CSCI 132: Basic Data Structures and Algorithms

Growth Rates

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Announcements

Lab 7 due tomorrow at 11:59 pm

Program 2 due next Friday



Midterm Exam is next week

Study guide will be posted soon

No lab next week

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Consider an algorithm that will make a cake

How could measure the effectiveness and performance of our cake making algorithm?



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What is the **total time needed** to make the cake?

- Prep time
- Combining ingredients
- Baking
- Cooling
- Icing

The **time** an algorithm takes to finish is important. We generally want our algorithms to run as fast as possible



What are some ways we could measure the performance and effectiveness of our algorithm?

How well does our algorithm work on a variety of problems?







Suppose we needed to make different types of cake, How well would our algorithm do?

Generalizability and Reliability



What are some ways we could measure the performance and effectiveness of our algorithm?

How well does our cake taste?



We want our algorithm to output the best cake possible

Does our algorithm always yield the **optimal** result?



What are some ways we could measure the performance and effectiveness of our algorithm?

Does our algorithm actually make a cake?



Does our algorithm *actually* do what we say it does?

Our algorithm needs to be valid



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Suppose we needed to make a lot of the same cake

How well does our algorithm scale?



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How much kitchen **space** is needed to make the cake?

What if the cake needed is really big?



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Performance & Efficiency

- 1. Running time of Algorithm
- 2. Space needed to run the algorithm

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Important: How well does the algorithm do as the problem gets bigger? (Scalability)

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(In this class, we will be focusing on time)

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What if this is my computer?

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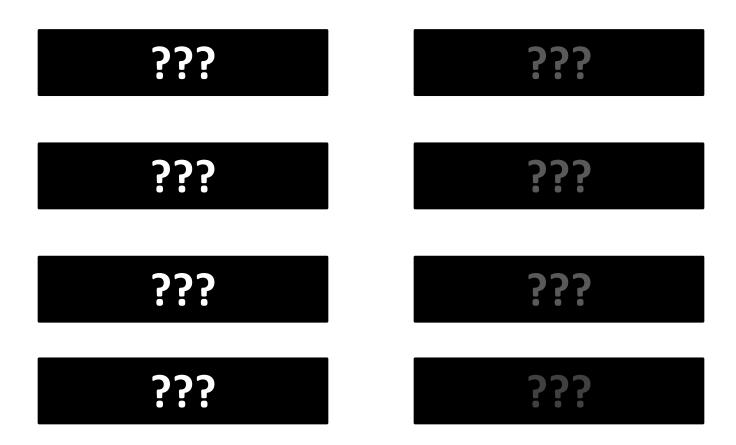




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Instead of focusing on the actual time needed to run an algorithm (seconds), we will look at the **number of steps/instructions in the algorithm** that need be executed as the input grows!

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We will look at 4 growth rates today

The remaining four will be covered later this semester

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Array Size Number of Spots Checked

