

Algorithm performance



Counting operations



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By the end of this video you will be able to...

- Count the number of operations executed when running a code snippet on given input

How many operations get executed?


Search for the letter

a


in the word

"San Diego"

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S	a	n		D	i	e	g	o

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Total so far: 1

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Total so far: 7

Is the number of operations the same
every time we run

`hasLetter(String word, char letter)?`

IVQ

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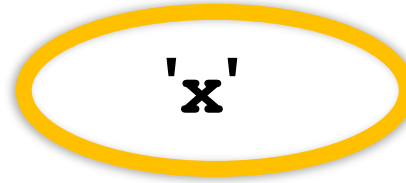
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**2 iterations
when look
for 'a'**

How many iterations of loop?

Search for the letter

in the word

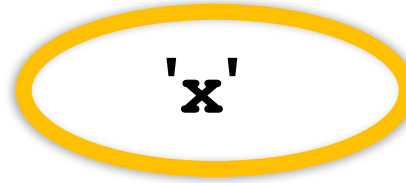


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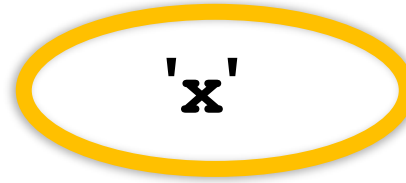
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9 iterations

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**9 iterations
so
29 operations**

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Thought question

- What counts as an operation?