COMP 2402 Class Notes

Java Collections Framework (JCF)

The Java Collections Framework (JCF) is a unified architecture for representing and manipulating collections.

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A collection — sometimes called a container — is simply
an object that groups multiple elements into a single
unit. Collections are used to store, retrieve,
manipulate, and communicate aggregate data. Typically,
they represent data items that form a natural group,
such as a poker hand (a collection of cards), a mail
folder (a collection of letters), or a telephone
directory (a mapping of names to phone numbers). If you
have used the Java programming language — or just about
any other programming language — you are already
familiar with collections.
```

In order to use the JCF you can import it like this.

```
import java.util.*
```

Sorting

This is how to sort strings based on length by using anonymous object [**Comparator**].

```
Collections.sort(list, new Comparator<String>() {
    public int compare(String x, String y) {
        return x.l;ength() - y.length();
    }
```

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});
```

The **compare(x,y)** method works by moving an element left if the **compare(x,y)** method returns a negative integer, and moves the element right if the **compare(x,y)** returns a positive integer. [difference between x and y]

```
(-) x < y
(0) x = y
(+) x > y
```

Maps [Haskhap]

Also known as dictionaries in Swift or C#...

```
Map<String, Integer> map = new HashMap<>();
map.put("Java", 6);
map.put("Swift", 10);
map.put("C#", 7);
map.put("Ruby", 9);

// this will print out every value in the map [foreach]
for(String str : map.keySet()) {
    System.out.println(str + " : " + map.get(str))
}

map.get(key); // fast operation, returns null if no key
found
```

List

Continuing from previous example

```
List<Map.Entry<String,Integer>> entryList = new
ArrayList<>();
entryList.addAll(map.entrySet); // set containing all
the elements

for(Map.Entry<String,Integer> entry : entrylist) {
    System.out.println(entry.getKey() + " : " +
entry.getValue() );
}
```

Deque [ArrayDeque]

Fast for reading/writing at *start* or *end* of list. Basically just a flexible stack/queue.

```
Deque<String> dq = new ArrayDeque<>();
dq.addFirst("second");
dq.addFirst("first");
dq.addLast("penultimate");
dq.addLast("last");
```

Linked Lists

Good for insertion/modification [*add/remove*]
Bad for random access

Priority Queue

Essentially: uses a heap instead of a tree, in order to keep a certain one on top (?).

Not good for sorting, or random access.

```
Queue<String> pq = new PriorityQueue<>();
pq.addAll(list);

System.out.println(pq.remove());    // remove smallest
element
```

If alphabetical, one that starts with 'a' will be removed. After first element, the queue is not sorted. Removing one will promote next smallest to the top

Asymptotic Notation [Big O]

Used to analyze complexity of algorithms, to find faster, or which ones requires more space.

Comparing data structures

- Time
- Space
- Correctivenes

Growth rates proportioanl to n

- If input doubles in size, how much will runtime increase?

Runtime as a count of primative operation

- This is machine independent
- Proportional to exact runtimess

```
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    arr[i] = i;
}
```

Runtime:

- **1**: assignment [int i = 0]
- **n+1**: comparisons [i < n]
- **n**: increments [i++]
- **n**: array offset calculations [arr[i]]
- **n**: n indirect assignments [arr[i] = i]

