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# Introduction

This assignment implements various elements from the Algorithms and Datastructures 1 University lectures. The main aspects that are involved are the implementation a generic data structure, analyzing the theoretical complexity of algorithms, and validating the complexity of algorithms in running time experiments.

## Problem Description

A hat is a data structure that can be used to retrieve random elements. For instance, it can be used to draw names. It supports the following API[[1]](#footnote-1):

Public class Hat<Item>

Hat() *create a new empty hat*

boolean isEmpty() *is the hat empty?*

int size() *number of items in the hat*

void give(Item item) *add an item to the hat*

Item take() *delete a random item from the hat and return it*

It is needed to find the best implementation for an application with the class Hat[[2]](#footnote-2), and create an efficient implementations of the required methods. As well the determinacies of the average case time complexity[[3]](#footnote-3) of each of the methods. In addition experiments with doubling ratio should be used to verify the time complexity of the implementation.

# Assignment Research Questions

The main research question is assigned to the main focus of this assignment, which is the applicaiton Hat and its complexity implantations. The main research question is then further divided into four research sub-questions, which will help answer the main research question.

## 2.1 Main Research question

The main research question for this assignment is:

How to create the implementation for an application with the most efficient time complexity for each method implemented in class Hat and how to test this implementation?

## 2.2 Research sub-questions

The main research sub-questions for this assignment is:

1. What implementation is needed for the class Hat in order to create reasonably efficient implementations of the required methods?
2. What simple test client should be implemented to test all of the application’s implementations?
3. What is the average case time complexity of each of the methods?
4. By using the doubling ratio experiments [[4]](#footnote-4)what is the time complexity of the application’s implementation?

# Research Methodology

In order to answer the main research question for this assignment, this research report will start by focusing on answering the research sub-questions of this assignment. Which subsequently will lead to an answer to the main research question of this report. The methodology explored in this assignment reflects the class Hat and its complexity of implantations. By means of collecting data the research will then attempt to develop a programme which has the best average time complexity during runtime.

The process of development has several phases that are being implemented to get a final result. One of the phases is based on data collection. This is the point at which all the information necessary to proceed with any of the further steps, is going to be gathered. The second phase of the research then fully focus on the development of the software programme. In the last phase of the development tests are used to determine if the chosen implementation has the best average time complexity. Subsequently, each one of these steps, will help answer the research sub-questions which in turn will provide an answer to the assignment’s research question.

The first step into development begins with **data collection**, which is based on the information presented during the university lectures of Algorithms and Datastructures 1. During the lectures the basics of implementing basic data structures were thought. As well some other resources used to gather information regarding the complexity levels were from…

Then the process of development shifted towards the second step which was the development is the **software development**. …

The tertiary step into development is the **tests** implementation, which are to help find the best average time complexity for the developed software. …

# Results

The results of the development of the assignment Hat, which results in a data structure that can be used to retrieve random elements, has been developed in sequential steps which involved: **data collection**, which gathered information for the **development of the software.** Then the **tests** implementation to find the average time complexity for the developed software.

During the **data collection** session a lot of information has been collected, which was to be further used in the development of the application. …

To implement all the information that is collected, the **software development** is done by the Java [[5]](#footnote-5)programming language. The first steps into development began with the creation of the …

The results of the **tests** which were ran on the software developed showed the complexity of not only the application but the methods used in the application as well. …

# Conclusion

The Main Research Question for this assignment has the focus on the development of the application Hat (Section 2.1). The Main Research Question for this programme is the following:

*How to create the implementation for an application with the most efficient time complexity for each method implemented in class Hat and how to test this implementation?*

Then, from the Main Research Question, research sub-questions were derive to help provide the path to the answer of the main question for this research paper (Section 2.2). The research Sub-Questions are the following:

1. *What implementation is needed for the class Hat in order to create reasonably efficient implementations of the required methods?*
2. *What simple test client should be implemented to test all of the application’s implementations?*
3. *What is the average case time complexity of each of the methods?*
4. *By using the doubling ratio experiments [[6]](#footnote-6)what is the time complexity of the application’s implementation?*

The conclusion fore this research paper will be written in the following structure: firstly the sub-questions will be answered and then the Main Research Question will be answered.

# Appendices

1. API – An *Application Programming Interface* is a set of routines, protocols and tools for building software. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Class Hat - A *class* is the blueprint from which individual objects are created. Class Hat is a data structure that can be used to retrieve random elements (such as String [words], Integers [numbers], etc.). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Average Case Time Complexity – Of an algorithm is the amount of some computational resource (time) used by an algorithm, averaged over all possible inputs. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Doubling Ratio Experiments - [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Java – A general-purpose computer programming language designed to produce programs that will run on any computer system. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Doubling Ratio Experiments - [↑](#footnote-ref-6)