

When you are satisfied that your program is correct, write a brief analysis document. The analysis document is 30% of your Assignment 3 grade. Ensure that your analysis document addresses the following.

1. Who is your programming partner? Which of you submitted the source code of your program?
2. How often did you and your programming partner switch roles? Would you have preferred to switch less/more often? Why or why not?
3. Evaluate your programming partner. Do you plan to work with this person again?
4. If you had backed the sorted set with a Java List instead of a basic array, summarize the main points in which your implementation would have differed. Do you expect that using a Java List would have more or less efficient and why? (Consider efficiency both in running time and in program development time.)
5. What do you expect the Big-O behavior of MySortedSet's contains method to be and why?
6. Plot the running time of MySortedSet's contains method for sets of sizes 100000 to 2000000 by steps of 100000. Use the timing techniques demonstrated in Lab 1. Be sure to choose a large enough value of timesToLoop to get a reasonable average of running times. Include your plot in your analysis document. Does the growth rate of these running times match the Big-oh behavior you predicted in question 5?
7. Consider your add method. For an element not already contained in the set, how long does it take to locate the correct position at which to insert the element? Create a plot of running times. Pay close attention to the problem size for which you are collecting running times. Beware that if you simply add N items, the size of the sorted set is always changing. A good strategy is to fill a sorted set with N items and time how long it takes to add one additional item. To do this repeatedly (i.e., timesToLoop), remove the item and add it again, being careful not to include the time required to call remove() in your total. In the worst-case, how much time does it take to locate the position to add an element (give your answer using Big-oh)?
8. How many hours did you spend on this assignment?

Programming partners are encouraged to collaborate on the answers to these questions. However, each partner must write and submit his/her own solutions. Upload your document (.pdf only!) to the Assignment 3 page by 11:59pm on February 5.

Answers:

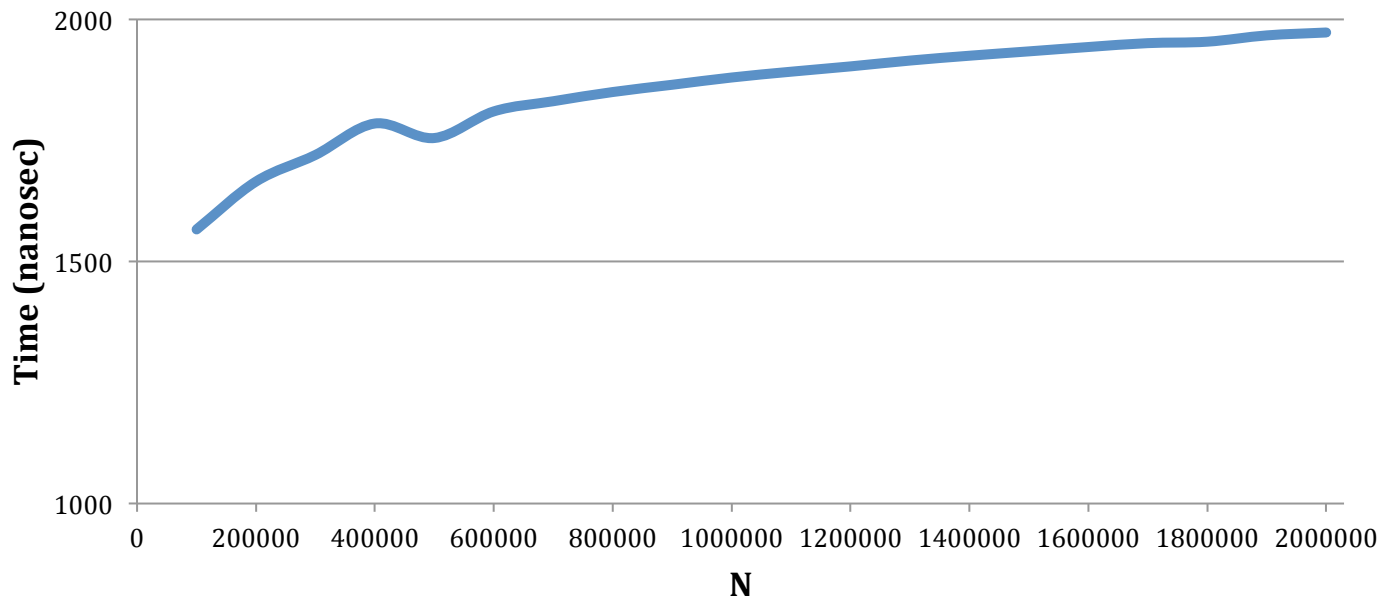
1. My programming partner is Justin Tse and I was the one who submitted the assignment.
2. We did not switch roles too often and we also worked on a couple small things on our own, since not both of us were able to attend the TA hours one of us went to.
3. Justin is a great, knowledgeable partner. I plan on working with him again.
4. If we would have used a list we would have been able to use generics; also, the list's size would have been grown easier than a basic array. Using a list would have been more efficient, because when adding to the

