

## Agenda:

- 1) Why problem solving is important?
- 2) Key ingredient of a good problem solver
- 3) Examples / Problems using the key ingredient structures & Algo.
- 4) Importance of Data structures & Algo.

How to become an impactful engineer?

Ex1: Problem of  
connected

communication & staying

FB, messenger, WhatsApp

Ex2: Online booking tools

Ex3: Online Shopping

One skill to become impactful?

Frontend? Backend? ML / DS

Problem Solving

## Amazon ( Web Application)

- 1) Go to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)
- 2) Type in the search bar
- 3) Select item, checkout, payment
- 4) Delivery

Step 1:

→ Amazon would have gone down very few times

→ the website should be available 100% of time.

Problem of availability - [Not an easy problem]

→ No Down time.

99.9  
99.99  
999.

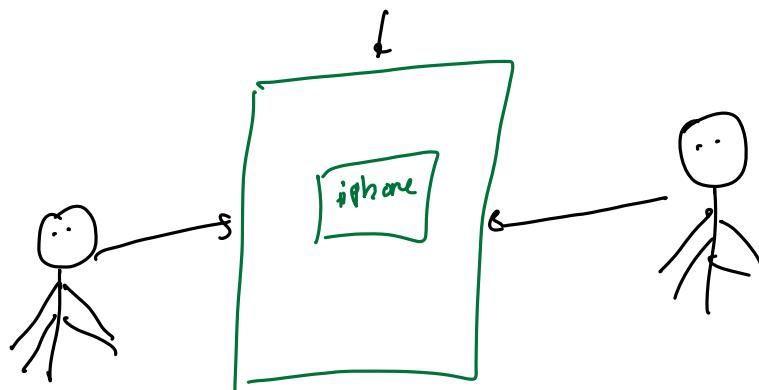
Step 2 Type in the search

Challengy / Problem :

- 1) show Autosuggestion with a particular prefix as fast as possible
- 2) searching should be very fast

Not ran easy Task

Step 3: select item, checkout , payment  
Anything related to transactions : security issues / concerns



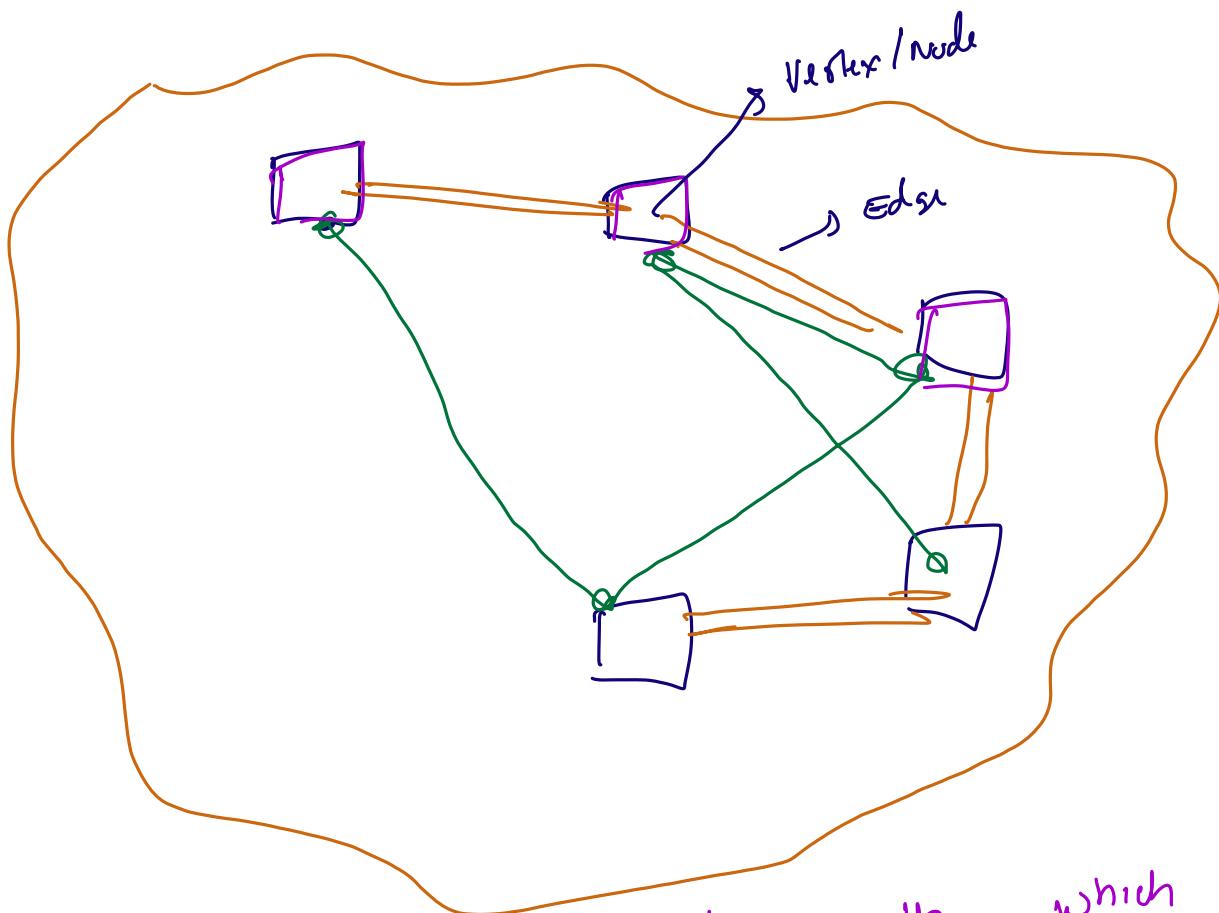
→ Buying / Booking type q system

Problem of concurrence

Step 4:

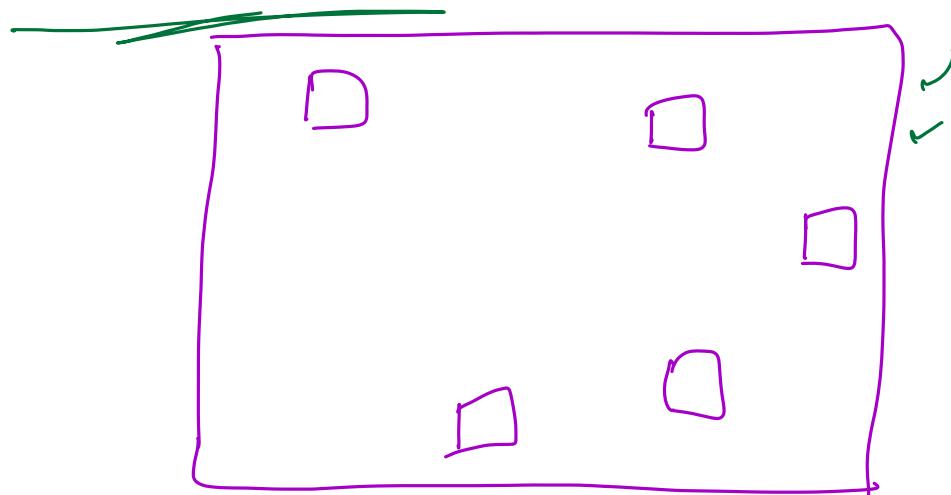
## Delivery

- Use least amount of resources
- partners . . . etc
- find , delivery

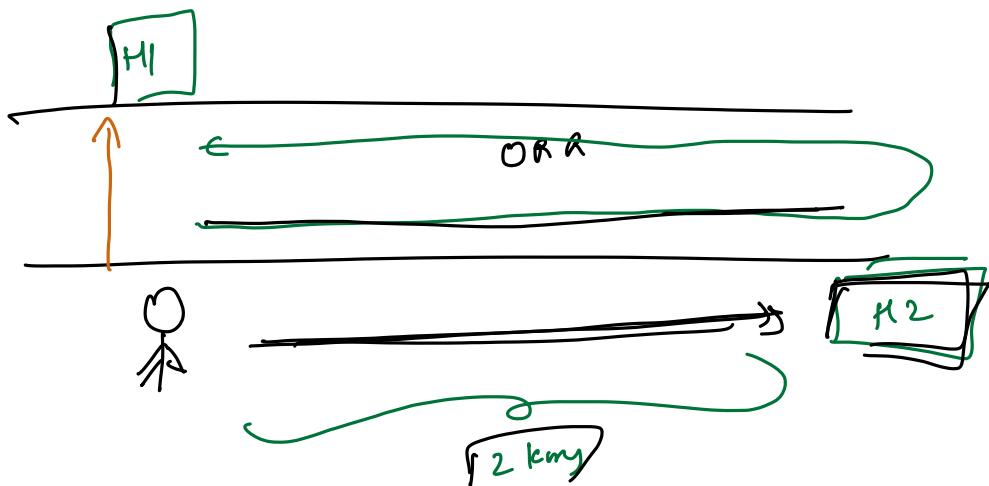


Graph problem. Find the path which consumes  
least amount of resource (distance)

Expected date of delivery



Tons      ↴      other      Factors

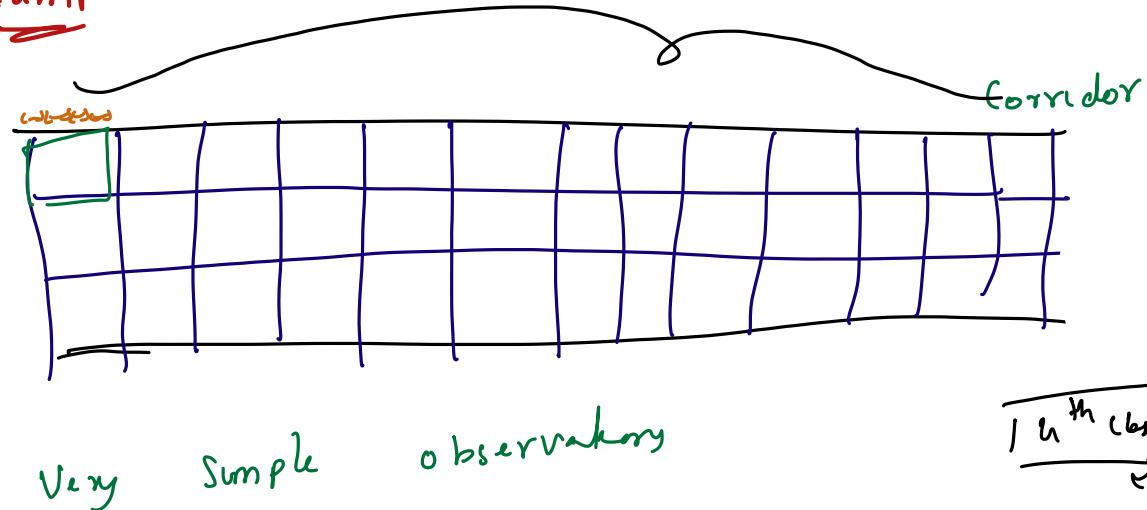


Distance is not the only criteria.

