

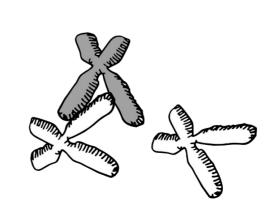


Sequence algorithms

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O(n log n)



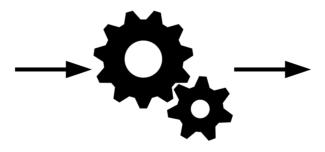


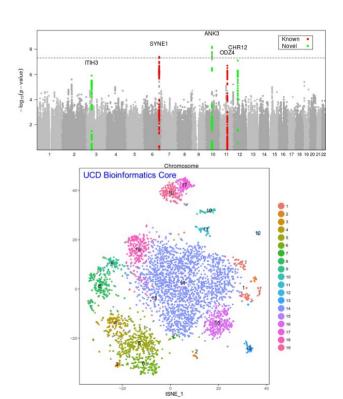


Genomics

- Use DNA sequences to answer biological questions
- But how ?





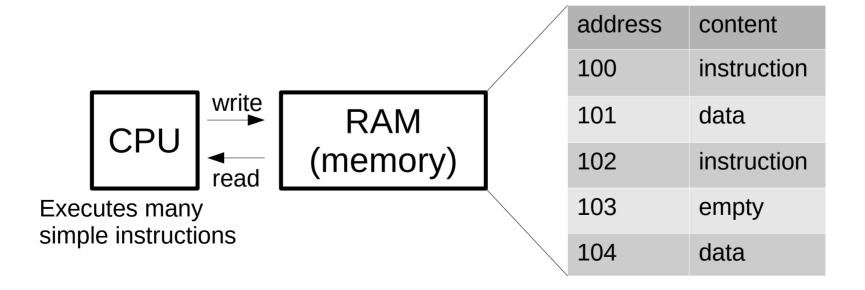


The tools

- Computer algorithms to automate tedious tasks
- We use programming languages to write algorithms

Thinking like a computer

Computers can perform a limited set of instructions (i.e. comparisons, allocating / deallocating memory, ...)



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Scripting languages make our lives easy

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Python:

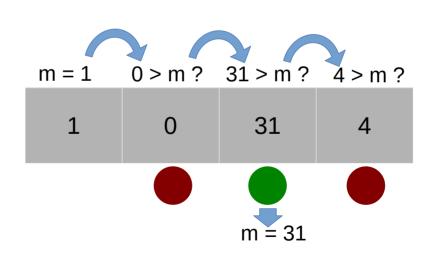
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Algorithm:
a = [1, 0, 31, 4]
m = a[0]
for i in a[1:]:
    if i > m:
         m = i
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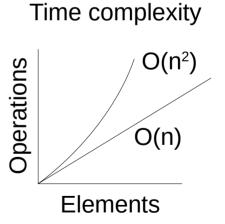
Algorithms in genomics

- Assembling genomes
- Aligning reads
- Cluster samples by gene expression similarity
- Predict gene functions from their sequence

Time complexity

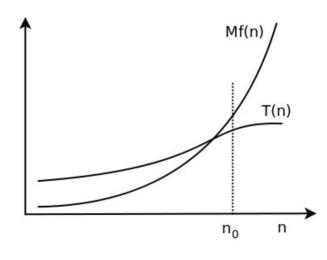
Big O notation is used to describe run time

Examples: a = [3, 1, 40, 3] for i in a: print(i) 3 1 40 3 for i in a: print(i) 3 1 40 3 For i in a: print(i)



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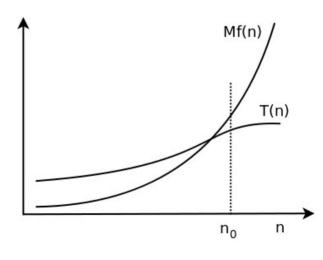
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Example:

If T(n) is O(1): $T(n) \le M*1$

In english: If T(n) has order O(1), it will always be faster or same than a constant value M, no matter the input size

What if T(n) is O(n)?



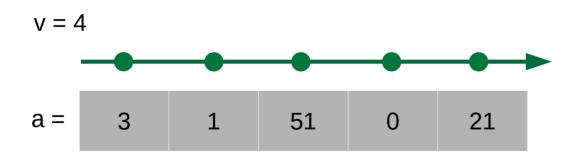
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Example: Improving an algorithm

- Checking if value v is in an array a
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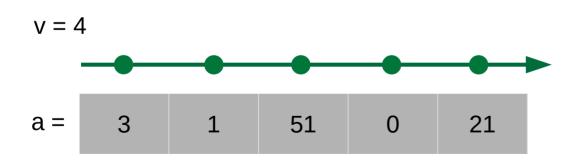
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Naive implementation:

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found = "no"
for i in a:
    if i == v:
        found = "yes"
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O(n)

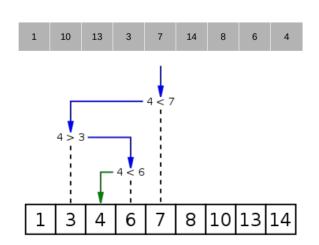
Is there a better way?

