

Run-Time Analysis

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Run-time Analysis allows us to formalize a method of comparing the speed of an algorithm as the size of input grows.

Array

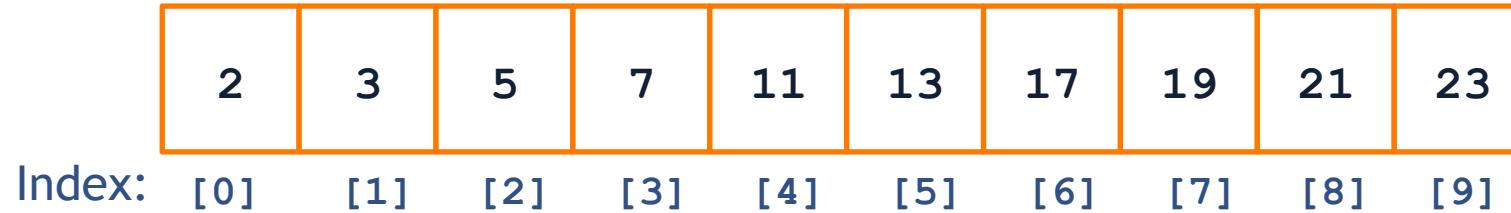


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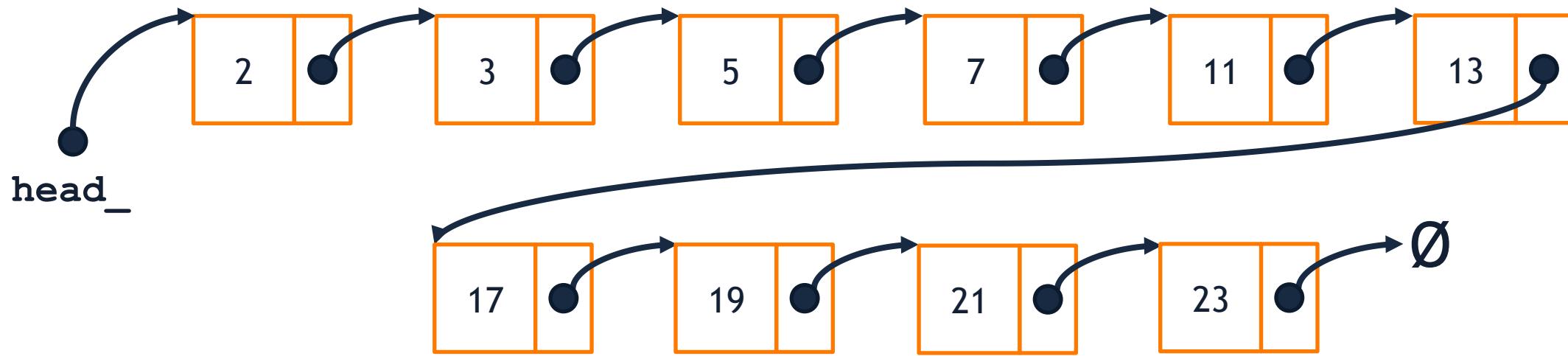
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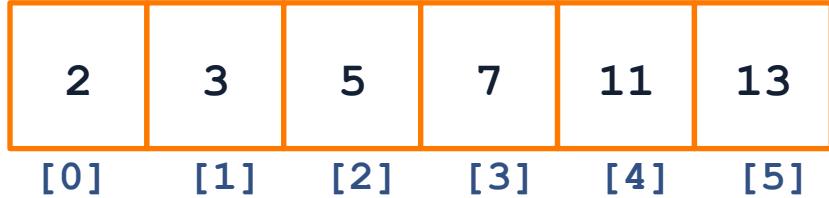
Objective: Access a given index:

	Array	Linked List
Access [3]		
Access [4285]		
Access [1250000]		
Based on n pieces of data:		