Traffic, city conditions, weather, vehicle  
breakdowns, 2/4 wheelers etc.

Problem Solving

Example 1



Example 2: Germany

$$S = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + 100$$

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$a+b = b+a$

(+)  $S = 100 + 99 + 98 + 97 + \dots + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1$

$$2S = 101 + 101 + 101 + 101 + 101 + \dots + 101 + 101$$

(100 times)

$$2S = 101 \times 100$$

$$S = \frac{101 \times 100}{2}$$

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$$S = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (N-2) + (N-1) + N$$
$$S = (N+1) + (N+1) + (N+1) \dots (N+1)$$

$\underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{N \text{ times}}$

$$2S = N \times (N+1)$$

$$S = \frac{N(N+1)}{2}$$

Key ingredient

Making

Observation

## Prime Numbers

- > Positive Numbers which have exactly 2 distinct factors
- > 1 and itself

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, ...

$$\begin{array}{ll} 15 \Rightarrow & 1, 3, 5, 15 \Rightarrow 4 \\ 12 \Rightarrow & 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12 \Rightarrow 6 \\ 9 \Rightarrow & 1, 3, 9 \Rightarrow 3 \\ 23 \Rightarrow & 1, 23 \Rightarrow 2 \end{array}$$

[only 1 factor]

∴ ⇒ ∴

Smallest prime : 2

$$24 = \underbrace{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24}_{\text{factors}} \Rightarrow 8 \text{ factors}$$

-> 3 is a factor of 24,

$$\frac{24}{3} = 8 \text{ remainder } 0$$

24 / ; has 0 remainder.

How to check if 'i' is a factor of N?

⇒ remainder

of

$N/i$  has to be 0.

$\%$  = module

finds the remainders.

Quotient  $\Rightarrow N/i$

Remainder  $\Rightarrow N \% i$

Eg

$$34/5 \Rightarrow 6, \quad 34/5 = 4$$

$$34 = 6 \times 5 + 4$$

$\boxed{N \% i}$

$$17/3 \Rightarrow \overline{5.6\dots}, \quad 17 \% 3 = 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 ) 17 ( 5.6 \\ \underline{-15} \\ 20 \end{array}$$

$$29/7 \Rightarrow 4$$

$$29 \% 7 = 1$$

$$85/5 = 7$$

$$\boxed{85 \% 5 = 0}$$

Question: check if a number is prime

Approach 1 : Impl 1

```
int count = 0;  
for (i=1; i <= N; i++) {  
    if (N % i == 0) {  
        count++;  
    }  
}
```

$i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N$   
N iterations

if (count == 2) {

"PRIME"

}

else {

"NOT PRIME"

}

1st Factor = 1  
nd Factor = N

Impl 2:

$[1, N] \Rightarrow 2 \text{ factors}$

$i = [2, \dots, N-1]$

$[2, N-1] \Rightarrow 0 \text{ factors}$

$N=2$

$i=2$

$i=3$

```
for (i=2; i <= N-1; i++) {  
    if (N % i == 0) {  
        return "NOT PRIME";  
    }  
}
```

return "PRIME";

$N=2$

→ Prime

$N=3$

→ Prime

$N = 0, 1$

$N \% 2 = 0$

$N = 3$

$i = 2$

$3 \% 2 = 0?$

```
if (N <= 1) {  
    "NOT PRIME"  
}
```

## Approach 2 :

3 is a factor of 24

$$\frac{24}{\boxed{3}} = 8 \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{24} \div \boxed{8} = \boxed{3}$$