10	10
100	100
533	533
1000	1000
9999	9999
1	1
100000000	100000000

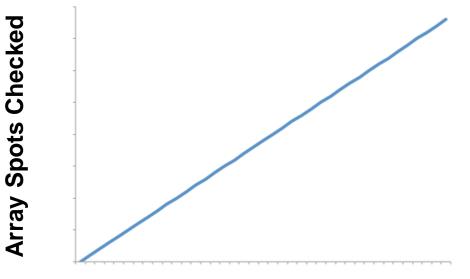
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What if we graphed these points?

```
(10,10), (100,100), (533,533), (1000,100) ....
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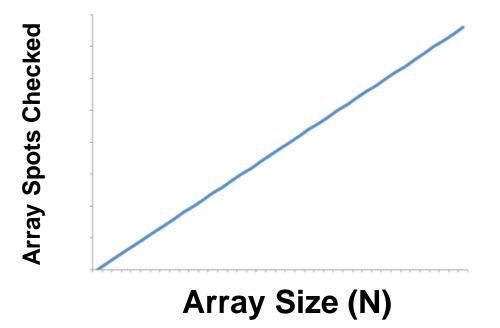


Array Size (N)

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Algorithm #1: Finding the Maximum Value in an Array

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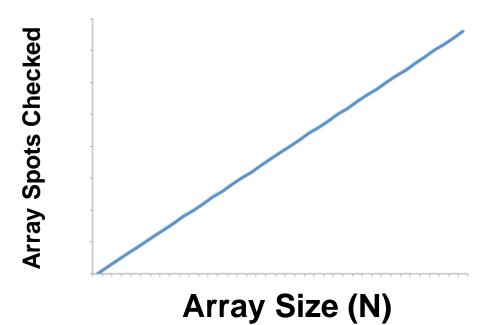
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The driving factor of this algorithm is the size of the array

As N increases, the number of steps executed in this algorithm linearly increases

F(N) = N

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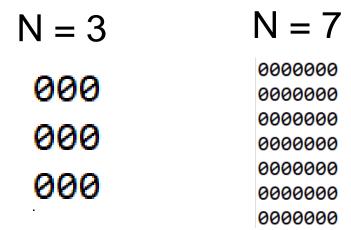


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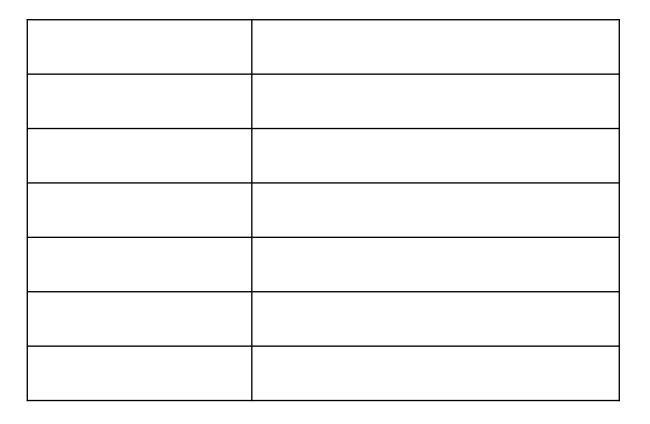
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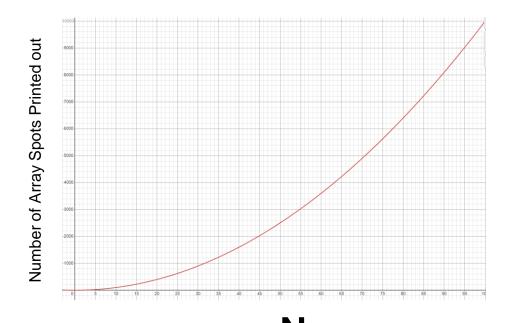
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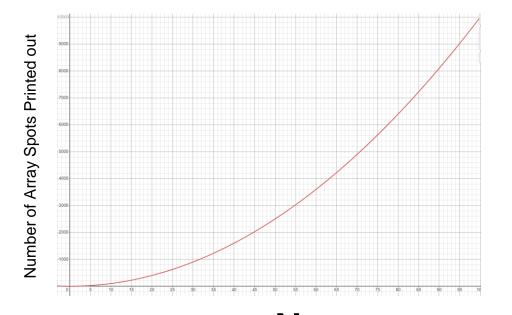
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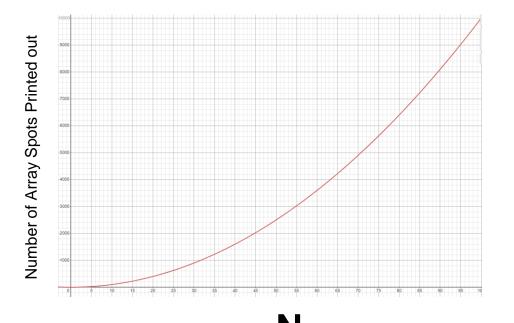
