# CSCI 132: Basic Data Structures and Algorithms

More Big-O

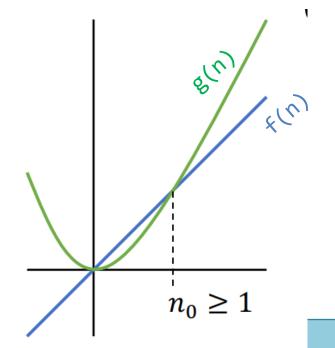
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## Big O Formal Definition

Let f(n) and g(n) be functions mapping positive integers to positive real numbers f(n) is  $\mathbf{O}(g(n))$  if there is a real constant c > 0 and an integer constant  $n_0 \ge 1$  such that

$$f(n) \le c \cdot g(n)$$
, for all  $n \ge n_0$ 

Past a certain spot, g(n) dominates f(n) within a multiplicative constant



$$\forall n \ge 1, n^2 \ge n$$
$$\Rightarrow n \in O(n^2)$$

 $\mathbf{O}$  -notation provides an upper bound on some function f(n)

## Big O

Goal: describe the number of operations an algorithm executes in regard to some input n when the input n grows under the worst-case scenario

How many iterations are done?

Are they sequential or nested operations?

#### **Growth Rates**

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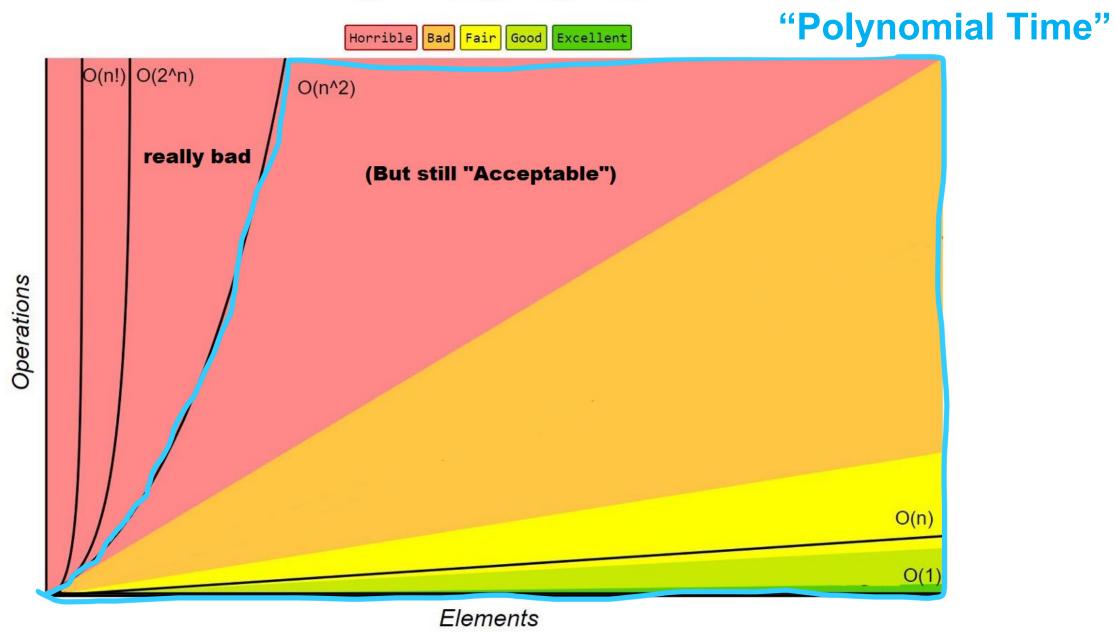
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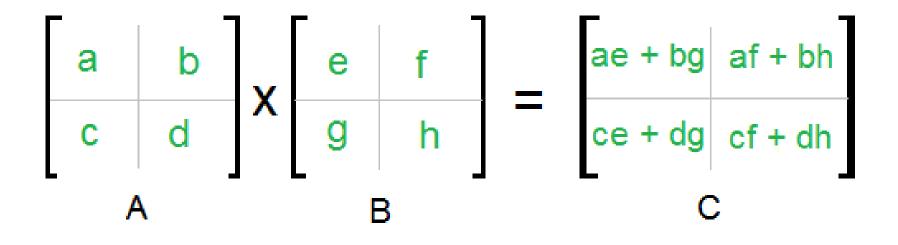
"The algorithm cant do worse than \_\_\_\_ amount of operations"