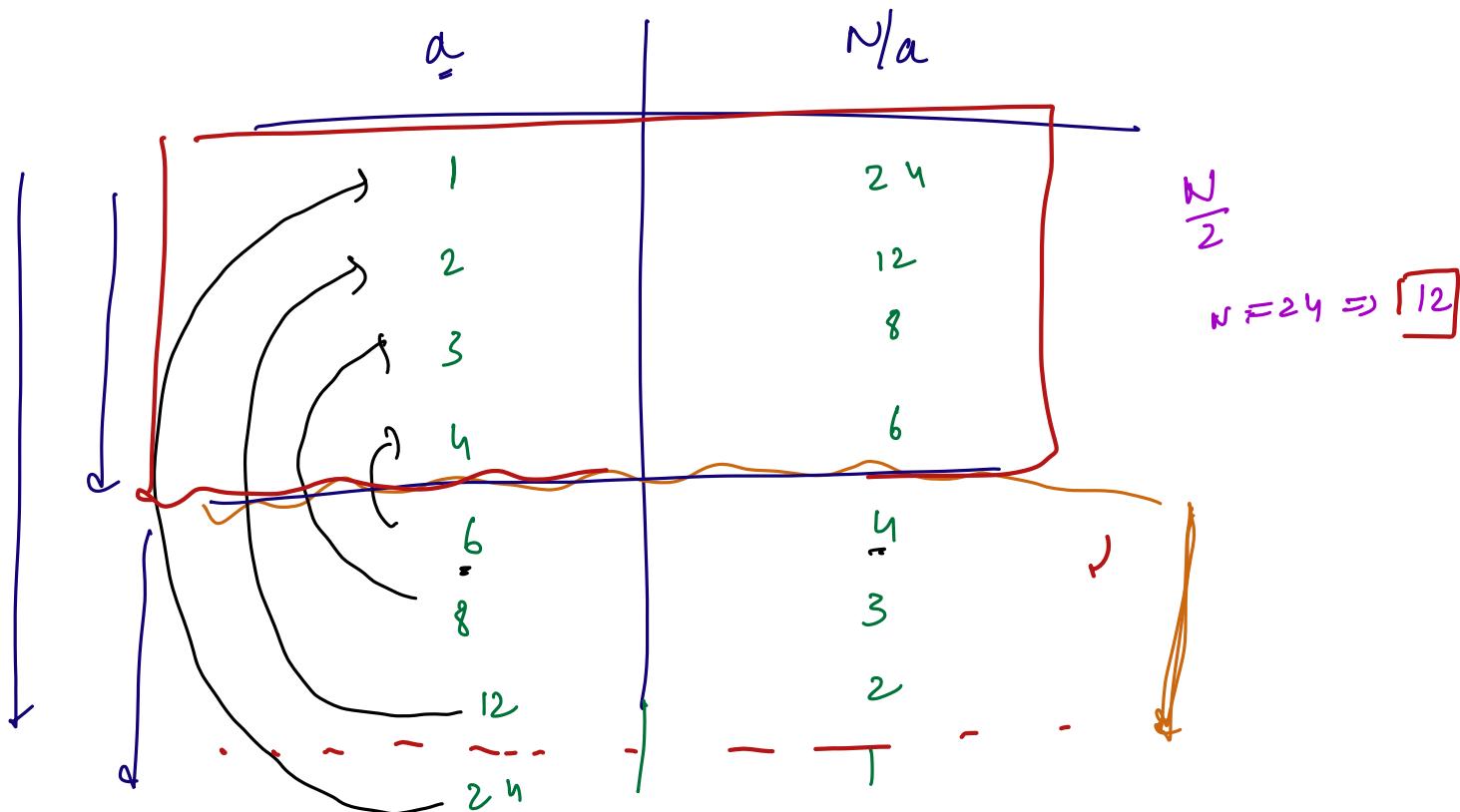
$$\frac{2}{3}y$$

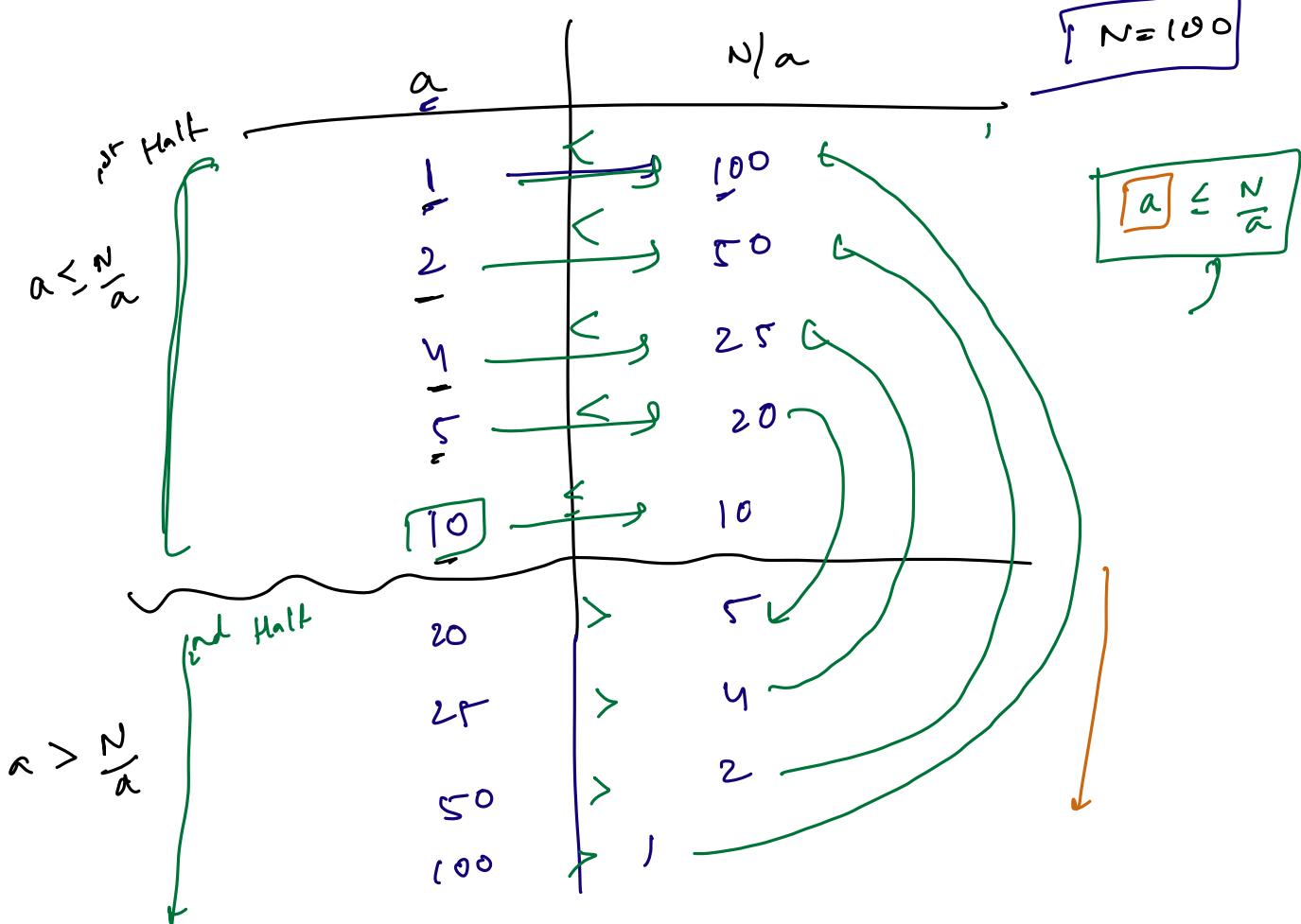
$\rightarrow$  If  $n$  is a factor,  $6$   
 $\rightarrow$  If  $2$  is a factor,  $12$

