

# CSCI 132:

# Basic Data Structures and Algorithms

Time Complexity, Big-O

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# Announcements

**No class on Friday**

No Lab next week

Midterm Exam is a week from today  
→ Review/Study Guide has been posted

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*(We will also assume they won't break any records for fastest/slowest time)*

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If we select this option, we are **guaranteed** a date that the house will be finished by

(The house might be empty for a few days, but that's much better than having to stay in a hotel until the house is ready)

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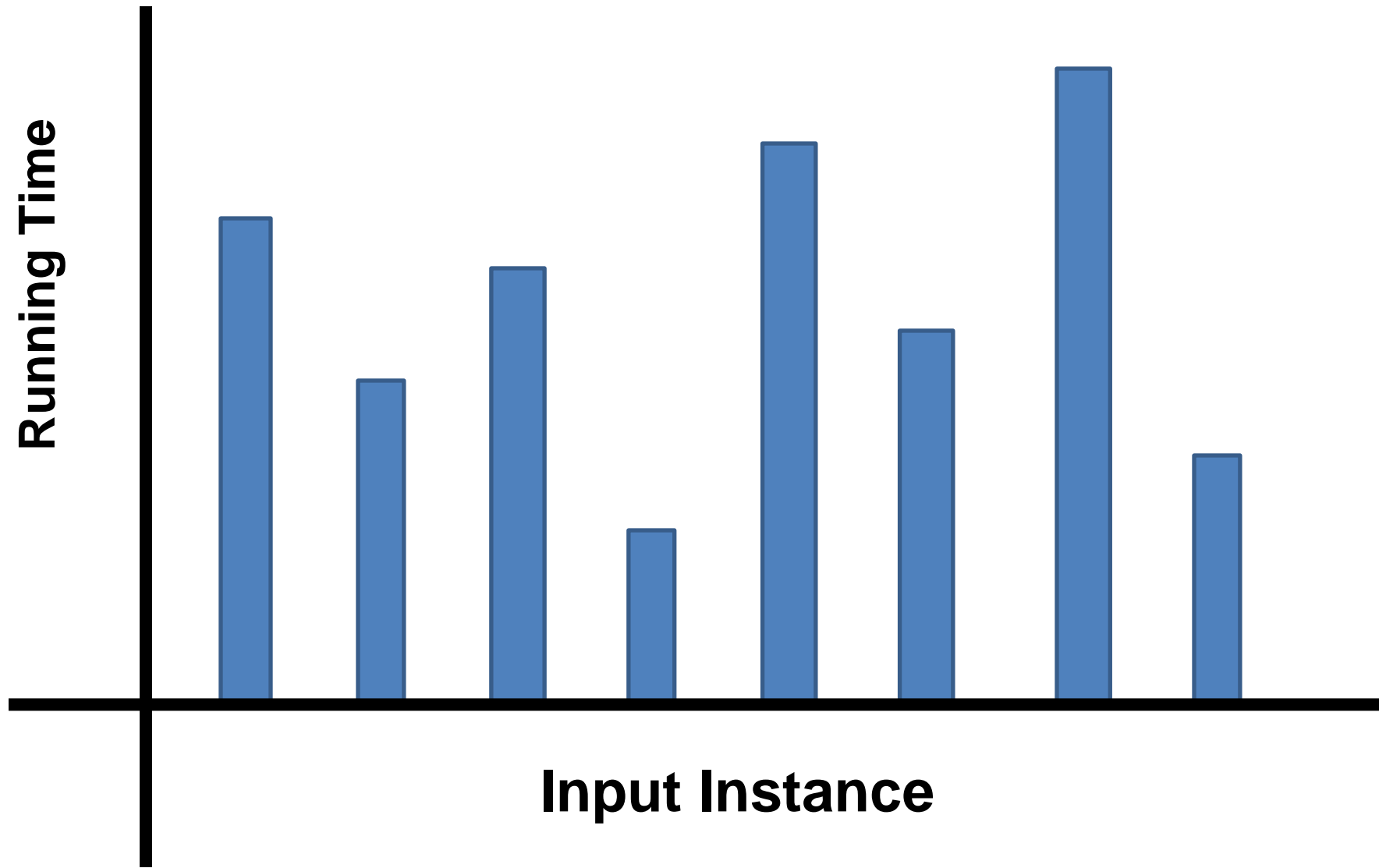
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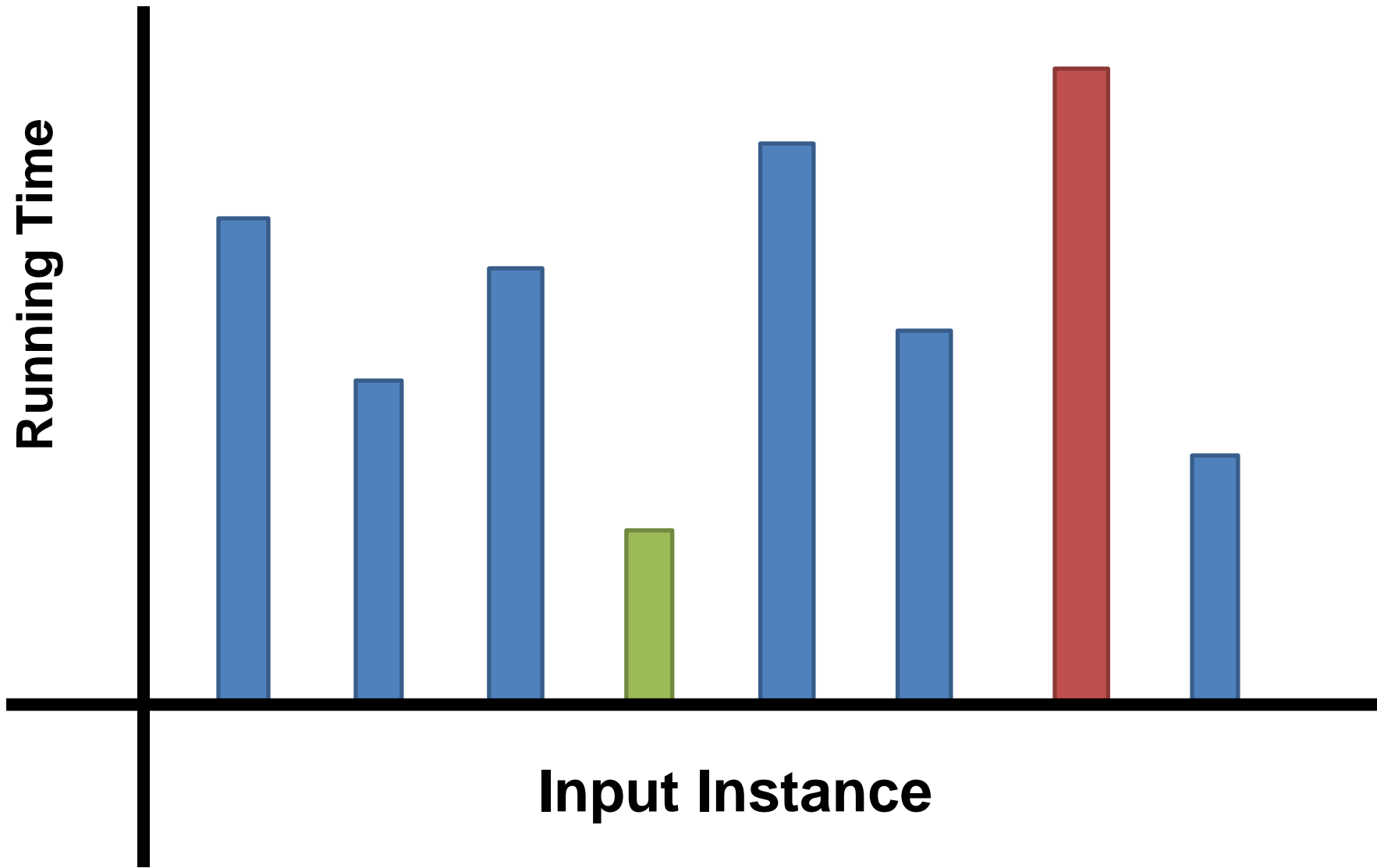
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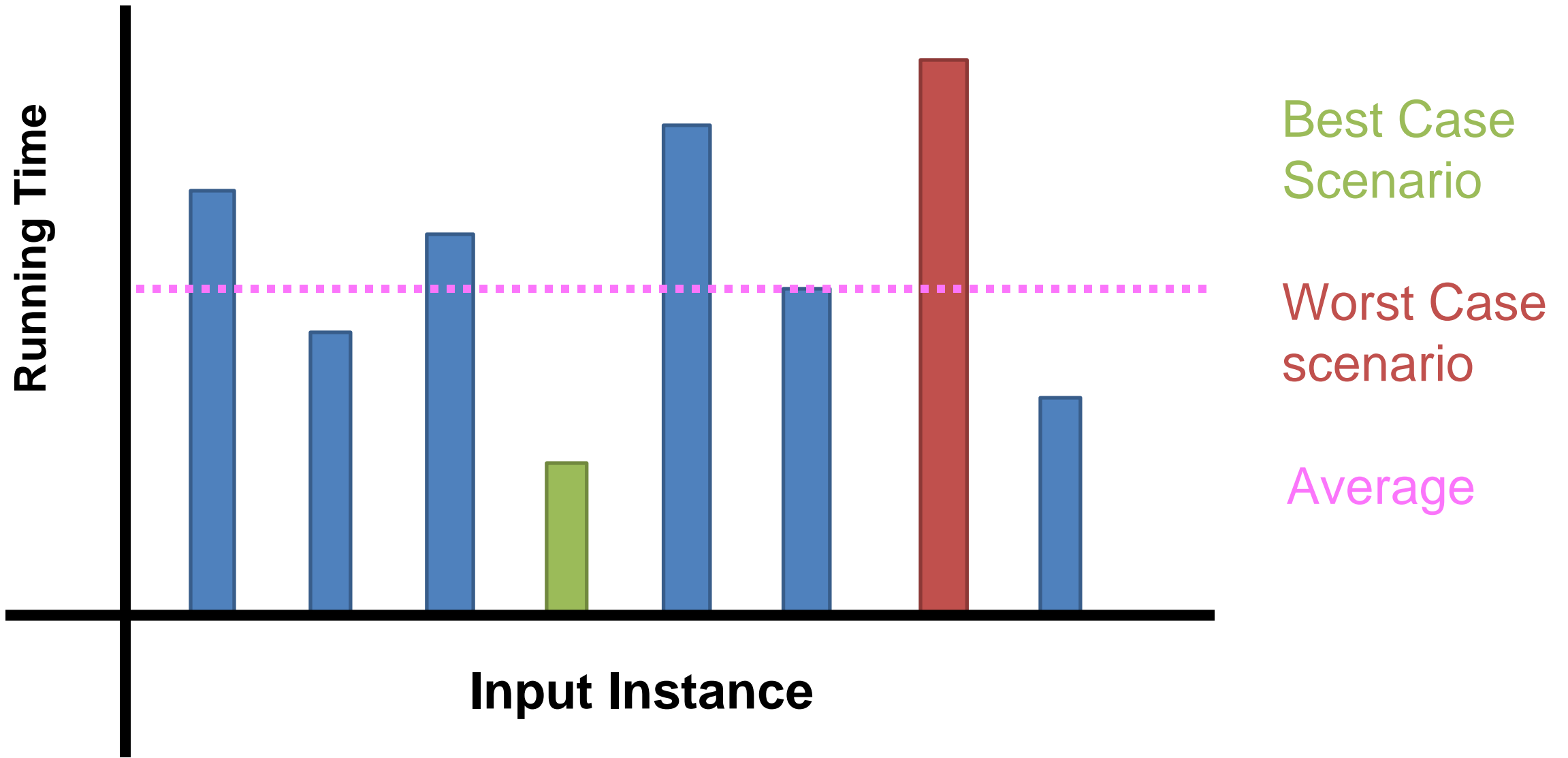