Definition of Big O

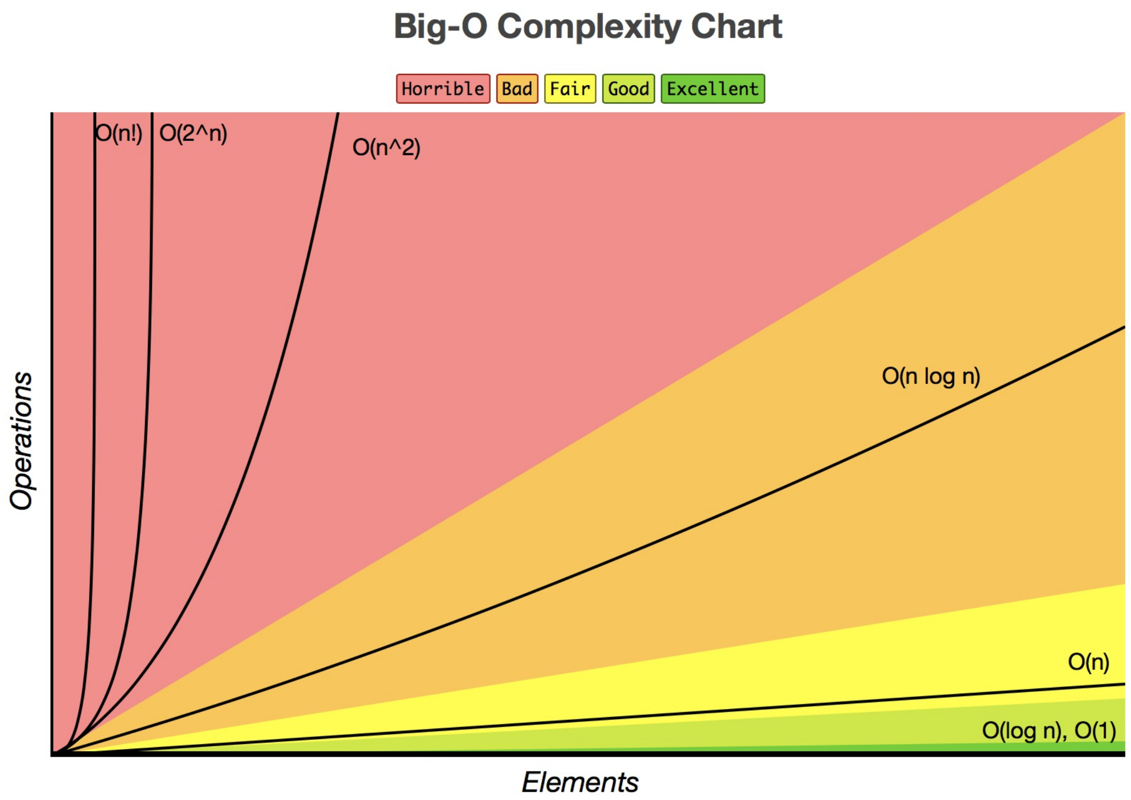
After a certain point, g(x) will grow as fast [or faster] than f(x)

- g(x) is the upper limit to f(x)

O(g(n)) ∀ (f(n) < c•g(n))

Orders of growth

Complexity	Name
O(1)	Constant
O(log n)	Logarithmic
O(n)	Linear
O(n log n)	Quasilinear
O(n^2)	Quasilinear
O(2^n)	Exponential
O(n!)	Factorial



Tips

- Only largest values matter
- Drop all coefficient
- Log bases are all equivalent

Example

```
public class BigO {
    public static void main() {
        String str = "";
        int n = 100;    // O(1)

        for(int i = 0; ,< n; i++) {     // O(n)
            str += "x";     // O(1) but n times
        }

        for(int i = 0; i < n; i+=2) {    // n/2 times -> O(n)
            str += "y"      // O(1)
        }
```

```
        // this is roughly the same as if n was n/2
with O(n)
        for(int i = 0; i < n; i*=2) {    // O(log n)
            str += "y"       // O(1)
        }
    }
}
```

Array-based Data Structures

ArrayStack

- List interface implemented with an array
- Similar to ArrayList
- Efficient only for stack opertations
    - Add/remove last

Stacks vs List

Stack	List
push(x)	add(n,x)
pop()	remove(n-1)
size()	size()
peek(x)	get(n-1)

List Interface

- get(i) / set(i,x)
    - Access element i, and return/replace it
- size()
    - number of items in list
- add(i,x)
    - insert new item x at position i

- remove(i)
    - remove the element from position i

dereferencing: getting the address of a data item