If  $a \times b = N$   $\Rightarrow b = \frac{N}{a}$  (  $a, b$  are factors)

If  $[a]$  is one factor, the other factor is  $N/a$

$$N = 24$$





$$a \leq \frac{N}{a}$$

$$\sqrt{a^2} \leq \sqrt{N}$$

$$a \leq \sqrt{N}$$

$$N = a \times b$$

→ If  $a, b$  are factors  
One factor should be  
Definitely less  
than or equal to  $\sqrt{N}$

$$[2, \sqrt{N}]$$

→ If there are no prime factors, this number is a factor

$$i \leq \sqrt{N}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\sqrt{N}} i$$

$$12 \times 3 =$$

Sqrt:  $O(\log n)$

(2)

```
for (i = 2;  $i \leq \sqrt{N}$ ; i++) {
    if ( $N \% i = 0$ ) {
        "NOT PRIME"
    }
}
```

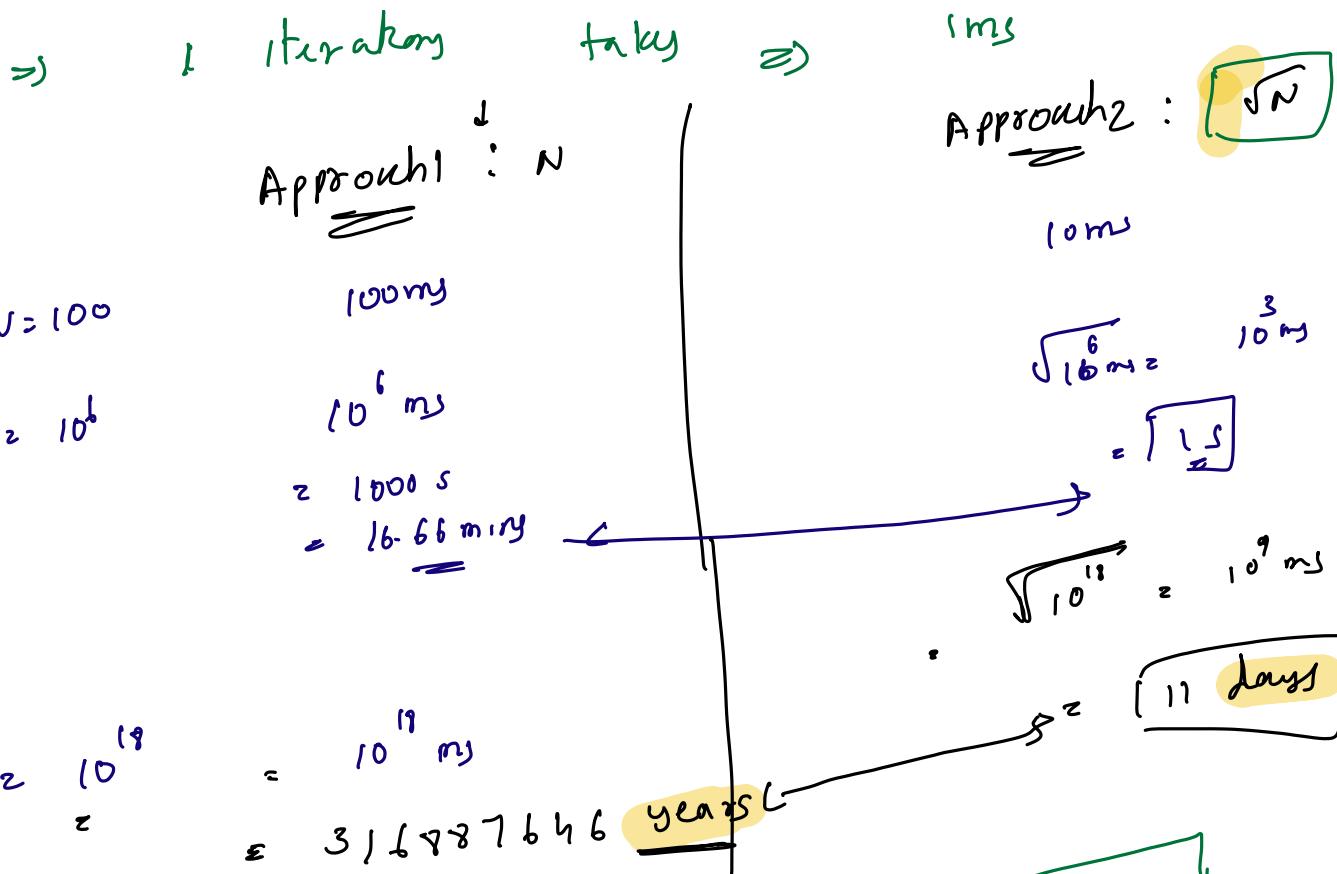
$O(\sqrt{N})$

$$\text{# iterations} = \sqrt{N}$$

$\rightarrow O(1)$

$$N = 10^0 \\ i = 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, 10 \\ i \geq 2$$

$$n \approx 0.5 \\ \downarrow \\ O(1)$$



After 6 mins

1 hr more

Brush

wB

Slabout Matrix

$$\sqrt{N} \rightarrow z_2 \quad N = 10^{18} \quad 10^{18}$$

$$\sqrt{x} = x^{1/2}$$

$$\sqrt{10^{11}} \neq (\underline{10^{11}})^{1/2}$$

$$((10)^x)^y = 10^{xy}$$
$$= 10^{11 \times \frac{1}{2}} = \boxed{10^9}$$

Question: Given a number; how many times we need to divide by 2 to reduce it to 1

$2^1$	$\frac{2}{2} =$	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2} =$
$2^2$	$\frac{4}{2} =$	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	2	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
$2^3$	$\frac{8}{4} =$	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	4	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
$2^4$	$\frac{16}{8} =$	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	8	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	4	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	2	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	1	
$2^5$	$\frac{32}{16} =$	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	8	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	4	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	2	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	1	
$2^6$	$\frac{64}{32} =$	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	16	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	8	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	4	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	2	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	1	
$2^7$	$\frac{128}{64} =$	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	32	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	16	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	8	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	4	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	2	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	1	