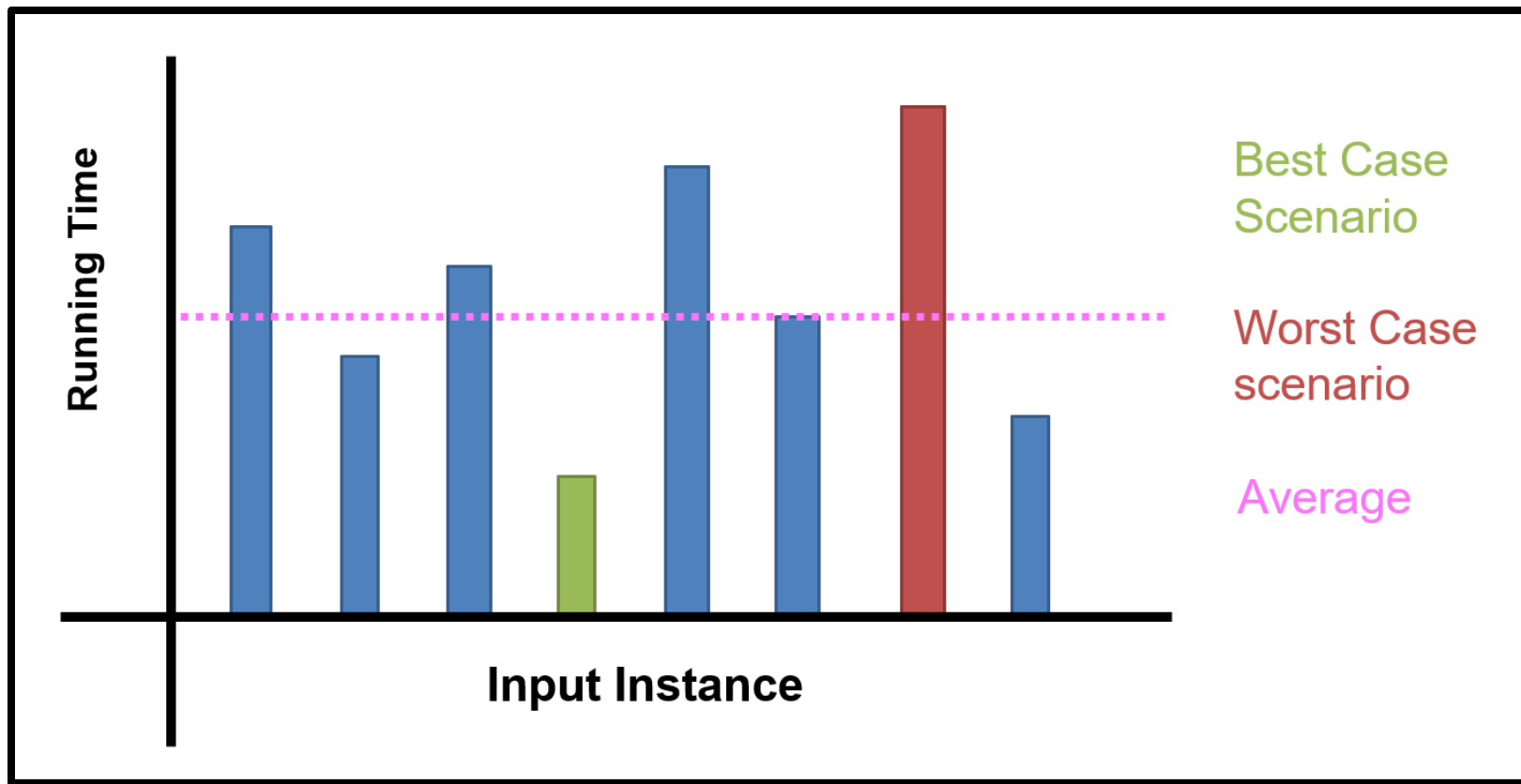


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In computer science (and this class in particular), we will be focusing on stating running time in terms of **worst-case scenario**

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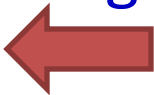
To compute the running time of this algorithm, we will go line-by-line and state the running time of each operation (worst-case scenario)


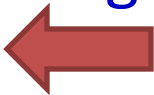
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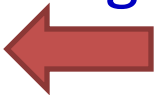

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Worse case scenario, this for loop will run N times (N = size of the array)





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This whole block consists of only primitive operation, so we will group everything together and call it one single primitive operation

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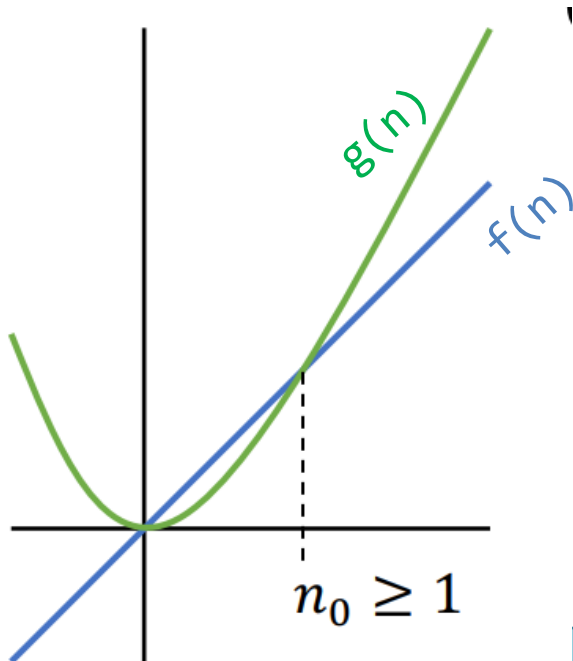
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$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \geq 1, n^2 &\geq n \\ \Rightarrow n &\in O(n^2) \end{aligned}$$