We can drop multiplicative constants. We can drop non-dominant factors

- Not 100% precise
- Real-world limitations

#### **Big-O Complexity Chart**





Example: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ -7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \times 6 + 1 \times -7 & -2 \times 5 + 1 \times 1 \\ 0 \times 6 + 4 \times -7 & 0 \times 5 + 4 \times 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} -19 & -9 \\ -28 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Most efficient Matrix Multiplication (currently known): O(n<sup>2.37</sup>)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computational complexity of matrix multiplication#:~:text=The%20optimal%20number%20of%20field.is%20O(n2.371339)

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O(n \* m) where n = # of elements in array1 and m = # of elements in array2

## Algorithm Analysis: Escaping Jail

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Average case:  $O(6) \in O(1)$ 

There are many algorithms that use randomness, but are guaranteed to have a fixed amount of iterations

Algorithm Analysis: Generating Anagrams

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An algorithm will generate all **permutations** of a string

**Permutations**: order matters

**Combination**: order does not matter

#### Combination:

A pizza with [Pepperoni, Sausage, Cheese] is the same pizza with [Sausage, Cheese, Pepperoni]

#### Permutation:

The lock code 8124 is a totally different code than 1824

Given a set of elements, there will always be more permutations that combinations

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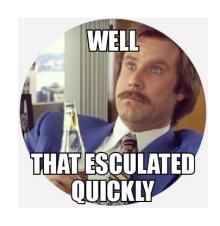
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5 "five factorial"

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#### Anagrams of length 6?

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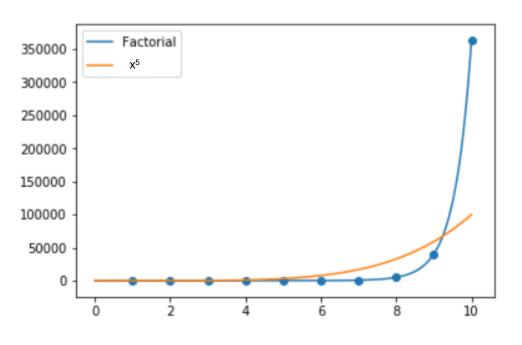
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Algorithms with O(n!) running time are **terrible** and **infeasible** 

Sometimes they might be the only option available...

# "Best" 0(1) No loops Constant amount of work

# Given input n

(There are a few other running times we will see later this semester)

O(n)

Single loop or sequential for loops

O(n<sup>2</sup>)

Nested for loops Quadratic growth

O(n³)