$2^8$	$\frac{256}{128} =$	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	64	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	32	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	16	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	8	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	4	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	2	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	1	
$2^9$	$\frac{512}{256} =$	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	1024	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	512	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	256	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	128	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	64	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	32	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	16	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	8	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	4	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	2	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	1	
$2^{10}$	$\frac{1024}{512} =$	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	2048	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	1024	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	512	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	256	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	128	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	64	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	32	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	16	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	8	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	4	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	2	$\xrightarrow{1/2}$
		$\xrightarrow{1/2}$	1	

Approach 1:

If  $N = 2^k$ ,

$k$  is the answer

$$2^1, 2^2, 2^3, 2^4, \dots$$

$$40 : \Rightarrow 32 \Rightarrow 5$$

$$57 : \Rightarrow 32 \Rightarrow 5$$

$$[32 \dots 63] \Rightarrow 32 = 2^5$$

↓  
5

$$[64, \dots, 127] \Rightarrow 64 = 2^6$$

↓  
6

In mathematics, thus is called  $\log_2 N$

$\log_2 N \Rightarrow$  No. of times  $N$  has to be divided by 2 to make it 1.

$\log_y x =$  No. of times  $x$  has to be divided by  $y$  to make it 1.

$\log_a b =$  Divide to make exactly  $b$  times  
 $a^b = \frac{a \times a \times a \dots \dots}{a \times a} \quad b$  times

$$\log_a a^b = b$$

$$a^4 = a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a$$

$$\log_a a^b = b$$

To: ~~root~~

Question: Given a root of the perfect square, find the number.

$$16 \Rightarrow 4$$

$$25 \Rightarrow 5$$

$$110 \Rightarrow [ \text{ Invalid Input} ]$$

$$121 \Rightarrow 11$$

$$150 \Rightarrow [ \text{ Invalid Input} ]$$

Approach1:

$N = \underbrace{i \times i}_{}$

```
for (i=1 ; i <= N; i++) {  
    if (i * i == N) {  
        return i;  
    }  
}
```

}  $N$  iterations

$$N = 100$$
$$\begin{array}{l} i \\ \hline 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \\ \hline i^2 \\ \hline 1 \\ 4 \\ 9 \\ 16 \\ 25 \\ 36 \\ 49 \\ 64 \\ 81 \\ 100 \end{array}$$