$O$  -notation provides an upper bound on some function  $f(n)$

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Quick warning on notation

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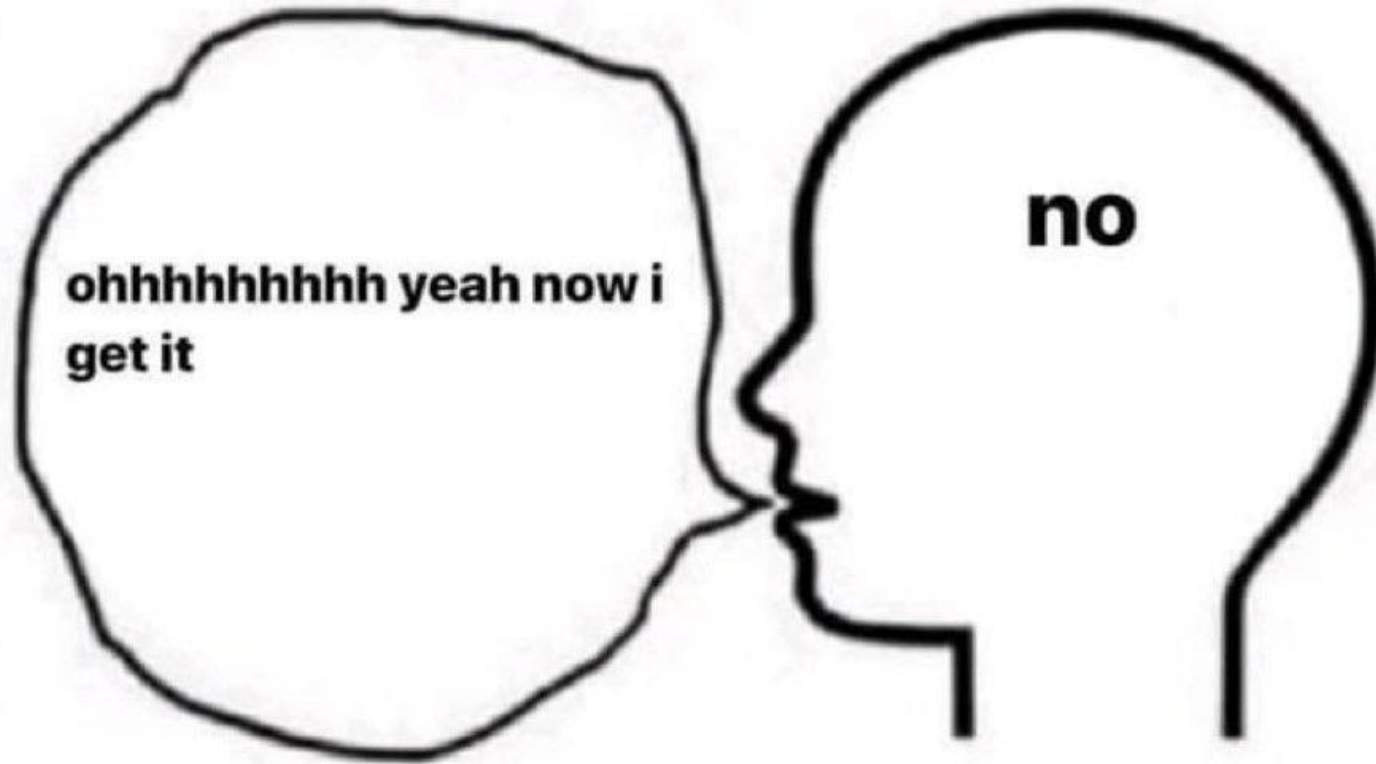
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**"do you understand it  
now?"**



## Algorithm Analysis: Adding value to an Array/ArrayList

```
int[] newArray = new int[myArray.length + 1];
```

Create a new array that is one spot larger

```
for(int i = 0; i < myArray.length; i++) {  
    newArray[i] = myArray[i];  
}
```

Fill new array with contents of old array

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```

Add new value to array and update reference variable

**What is the running time of this algorithm?**

## Algorithm Analysis: Adding value to an Array/ArrayList

```
int[] newArray = new int[myArray.length + 1];
```

Create a new array that is one spot larger

```
for(int i = 0; i < myArray.length; i++) {  
    newArray[i] = myArray[i];  
}
```

Fill new array with contents of old array

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**We will find the time complexity for each operation!**

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**Total Running Time =**

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 **O(n)**

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```

**Total Running Time = n**



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**Total Running Time =  $n + n$**

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**Total Running Time =  $n + n * 1$**

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When do we add? When do multiply?

