n \log n$	Quadratic	Polynomial	Exponential
1 ms	10 ms	1 s	10 s	17 minutes	277 hours	Heat death of the universe

Algorithmic efficiency can be the difference between a program that runs in a few seconds and one that won't finish before the heat death of the universe

Green Computing

- Computation requires energy

BAY AREA

Stanford power outage: University preparing for a restoration that could 'take days'



Annie Vainshtein

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than Argentina'

By Cristina Criddle
Technology reporter

🕒 10 February 2021



Green Computing

- Computation requires energy
- “Green computing”: a commitment to decreasing the environmental impact of computing
 - Decreasing carbon footprint of data centers
 - Recycling and reducing use of raw materials during manufacturing
 - Reducing energy consumption of computation itself, including by increasing algorithmic efficiency!

But Efficiency Isn't Everything...

Case Study: Indiana Welfare Modernization

- In 2006, State of Indiana pays IBM \$1b to modernize welfare management system
- 19 months later, the system is failing:
 - Welfare applicants waited 20-30 minutes on hold, only to be denied benefits after their limited cell phone minutes were used up
 - Households receiving food stamps in some counties went down by 7%, while requests for food assistance in Indiana had increased by 4%



But Efficiency Isn't Everything...

Case Study: Indiana Welfare Modernization

- The State of Indiana canceled its contract with IBM and sued IBM for breach of contract
- IBM argued that it was not responsible; the contract only stated that a successful system would **increase efficiency** and **reduce costs**
 - IBM's system *did* reduce costs, but it denied Indiana residents the benefits they needed



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Were the engineers at IBM responsible for considering the social impacts of the system they designed?

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But Efficiency Isn't Everything...

Case Study: Password Encryption

- What prevents a hacker from guessing passwords randomly, perhaps millions of times per minute, until they guess correctly?
~ Algorithmic Inefficiency ~
- bcrypt and other popular encryption functions are intentionally designed to be slow, memory intensive, or both, making guessing more costly



Beyond Algorithmic Analysis

- As programmers, we make choices about what to optimize for
- Efficiency can be incredibly important, but it's not everything
- Carefully consider what you want to prioritize when you design a system; in real life, there's rarely a right answer



Recap

- ADTs and Assignment 2 preview
- Attempting to measure program speed
 - Runtime \rightarrow # operations \rightarrow big-O
- Introducing big-O
 - How to calculate big-O
 - Common big-O classes
- Beyond algorithmic efficiency
 - Why efficiency is important
 - Why efficiency isn't everything

Have a great weekend! 🌞