$i > \sqrt{N}$

$$N = 100$$

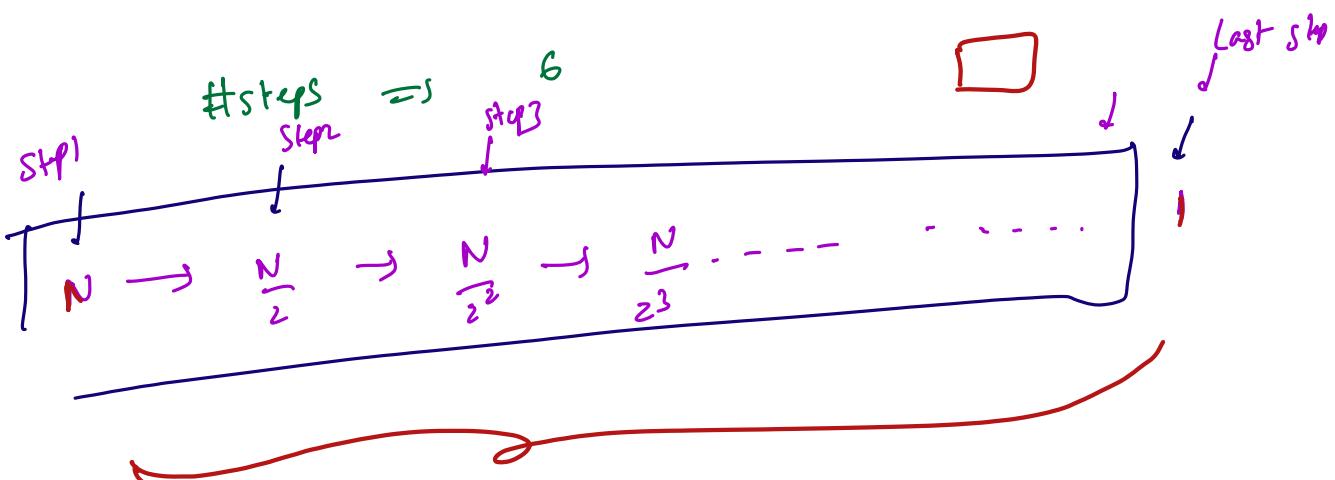
$$\text{max}(i) = \sqrt{N}$$

# iterations =

$\sqrt{N}$

## Approach 2:

$N > 100$		$\rightarrow [1, 100]$	$\downarrow$ 1st iter short longer $\uparrow$ 3rd iteration $\downarrow$ steps	Find middle Check condition Update our answer swap
$\sqrt{100} =$				
$\# \text{possibilities}$	<u>Step No</u>			
$\rightarrow N$	0	$[1 \dots 100] = 100 \quad 50 \times 50 > 100$		$50, 51, 52, 53 \dots 100$
$\rightarrow \frac{N}{2}$	1	$[1 \dots 49] \approx 50 \quad 25 \times 25 > 100$		$25, 26, 27 \dots 49$
$\rightarrow \frac{N}{2^2} = \frac{N}{4}$	2	$[1 \dots 24] \approx 25 \quad 12 \times 12 > 100$		$12, 13, 14 \dots 25$
$\rightarrow \frac{N}{2^3} = \frac{N}{8}$	3	$[1 \dots 11] \approx 12 \quad 6 \times 6 < 100$		$6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1$
$\rightarrow \frac{N}{2^4}$	4	$[7 \dots 11] \approx 6 \quad 9 \times 9 < 100$		$9, 8, 7$
$\rightarrow \frac{N}{2^5}$	5	$[10, 11] \approx 2$	$10 \times 10 = 100$	



$$\# \text{steps} =$$

$$\lceil \log_2 N \rceil$$

steps

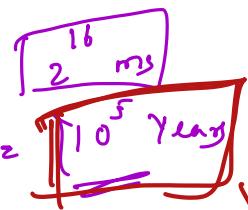
#  
1 step  $\Rightarrow$  3 operation  
# steps  $\geq$

$$\# \text{iterations} = \lceil \log_2 N \rceil$$

$\sqrt{N}$

$$N = 2^{32} \Rightarrow$$

Approach 1



Approach 2

$$N = 2^{32}$$

$$\log_2 N$$

$$\log_2 2^{32}$$



$$\log_a b = b$$

Why

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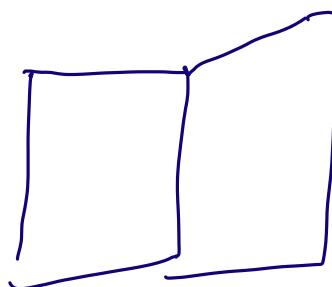
What

Data Structures?

→ Data structures are a means of organizing and storing data in computers so that we can perform operations on the stored data more efficiently.

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home



book

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Random

s X

→

→ Normal  
read word by word

→ Glossary / Appendix

"-home": [ 36, 112, 236... ]