list it would have been grown in the order of N instead of $\log N$ (multiplying the array size).

5. Contains' complexity is $O(\log N)$, because we are using binary search and we are dividing the set by 2.

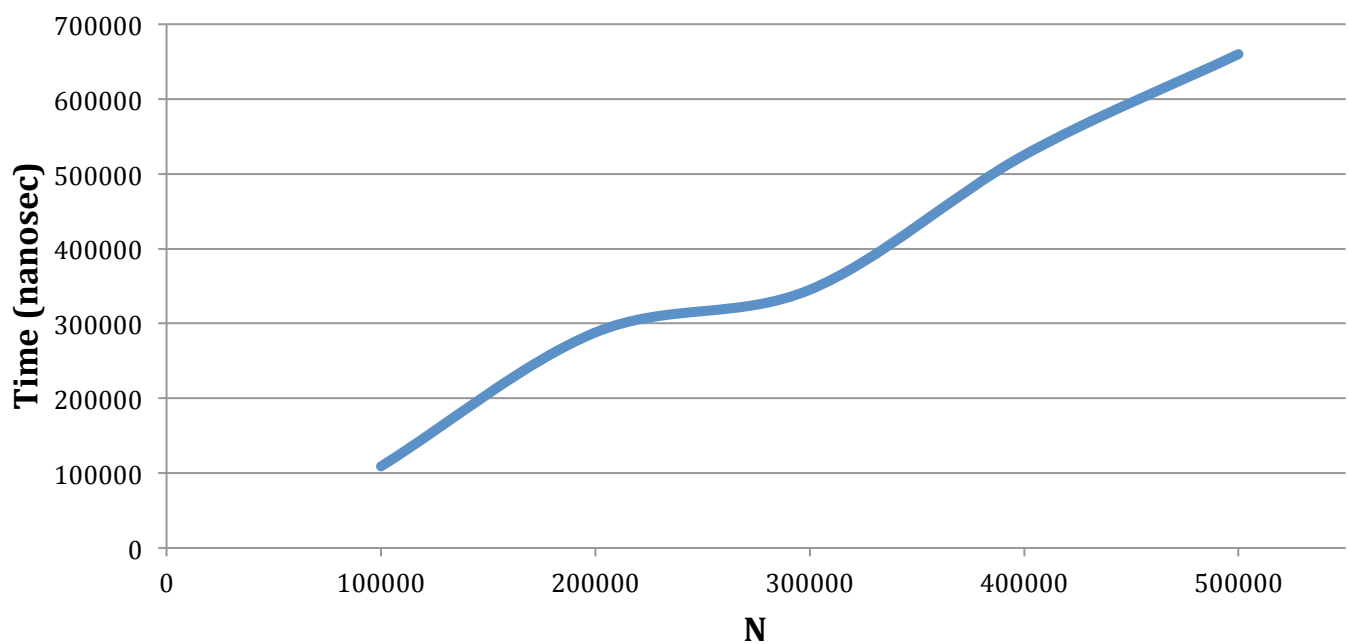
6. It does not entirely match my prediction from Question #5.

Graph for Contains Method



7. We filled up with up to 500k elements, because with a set filled with more items than that the running time became extremely slow. In the worst-case it would be of the order $O(N^2)$.

Graph for Add Method



8. About 12 hours.