Sequential Operations = Add

Nested Operations (in a loop) = Multiply

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`myArray = newArray;`

**Total Running Time =  $n + n * 1 + 1$**

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**O(2n)** where n is the size of the array

# Big-O

Notation used to describe the running time of an algorithm in terms of worse case scenario

Traits of Big-O-Notation:

In Big-O, we can drop non-dominant factors

In Big-O, we can drop multiplicative constants

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```

When we write algorithms,  
we should still be *aware of*  
these coefficients

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~~O(2n) where n is the size of the array~~ → O(n) where n is the size of the array

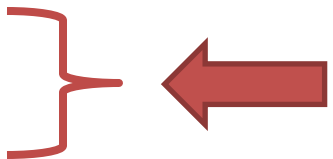
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        }  
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    }  
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```

What is the running time of this algorithm?

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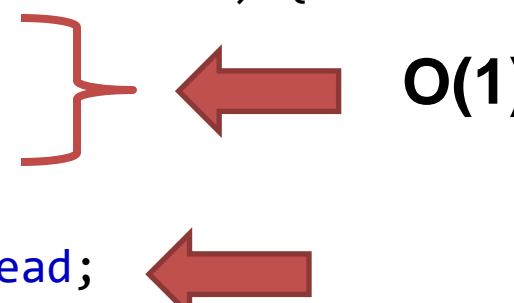
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**Total Running Time =**

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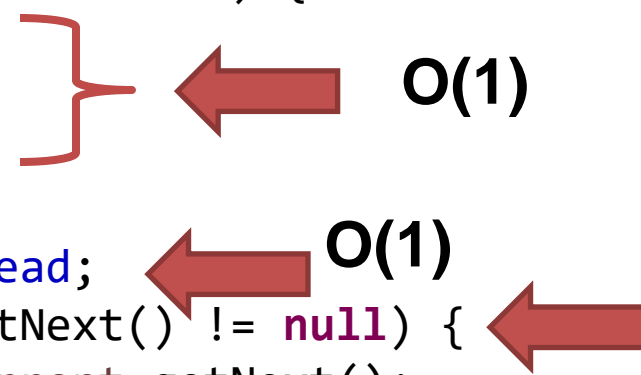
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**Total Running Time = 1 + 1**



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Complexity analysis annotations:

- `if(head == null) { head = newNode; }` is annotated with  $O(1)$ .
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**Total Running Time =  $1 + 1 + n$**

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∈  $O(n)$  where  $n$  is ????

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    }  
}
```

Complexity annotations for the code above:

- `if(head == null) { head = newNode; }` is  $O(1)$ .
- `Node current = head;` is  $O(1)$ .
- `while(current.getNext() != null) { ... }` loop is  $O(n)$ .
- `current = current.getNext();` inside the loop is  $O(1)$ .
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Complexity analysis annotations:

- $O(1)$  for the `if(head == null)` block.
- $O(1)$  for `Node current = head;`
- $O(n)$  for the `while` loop.
- $O(1)$  for `current = current.getNext();` inside the loop.
- $O(1)$  for `current.setNext(newNode);`

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*“Worst case scenario, we have to go through all the nodes in the LL to add something at the end”*

## Algorithm Analysis: Adding Node to end of Singly Linked List (`tail` pointer)

```
public void addToBack(Node newNode) {  
  
    if(head == null && tail == null) {  
        head = newNode;  
        tail = newNode;  
    }  
    else {  
        tail.setNext(newNode);  
        tail = newNode;  
    }  
}
```

What is the running time of this algorithm?



## Algorithm Analysis: Adding Node to end of Singly Linked List (*tail* pointer)