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We have a for loop inside of a for loop, so as N increases, the number of times the inside for loop executes = N * N

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This algorithm consists of two operations. Let's look at how many times these operations are executed as the Linked List size increases

of operations executed

N # of operations executed

1	

N # of operations executed

1	2

N # of operations executed

1	2
2	

N # of operations executed

1	2
2	2

of operations executed

1	2
2	2
3	

of operations executed

	2
2	2
3	2

of operations executed

1	2
2	2
3	2
4	

of operations executed

1	2
2	2
3	2
4	2

of operations executed

1	2
2	2
3	2
4	2
100	

N

of operations executed

1	2
2	2
3	2
4	2
100	2

N # of operations executed

1	2
2	2
3	2
4	2
100	2
777	

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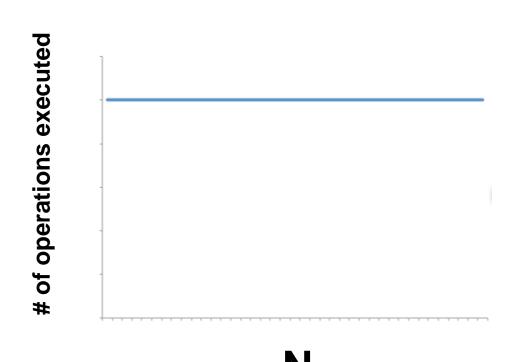
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N= # of nodes in LL

Algorithm #3: Adding a node to front of linked list

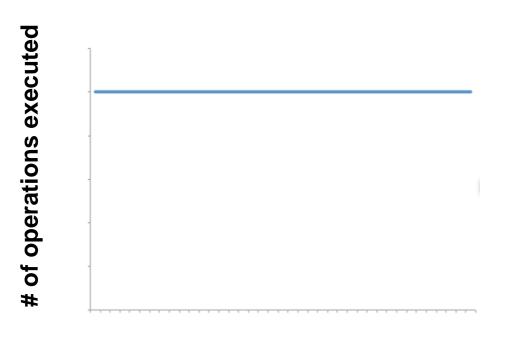
The growth rate of this algorithm is constant

A **constant growth rate** is one where the resource need does not grow as N increases.

$$F(x) = 1$$

ie. As N increases, the number of steps our algorithm performs is constant

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}
```



