

## CSE 130 Exam

### Stock Price Time-Travel Design

#### Pseudocode:

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SET high_price <- 0
SET time_high <- ""
SET low_price <- 999999999999999999
SET time_low <- ""

GET file_name from user
OPEN file_name as stock_price_file
  READ line as a full line of text from stock_price_file
    Split line into parts containing time and stock_price
    SET time <- parts[0]
    SET stock_price <- parts[1]

    // Condition to find highest stock price in the file along with the time it was high
    IF stock_price > high_price
      SET high_price <- stock_price
      SET time_high <- time

    // Condition to find lowest stock price in the file along with the time it was low
    IF stock_price < low_price
      SET low_price <- stock_price
      SET time_low <- time

SET amount_shares_bought <- low_price * 100
SET amount_shares_sold <- high_price * 100

PUT In {time_low}, we found the lowest stock price. It was ${low_price}
PUT In {time_high}, we found the highest stock price. It was ${high_price}
PUT The best time to buy is at the lowest. Time travel to {time_low} to buy shares.
PUT The best time to sell is at the highest. Time travel to {time_high} to sell shares.
PUT Marty McFly bought 100 shares for ${amount_shares_bought} and made ${amount_shares_sold} when he sold 100 shares.

CLOSE file_name
END
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#### Algorithmic Efficiency:

##### O(n) Efficiency/ Linear Performance

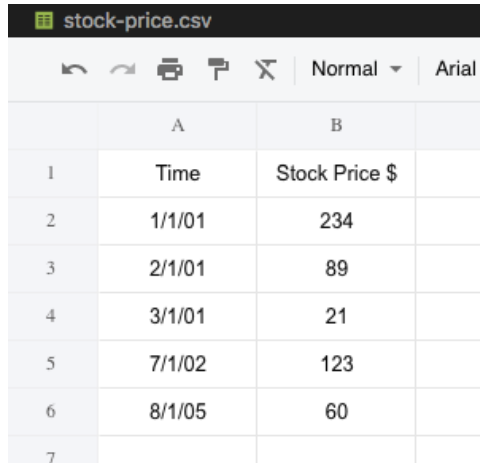
Linear algorithms are characterized by a loop where every element in the collection is visited once. Note that sometimes a library or a feature of the programming language may obscure this loop, but the loop must still exist.

Loop. There must be a loop controlled by the input in some way. Note that this loop could be hidden in recursion or it could be in a function that our code calls. • Every element visited. In most cases, linear algorithms visit every element in the input buffer. However, there are exceptions. An algorithm that visits every other element would still be  $O(n)$  but the equation would be  $\text{cost} = \frac{1}{2}n$ .

I also say it is  $O(n)$  because the if statements under the loops are  $O(1)$ . The complexity of the for loop (READ line) depends on the complexity of its component.

# Program Trace:

Used the file, "stock-price.csv". (Screenshot below)



	A	B
1	Time	Stock Price \$
2	1/1/01	234
3	2/1/01	89
4	3/1/01	21
5	7/1/02	123
6	8/1/05	60
7		

	high_price	time_high	low_price	time_low	time	stock_price	amount_shares_bought	amount_shares_sold
A	0	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
B	0	0	/	/	/	/	/	/
C	0	0	999999999999999999	/	/	/	/	/
D	0	0	999999999999999999	0	/	/	/	/
E	0	0	999999999999999999	0	/	/	/	/
F	0	0	999999999999999999	0	/	/	/	/
G	0	0	999999999999999999	0	1/1/01	/	/	/
H	0	0	999999999999999999	0	1/1/01	234	/	/
I	0	0	999999999999999999	0	1/1/01	234	/	/
J	234	0	999999999999999999	0	1/1/01	234	/	/
K	234	1/1/01	999999999999999999	0	1/1/01	234	/	/
L	234	1/1/01	999999999999999999	0	1/1/01	234	/	/
M	234	1/1/01	234	0	1/1/01	234	/	/
N	234	1/1/01	234	1/1/01	1/1/01	234	/	/
E	234	1/1/01	234	1/1/01	1/1/01	234	/	/
F	234	1/1/01	234	1/1/01	1/1/01	234	/	/
G	234	1/1/01	234	1/1/01	2/1/01	234	/	/
H	234	1/1/01	234	1/1/01	2/1/01	89	/	/
I	234	1/1/01	234	1/1/01	2/1/01	89	/	/
L	234	1/1/01	234	1/1/01	2/1/01	89	/	/
M	234	1/1/01	89	1/1/01	2/1/01	89	/	/
N	234	1/1/01	89	2/1/01	2/1/01	89	/	/
E	234	1/1/01	89	2/1/01	2/1/01	89	/	/
F	234	1/1/01	89	2/1/01	2/1/01	89	/	/
G	234	1/1/01	89	2/1/01	3/1/01	89	/	/

H	234	1/1/01	89	2/1/01	3/1/01	21	/	/
I	234	1/1/01	89	2/1/01	3/1/01	21	/	/
L	234	1/1/01	89	2/1/01	3/1/01	21	/	/
M	234	1/1/01	21	2/1/01	3/1/01	21	/	/
N	234	1/1/01	21	3/1/01	3/1/01	21	/	/
E	234	1/1/01	21	3/1/01	3/1/01	21	/	/
F	234	1/1/01	21	3/1/01	3/1/01	21	/	/
G	234	1/1/01	21	3/1/01	7/1/02	21	/	/
H	234	1/1/01	21	3/1/01	7/1/02	123	/	/
I	234	1/1/01	21	3/1/01	7/1/02	123	/	/
L	234	1/1/01	21	3/1/01	7/1/02	123	/	/
E	234	1/1/01	21	3/1/01	7/1/02	123	/	/
F	234	1/1/01	21	3/1/01	7/1/02	123	/	/
G	234	1/1/01	21	3/1/01	8/1/05	123	/	/
H	234	1/1/01	21	3/1/01	8/1/05	60	/	/
I	234	1/1/01	21	3/1/01	8/1/05	60	/	/
L	234	1/1/01	21	3/1/01	8/1/05	60	/	/
E	234	1/1/01	21	3/1/01	8/1/05	60	/	/
O	234	1/1/01	21	3/1/01	8/1/05	60	2100	/
P	234	1/1/01	21	3/1/01	8/1/05	60	2100	23400

(In the trace table above, it's highlighted in red whenever a variable change to a new value).