Asymptotic Analysis

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1 Computational Cost

- 1.1 Count the operations it takes to execute kviate as a function of N = a.1ength. Assume each of the following operations each take 1 timestep to complete.
 - · variable declaration · assignment · comparison · array access · increment

```
public static void kviate(int[] a, int k) {
   int count = 0, N = a.length;
   for (int i = 0; i < N; i += 1) {
      if (a[i] == k) {
        count += 1;
      }
   }
   a[k] += count;
}</pre>
```

- Variable declaration: 3
- Assignment: 3
- Comparison: 2N + 1, N equality comparisons, N + 1 less-than comparisons
- Array access: N + 2, a[k] += count requires both read and write
- Increment: N + 1 to 2N + 1

2 Analysis of Algorithms

Give a tight asymptotic runtime bound for linearSearch as a function of N, the size of the array, in the *best case*, *worst case*, *and overall*.

```
public static boolean linearSearch(int[] a, int value, int start) {
   if (start >= a.length) {
      return false;
   } else if (a[start] == value) {
      return true;
   } else {
      return linearSearch(a, value, start + 1);
   }
}
```

 $\Theta(1)$ in the best case, $\Theta(N)$ in the worst case, and O(N) overall.

2.2 Give a tight asymptotic runtime bound for binarySearch as a function of *N*, the size of the array, in the *best case*, *worst case*, *and overall*. Assume the array is sorted.

```
public static boolean binarySearch(int[] a, int value, int start, int end) {
   if (start == end || start == end - 1) { return a[start] == value; }
   int mid = end + ((start - end) / 2);
   if (a[mid] == value) {
      return true;
   } else if (a[mid] > value) {
      return binarySearch(a, value, start, mid);
   } else {
      return binarySearch(a, value, mid, end);
   }
}
```

$\Theta(1)$ in the best case, $\Theta(\log N)$ in the worst case, and $O(\log N)$ overall.

Give a tight asymptotic runtime bound for mysterySearch as a function of N, the size of the array, in the *best case*, *worst case*, *and overall*. Assume the array is sorted.

```
public static boolean mysterySearch(int[] a, int value) {
    if (Math.random() < 0.5) {
        return linearSearch(a, value, 0);
    } else {
        return binarySearch(a, value, 0, a.length);
    }
}</pre>
```

 $\Theta(1)$ in the best case, $\Theta(N)$ in the worst case, and O(N) overall.

2.4 For each pair of functions f(n) and g(n), state whether $f(n) \in O(g(n))$, $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$, or $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$. For example, for $f(n) = n^2$ and $g(n) = 2n^2 - n + 3$, write $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$.

```
(a) f(n) = n and g(n) = n^2 - n \implies f(n) \in O(g(n))
```

(b)
$$f(n) = n^2$$
 and $g(n) = n^2 + n \implies f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$

(c)
$$f(n) = 8n$$
 and $g(n) = n^2 \implies f(n) \in O(g(n))$

(d)
$$f(n) = 2^n$$
 and $g(n) = n^2 \implies f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$

(e)
$$f(n) = 3^n$$
 and $g(n) = 2^{2n} \implies f(n) \in O(g(n))$

2.5 For each of the following, state the order of growth using $\Theta(\cdot)$ notation. For example, $f(n) \in \Theta(n)$.

(a)
$$f(n) = 50 \implies f(n) \in \Theta(1)$$

(b)
$$f(n) = n^2 - 2n + 3 \implies f(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$$

(c)
$$f(n) = n + \cdots + 2 + 1 \implies f(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$$

(d)
$$f(n) = n^{100} + 1.01^n \implies f(n) \in \Theta(1.01^n)$$

(e)
$$f(n) = n^{1.1} + n \log n \implies f(n) \in \Theta(n^{1.1})$$