Input: 2 Output: 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 1

```
Input: 2
             Input: 3
Output:
             Output:
0 0
             0 0 0
0 1
             0 0 1
1 0
             0 1 0
1 1
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             1 0 0
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```

1 1 1

Input: 2	Input: 3	Input: 4
Output:	Output:	Output
0 0	000	2 3 4 3 3
0 1	0 0 1	0000
1 0		0001
1 1	0 1 0	0010
	0 1 1	0011
	1 0 0	0100
		0101
	1 0 1	0110
	1 1 0	0111
	1 1 1	
		1111

```
static void generateAllBinaryStrings(int n, int arr[], int i) {
       if (i == n) {
           printTheArray(arr, n);
           return;
       arr[i] = 0;
       generateAllBinaryStrings(n, arr, i + 1);
       arr[i] = 1;
       generateAllBinaryStrings(n, arr, i + 1);
```

Don't worry too much about the specifics of the algorithm. Let's look at the amount a string that get generated as N increases

N # Of binary digits generated

1	

N = length of binary digits

N # Of binary digits generated

1	2

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N # Of binary digits generated

1	2
2	

N # Of binary digits generated

1	2
2	4

N # Of binary digits generated

1	2
2	4
3	

N # Of binary digits generated

1	2
2	4
3	8

N = length of binary digits

N # Of binary digits generated

1	2
2	4
3	8
4	

N # Of binary digits generated

1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16

N = length of binary digits

N # Of binary digits generated

1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
5	

N # Of binary digits generated

1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
5	32

N # Of binary digits generated

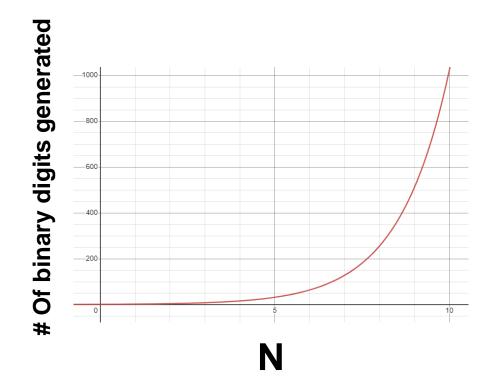
1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
5	32
8	256

N # Of binary digits generated

1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