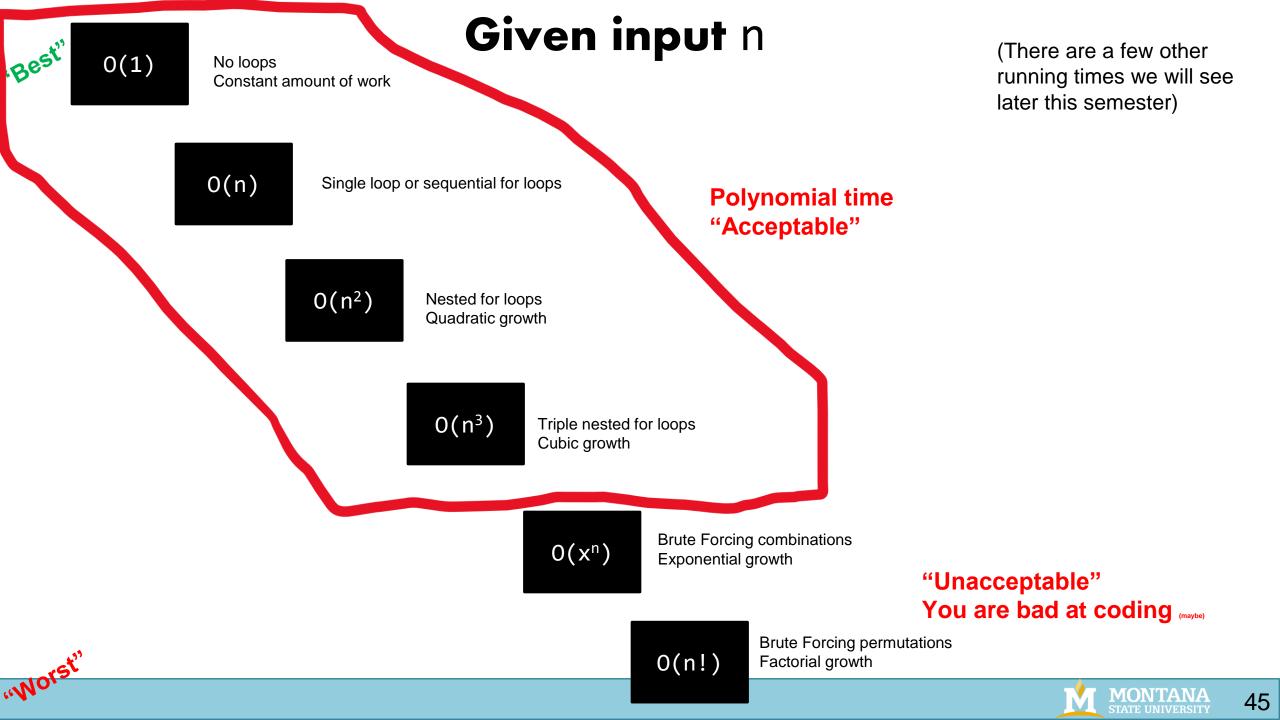
Triple nested for loops Cubic growth

0(x<sup>n</sup>)

Brute Forcing combinations Exponential growth

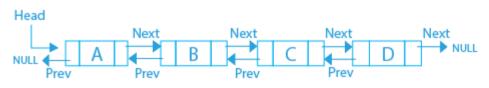
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Brute Forcing permutations Factorial growth



#### List Running Times





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Name ArrayList			7	7	<b>a</b>
	Element	Element	Element	Element	<b>)</b>
Ind	lex [0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	
Figure 1: ArrayList in Java					

Operation	Running Time
Creation of empty list	O(1)
Adding an element	O(n) must grow array and copy
Removing first or last	O(n) must shrink array and copy
Searching / Contains	O(n) must check every node

Where n = # of nodes in Linked List

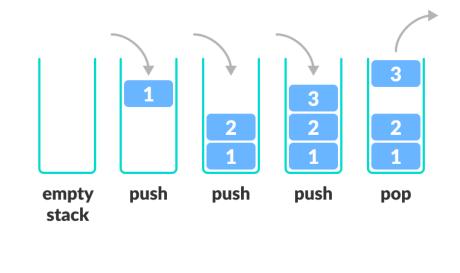
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Adding to a linked list is more efficient than adding to a filled array

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(Array Implementation)

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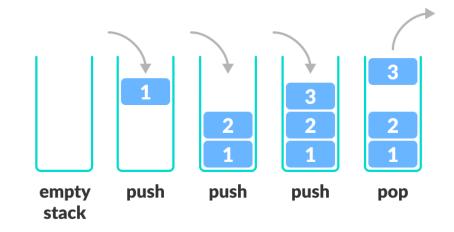
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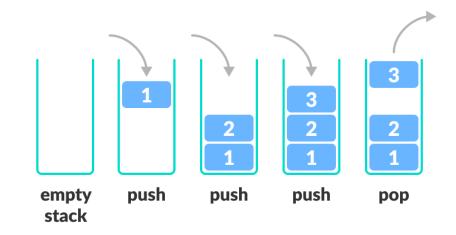
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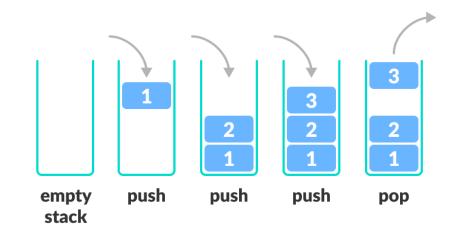
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public void push(Element newElement) {
   if(this.size == this.data.length) {
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   else {
     this.top_of_stack++;
     data[this.top_of_stack] = newElement;
     this.size++;
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Algorithm	w/ Array	w/ Linked List
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Push()		
Pop()		
peek()		
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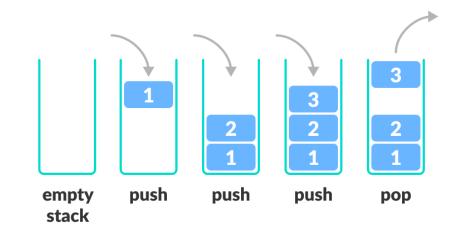
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       Total Running Time: O(1)
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(Linked List Implementation)

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    data.addFirst(newElement);
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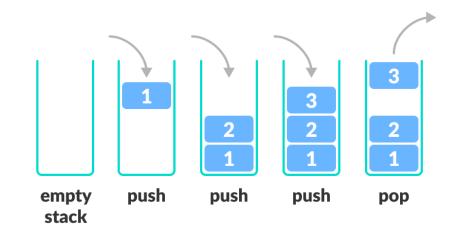