[ 2:30 → 2:45 ]  
↓  
Double

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HashMap Map

Undo / Redo ⇒

Stack

Auto complete ⇒

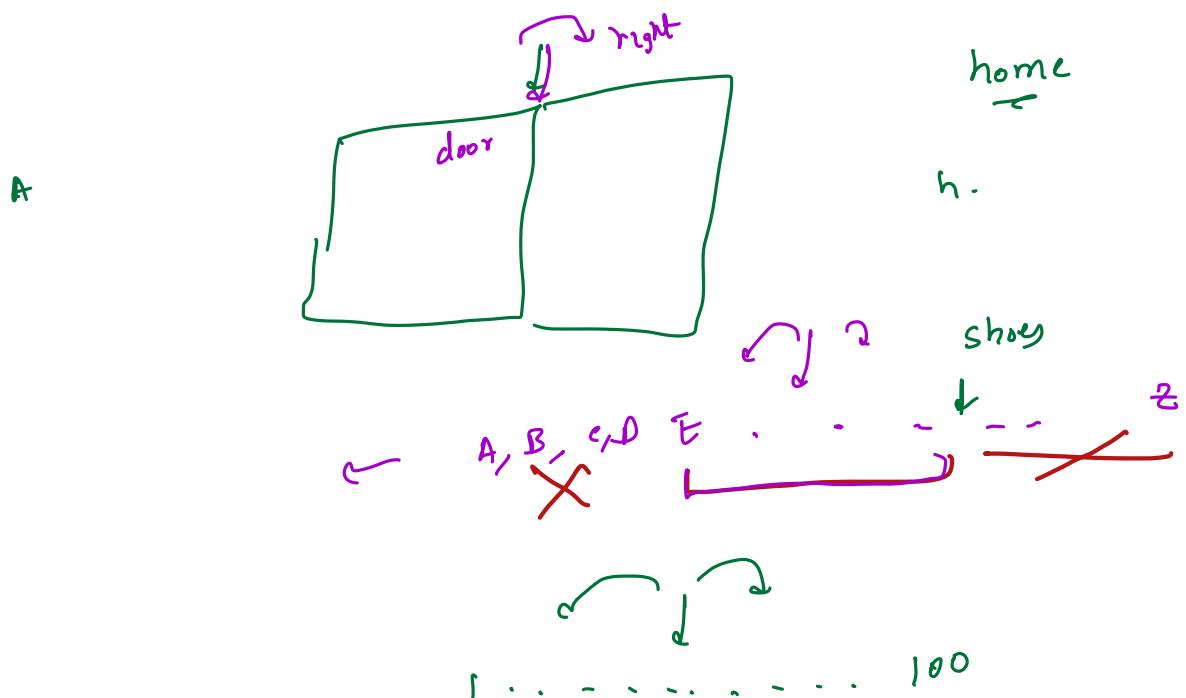
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Facebook / Google Map ⇒

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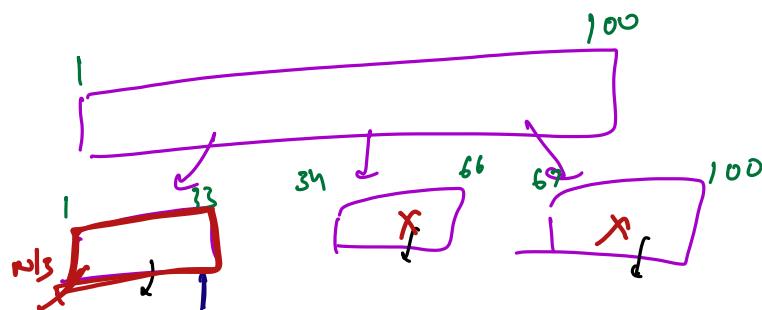
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Format

Vamsi



$$33 \text{ vs } 33 > 10^{\circ}$$

$u - v \rightarrow A(s)$   
 $z - u \rightarrow \text{norm}$



$$n \rightarrow n/3 \rightarrow n/3^2 \rightarrow n/3^3 \dots$$

$$\log_3^n$$

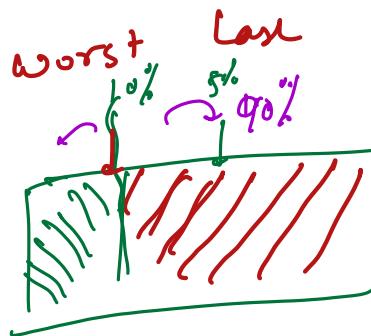
$$N = 23$$

**for** (i = 2; i ≤ N; i++) {  
 ...  
}

for (i=2; i+i < N, i++) {

100

→ Consider the



[ 1 . . . - - - 100 ]

$\omega = 1$

$$m/d = \frac{50}{1}$$

$$\text{high} = N$$

while ( low ≤ high ) {

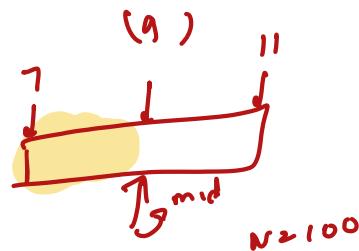
$$\text{mid} = \lfloor \frac{\text{low} + \text{high}}{2} \rfloor$$

```
    mid =  
    if( mid < mid > N ) {
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high = mid - 1;

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    }  
else if(mid * mid < N){  
    low = mid + 1;  
}
```

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    }  
else {  
    return mid;  
}  
}
```



$$q q x < 10^0$$

## Intermediate [2 months]

- Time Complexity (2 Lecture)
- Arrays / 2D Arrays (2)
- Prefix sum / carry (2 lectures)
- Bit Manip (3)
- Recursion → 2
- Hashing → 2
- Sorting → 1
- Basics of Linked → 1
- Basics of stacks / queues → 1
- Basics on Trees → 2

122-24

$\lceil \log_2 N \rceil \rightarrow$  Math Properties

9-12 Session

11 on 12

Apr 22 Intermediate Morning  
Apr 22 vs Intermediate