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# Worst Case Run-Time Analysis of day() Method

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

This is a worst case run-time analysis of day() method in the Population class. In this analysis document, we will review the run-time analysis for day() using a line-by-line analysis, summation, simplified expression and conclude our analysis with a Big-Oh bound.

```
    public void day() {
1      for (int i = numGenomes - 1; i >= numGenomes / 2; i--) {
2          myPopulation.remove(i);
3      }
4      boolean crossover;
5      for (int i = 0; i < numGenomes / 2; i++) {
6          Genome newGenome = new Genome(myPopulation.get(rand.nextInt(numGenomes / 2)));
7          crossover = rand.nextBoolean();
8          if (crossover) {
9              newGenome.crossover(myPopulation.get(rand.nextInt(numGenomes / 2)));
10             newGenome.mutate();
11         } else {
12             newGenome.mutate();
13         }
14         myPopulation.add(newGenome);
15     }
16     Collections.sort(myPopulation);
17     mostFit = myPopulation.get(0);
18 }
```

## 2 ANALYSIS

### 2.1 LINE-BY-LINE

We will now review the line-by-line analysis of `day()`. Before we begin, let's briefly review the other method operations called inside `day()` with their Big-Oh bounds.

1. `get()` - Let  $c_1$  stands for `get()`. This is an ArrayList get method. According to the ArrayList API, this operation runs on  $O(1)$ .
2. `add()` - Let  $c_2$  stands for `add()`. This is an ArrayList add method. According to the ArrayList API, this operation runs on  $O(1)$ .
3. `nextInt()` - Let  $c_3$  stands for `nextInt()`. This is a Random object method which runs on  $O(1)$ .
4. `nextBoolean()` - Let  $c_4$  stands for `nextBoolean()`. This is another Random object method that runs on  $O(1)$ .
5. `new Genome()` - Let  $c_5$  stands for `new Genome()`. This is a copy constructor from the genome class, it involves only constant operations and a for loop which loop for a fixed constant of 26 times. Therefore, this copy constructor is  $O(1)$ . method which runs on  $O(1)$ .
6. `remove()` - Let  $c_6$  stands for `remove()`. This is an ArrayList remove method. Since in `day()`, we will always be removing from the end of the list, this operation is then  $O(1)$ .
7. `crossover()` - Let  $k_1$  stands for `crossover()`. This is a method from the genome class. Assuming that the genome length is in a reasonable range of a name, this operation runs on  $O(1)$ . But since we are considering the worst-case, where a name can be unreasonably long, we will use  $n$  as the length of the Genome, where `crossover()` will operate on  $O(n)$ .
8. `mutate()` - Let  $k_2$  stands for `mutate()`. This is a method from the genome class. Considering the worst case, this operation is also  $O(n)$ .
9. `sort()` - Let  $s_1$  stands for `sort()`. This is a method from Collections and the cost of this operation is  $O(n \log n)$ .

After the review above we will use the representation,  $k_1$  - `crossover()`, and  $k_2$  - `mutate()`, all these methods will be  $O(n)$ .  $c_1$  - `get()`,  $c_2$  - `add()`,  $c_3$  - `nextInt()`,  $c_4$  - `nextBoolean()`,  $c_5$  - `new Genome()` and  $c_6$  - `remove()`, all these methods will be  $O(1)$ .  $s_1$  - `sort()`, which will be  $O(n \log n)$  in our analysis.

Below will be the line-by-line analysis:

1. We will consider the cost of the whole loop after. There is a declaration, an assignment, two arithmetic operations, one comparison and one assignment in this line, the cost of this line is 6.
2. There is a remove operation in this line, the cost of this line is  $c_6$ .
3. There is a declaration in this line, the cost of this line is 1.
4. There is a declaration, an assignment, a comparison, an arithmetic and a decrement operation in this line, the cost of this line is 5.
5. There is a declaration, an assignment, a new Genome(), a get(), a nextInt() and an arithmetic operation in this line, the cost of this line is  $c_5 + c_1 + c_3 + 3$ .
6. There is a declaration, an assignment, and a nextBoolean() operation in this line, the cost of this line is  $c_4 + 2$ .
7. There is a comparison in this line, the cost of this line is 1.
8. There is a crossover(), a get(), nextInt() and an arithmetic operation in this line, the cost of this line is  $k_1 + c_1 + c_3 + 1$ .
9. There is a mutate() operation in this line, the cost of this line is  $k_2$ .
10. There is a mutate() operation in this line, the cost of this line is  $k_2$ .
11. There is an add() operation in this line, the cost of this line is  $c_2$ .
12. There is a sort() operation in this line, the cost of this line is  $s_1$ .
13. There is a declaration, an assignment and a get() operation in this line, the cost of this line is  $c_1 + 2$ .

## 2.2 FIRST LOOP ANALYSIS

We will now review the analysis of the first for loop in day(). Let  $f(n)$  be the cost of the for loop, where  $n$  is the size of the population.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(n) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} (c_6 + 5) \\
 &= (c_6 + 5) \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} 1 \\
 &= (c_6 + 5)(n/2 - 1 + 1) \\
 &= (c_6 + 5)(n/2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $l_1$  be the total cost of the for loop, then  $l_1 = (c_6 + 5)(n / 2)$ . We know that  $c_6$  is a constant, therefore the total cost of the first for loop is  $O(n)$ .

## 2.3 SECOND LOOP ANALYSIS

We will now review the analysis of the second for loop in day(). Let  $g(n)$  be the cost of the for loop, where  $n$  is the size of the population.

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(n) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} (5 + c_5 + c_1 + c_3 + 3 + c_4 + 2 + 1 + k_1 + c_1 + c_3 + 1 + k_2 + k_2 + c_2) \\
 &= (5 + c_5 + c_1 + c_3 + 3 + c_4 + 2 + 1 + k_1 + c_1 + c_3 + 1 + k_2 + k_2 + c_2) \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} 1 \\
 &= (12 + c_5 + c_1 + c_3 + c_4 + k_1 + c_1 + c_3 + k_2 + k_2 + c_2) \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $c_7 = c_5 + c_1 + c_3 + c_4 + c_1 + c_3 + c_2$ . We know  $c_7$  is  $O(1)$  since  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$ , and  $c_5$  are constants. Let  $k_3 = k_1 + k_2 + k_2$ , we know  $k_3$  is  $O(n)$  since both  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are  $O(n)$ . Then now we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(n) &= (c_7 + k_3) \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} 1 \\
 &= (c_7 + k_3)(n/2 + 1 - 1) \\
 &= (c_7 + k_3)(n/2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $l_2$  be the total cost of the second for loop, then  $l_2 = (c_7 + k_3)(n / 2)$ . Since  $k_3$  is  $O(n)$ , the total cost of the second loop is  $O(n^2)$ .

### 3 TOTAL COST

Let  $T$  be the total cost of the `day()` method.  $T = l_1 + 1 + l_2 + s_1 + c_1 + 2$ . Let  $c = 1 + c_1 + 2$ .  $T = l_1 + l_2 + s_1 + c$ . We know that  $l_1$  is  $O(n)$ ,  $s_1$  is  $O(n \log n)$ ,  $c$  is  $O(1)$  and  $l_2$  is  $O(n^2)$ . Since  $T = c + l_1 + s_1 + l_2$ ,  $T$  is therefore  $O(n^2)$ .