Getting faster

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Sort array

Binary search



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1 10 13 3 7 14 8 6 4

Binary search

Sorting costs O(n log n)

But allows to search in O(log n)

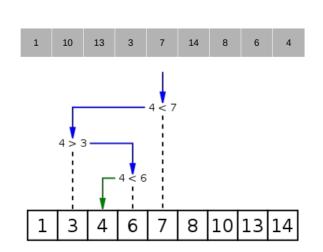
 \rightarrow better than **O(n)**

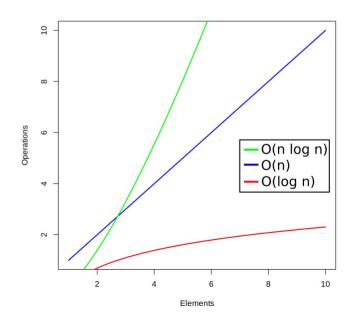
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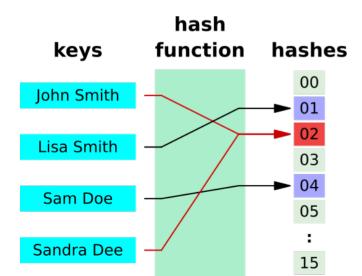
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Hashing to the rescue

- Best solution: Hash table (aka maps, dicts)
- Data structures with a mapping function

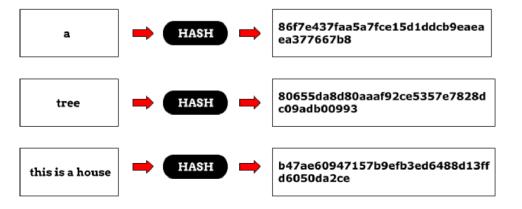


Wait, what's hashing?

Hash function: "A function mapping data

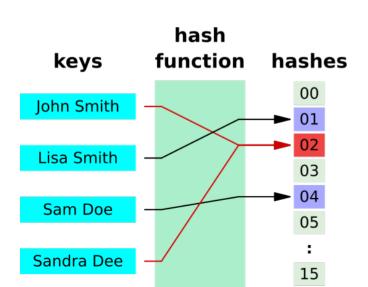
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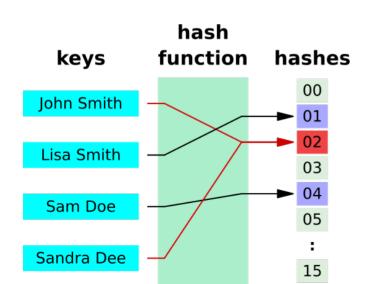
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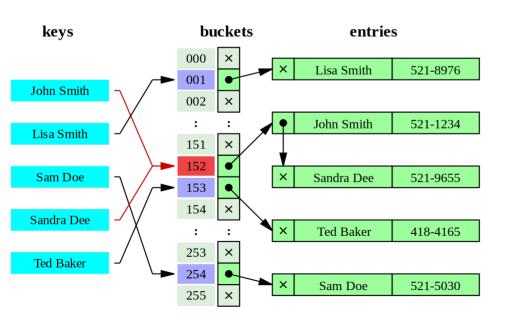
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O(1)

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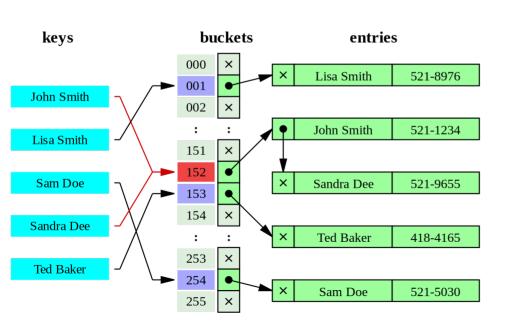
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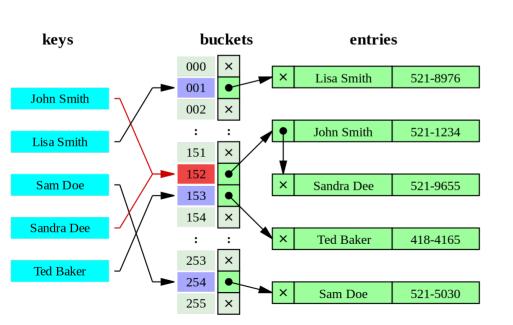
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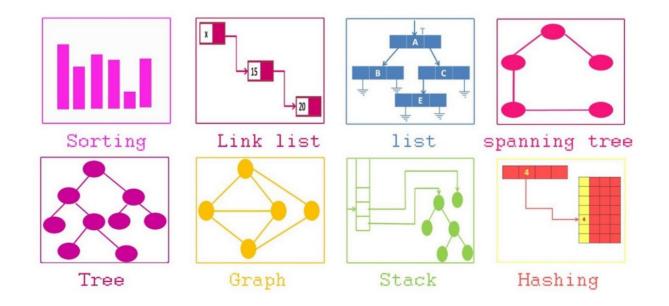


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What does that imply for query time?

Data structures as a tool

- Storing our data in a hash table enabled O(1) query time
- Data structures are as important as the algorithm



Exercises

- Provided as a jupyter notebook (requires python)
- Apply knowledge on biological data
- A bit harder :)