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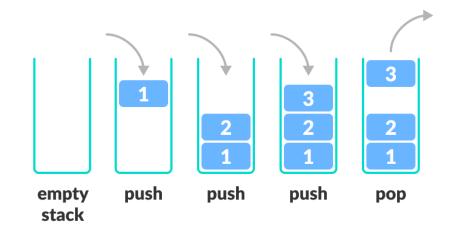
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(Array)
public void pop() {
   if(this.size == 0) {
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   }
   else {
     this.data[this.top_of_stack] = null;
     this.top_of_stack--;
     this.size--;
   }
}
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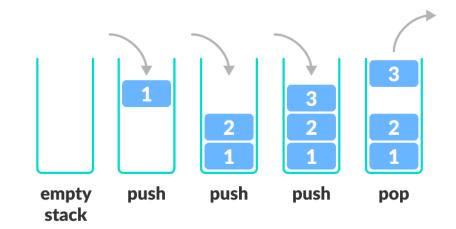
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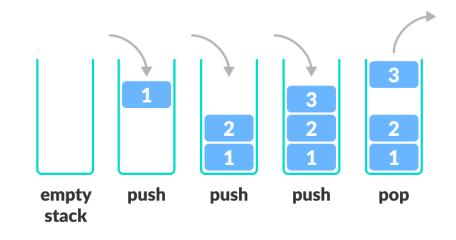
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public Element peek() {
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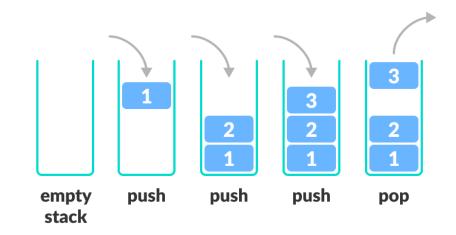
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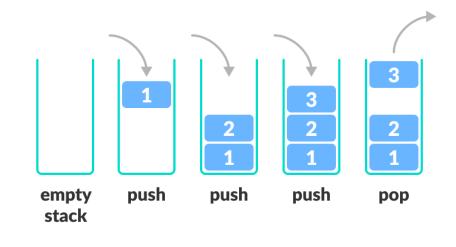
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  }
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Pop()	O(1)	O(1)
peek()	O(1)	O(1)
Print()		

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   for(int i = this.size-1; i >= 0; i--) {
      this.data[i].printElement();
   }
}
```

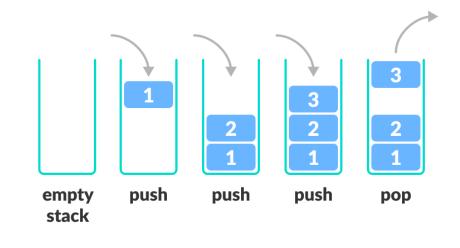
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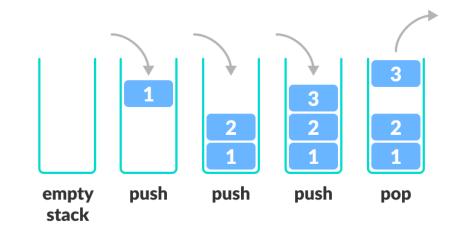
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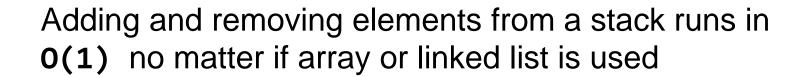


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Print()	O(n)	O(n)

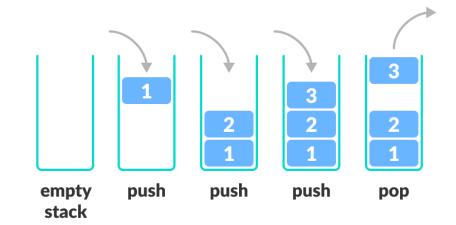
Where n = # of elements in the stack

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Pop()	O(1)	O(1)
peek()	O(1)	O(1)
Print()	O(n)	O(n)

Where n = # of elements in the stack



An array will be fixed-sized, linked list will be dynamic



#### **Linked List**

Operation	Running Time
Creation	O(1)
Adding an element	O(1)
Removing head or tail	O(1)
Searching / Contains	O(n) must check every node

Where n = # of nodes in Linked List

#### **Dynamic Array / ArrayList**

Operation	Running Time
Creation of empty list	O(1)
Adding an element	O(n) must grow array and copy
Removing first or last	O(n) must shrink array and copy
Searching / Contains	O(n) must check every node

Where n = # of nodes in arraylist

#### Stack

Algorithm	w/ Array	w/ Linked List
Creation	O(n)	O(1)
Push()	O(1)	O(1)
Pop()	O(1)	O(1)
peek()	O(1)	O(1)
Print()	O(n)	O(n)

Where n = # of elements in the stack

I don't force your to memorize things, but you should memorize running times for basic operations of fundamental data structures