```
public void addToBack(Node newNode) {  
  
    if(head == null && tail == null) {  
        head = newNode;  
        tail = newNode;  
    }  
    else {  
        tail.setNext(newNode);  
        tail = newNode;  
    }  
}
```

← **O(1)**

**Total Running Time =**

## Algorithm Analysis: Adding Node to end of Singly Linked List (*tail* pointer)

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public void addToBack(Node newNode) {
```

```
    if(head == null && tail == null) {
```

```
        head = newNode;
```

```
        tail = newNode;
```

← O(1)

```
    }
```

```
    else {
```

```
        tail.setNext(newNode);
```

```
        tail = newNode;
```

← O(1)

```
    }
```

```
}
```

**Total Running Time =**

## Algorithm Analysis: Adding Node to end of Singly Linked List (`tail` pointer)

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**Total Running Time = 1 + 1 + 1**

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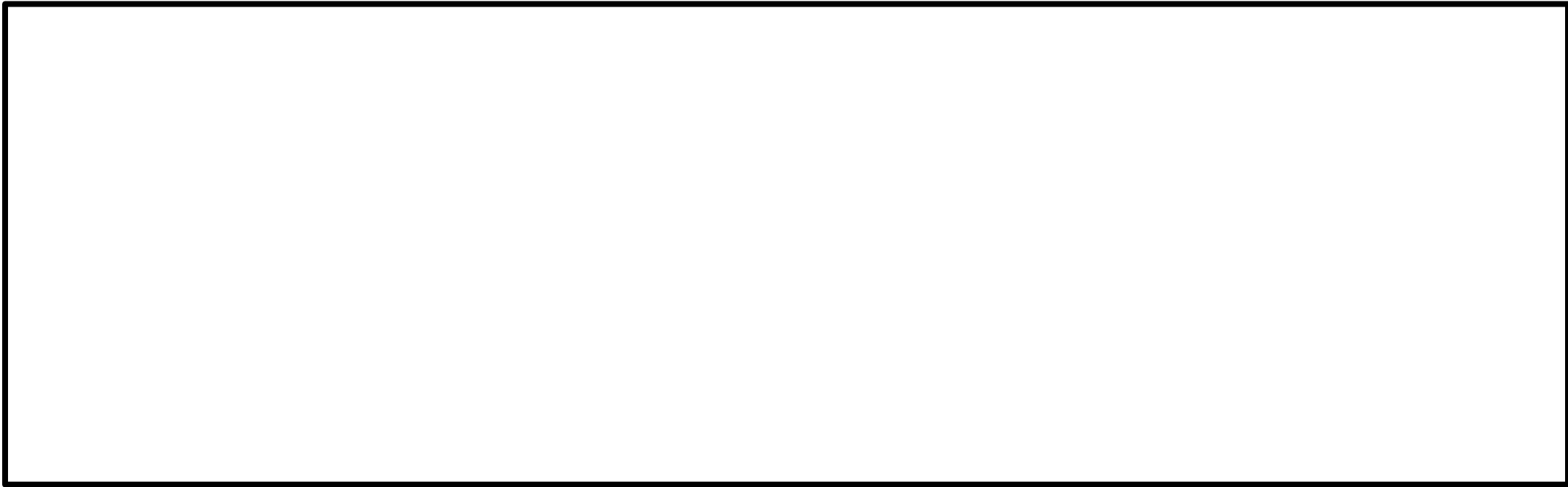
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3,000,000 Nodes = 3 operations, 10 Nodes = 3 operations

## Algorithm Analysis: Printing out funky number triangle



*print\_number\_triangle(4);   print\_number\_triangle(7);   print\_number\_triangle(9);*

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## Algorithm Analysis: Printing out funky number triangle

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    for(int i = 1; i < n + 1; i++) {  
        for(int j = 0; j < i; j++) {  
            System.out.print(i);  
        }  
        System.out.println();  
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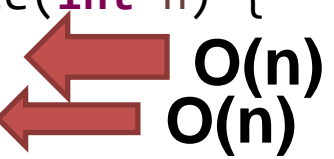
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$$\text{Total Running Time} = N * ((N * 1) * 1)$$

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$$\in O(n^2)$$

```
public int find_element_in_array(int[] array, int s) {  
    for(int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) {  
        System.out.println(array[i]);  
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    }  
    return -1;  
}
```

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**$n = | \text{length of array} |$**

To find an element in an array, we traverse the length of the array **five times** ?