5	32
8	256
16	65536

N # Of binary digits generated

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3	8
4	16
5	32
8	256
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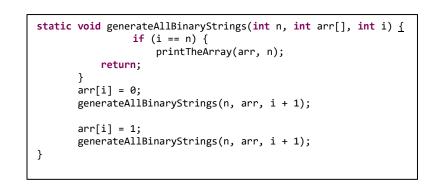


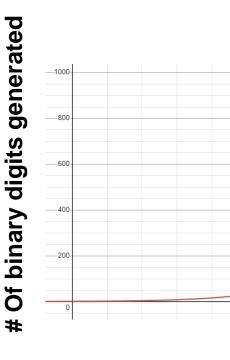
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$$F(x) = B^x$$



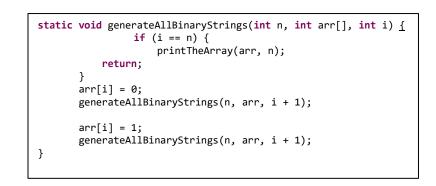


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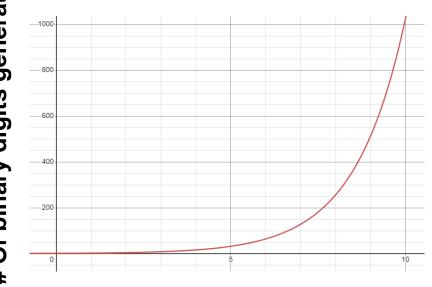
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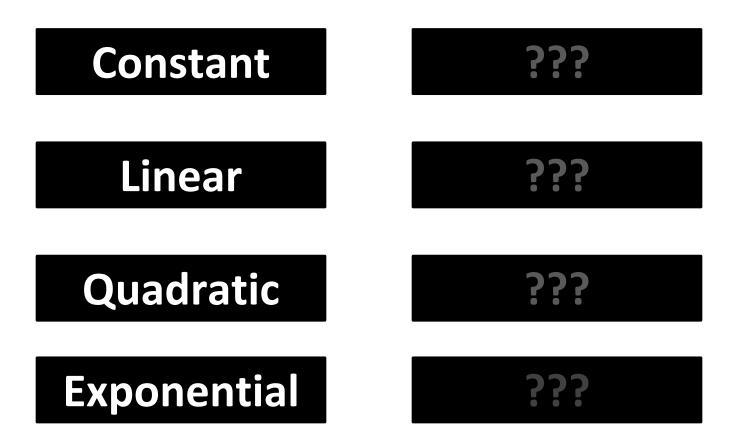
An algorithm that has an exponential growth rate is generally perceived as inefficient. When N gets big, sometimes the algorithm won't finish for years





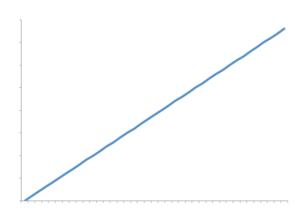


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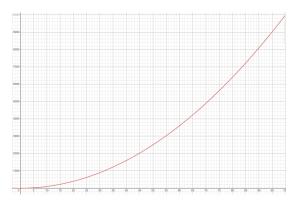


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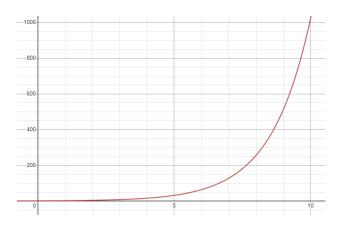
Linear

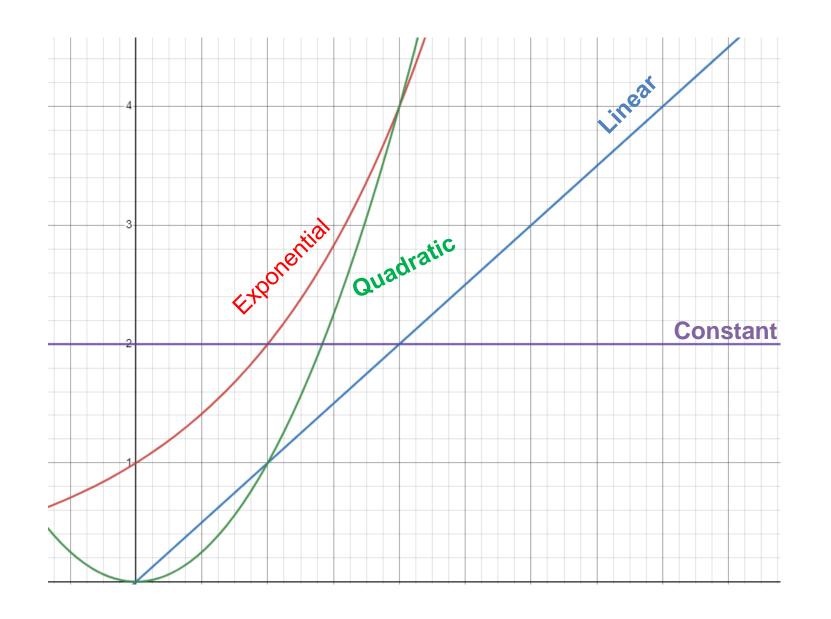


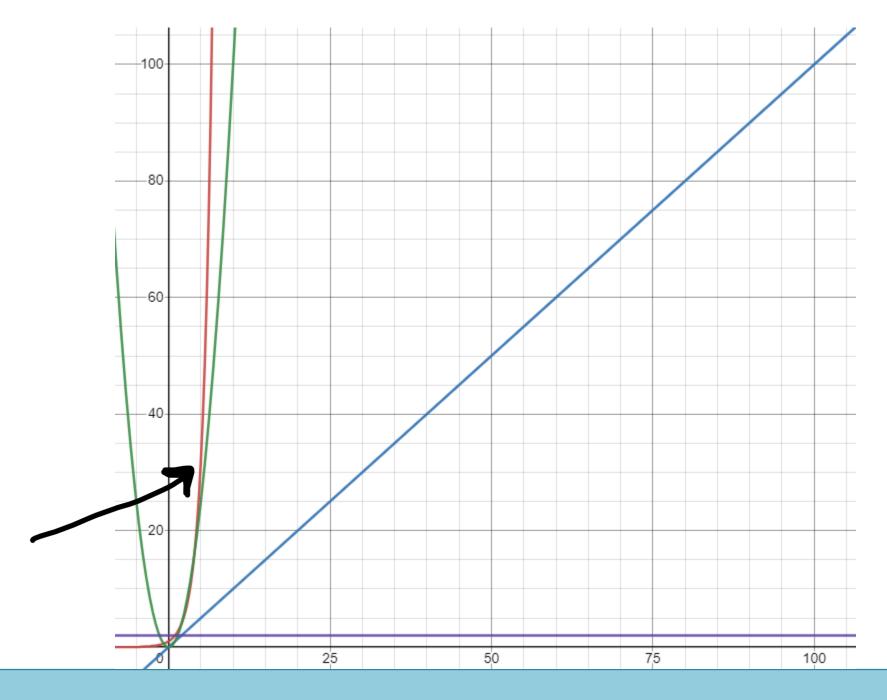
Quadratic



Exponential







After a certain point, exponential growth rates goes crazy and beings to grow much faster than the other growth rates

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       for(int i=1; i<=N; i++){</pre>
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How many factors do we check given N?

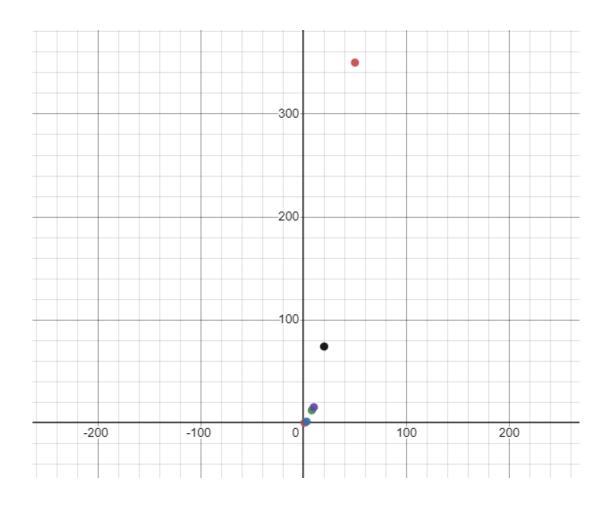
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N	Counter
1	0
3	1
8	12
10	15
20	74
50	350



This looks to be quadratic

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     int upperbound = 1;
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y = 10^x Exponential

The **growth rate** of the algorithm looks at how much more resource an algorithm needs (time or space) as the input size increases