**no**

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**Total Running Time: n**

**O(n)**

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To find an element in an array, we traverse the length of the array **once**

When calculating the **asymptotic running time/big O notation/time complexity/running time** the thing we need to pay attention to is the amount of looping

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↑  
 $O(n)$

$O(n + n + n + \dots + n + n + n)$



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 $O(n)$

$O(500n)$



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Even though one algorithm does much more work than another, they still have the same asymptotic running time

$O(n)$



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**$O(n)$**

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**$O(n)$**

**The same algorithm  
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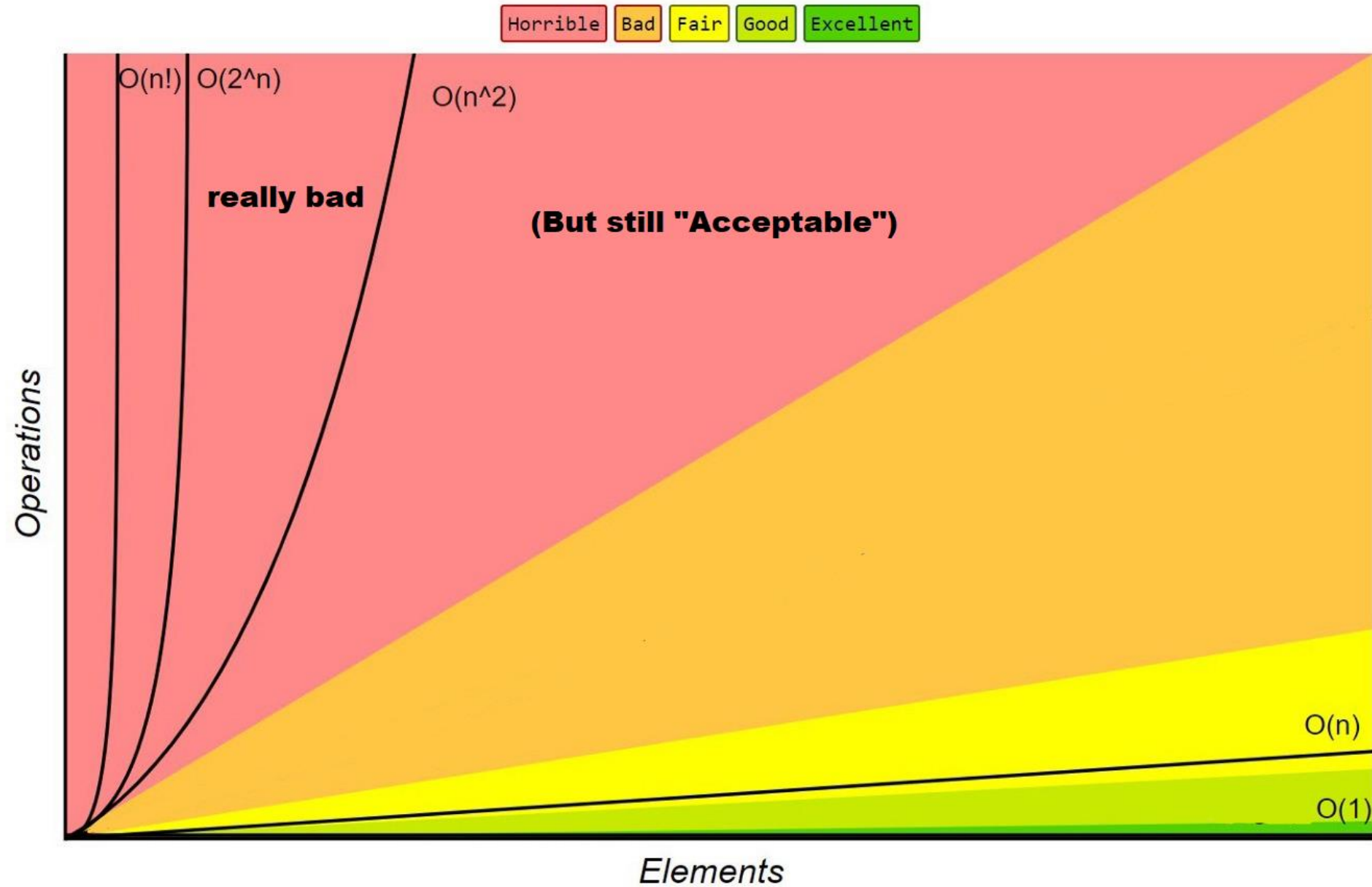
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**$O(n)$**



# Big-O Complexity Chart



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“Polynomial Time”