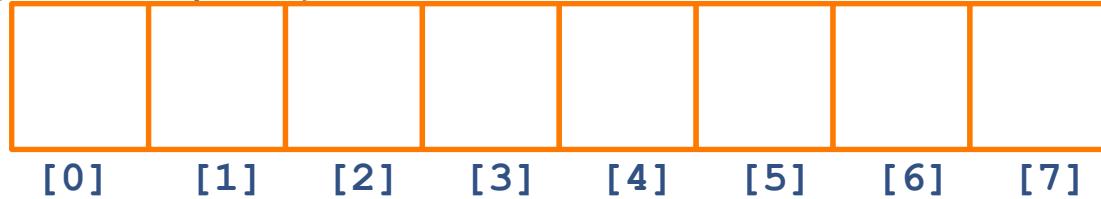
Array Resize Strategy

Objective: Resize an array:

Array with capacity=6:



Array with capacity=8:



Strategy #1: When the array is full, add two to the capacity.

Resize # Array / Number of Copies



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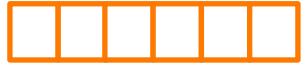
$r = n/2$  ...  *$2^{*(r-1)}$ copies required*

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1  *2*(1) copies required*

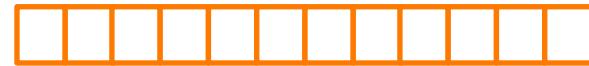
2  *2*(2) copies required*

3  *2*(3) copies required*

4  *2*(4) copies required*

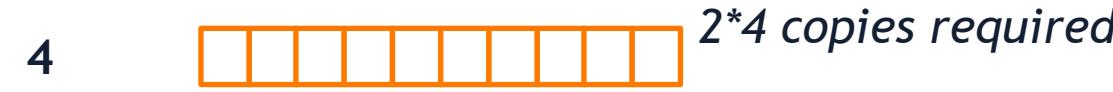
5  *2*(5) copies required*

...

$r = n/2$  ...  *2*(r) copies required*

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$r = n/2$  ...  2*r copies required

Sum of all required copies: $\sum_{k=1}^r (2k) = 2 \cdot \left(\frac{r(r+1)}{2} \right) = r^2 + r$

Strategy #1: When the array is full, add two to the capacity.

- We have found two equations:
 - Total number of copies: $r^{12} + r$
 - Relationship between r and n : $r=n/2$

- Therefore, the total number of copies made:

$$r^{12} + r = (n/2)^{12} + n/2 = n^{12} + 2n/4 = O(n^{12})$$

Substituting $(n/2)$
in place of r

Expanding the
exponent and
simplifying

Using Big-O
notation

Strategy #2: When the array is full, **double** the capacity.

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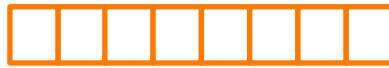
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2 copies required



1

4 copies required



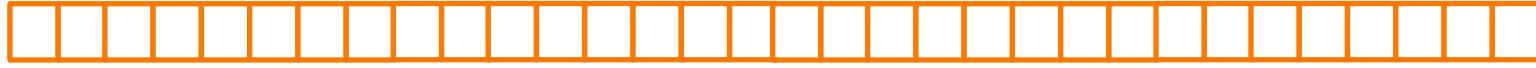
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8 copies required



3

16 copies required



4

2^{1r} copies required

...

$r = \lg(n)$

...

...



Strategy #2: When the array is full, double the capacity.

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1		$2^{11} = 2 \text{ copies required}$
2		$2^{12} = 4 \text{ copies required}$
3		$2^{13} = 8 \text{ copies required}$
4		$2^{14} = 16 \text{ copies}$ req. $\cdot ?d$
...		$2^{1r} \text{ copies required}$
$r = \lg(n)$		...
		

Sum of all required copies:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{r} 2^{1k} = 2 * (2^{1r} - 1)$$

Solving the summation

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- We have found two equations:
 - Total number of copies: $2*(2^r - 1)$
 - Relationship between r and n : $r = \lg(n)$

- Therefore, the total number of copies made:

$$2(2^r - 1) = 2(2^{\lg n} - 1) = 2(n-1)$$

$O(n)$ Substituting $\lg(n)$ in place of r $2^{\lg(n)}$ simplifies to n Using Big-O notation

Array Resize Strategy

Objective: Resize an array

- Strategy #1 (grow array by +2 each time):
 - Total work done by adding n elements: $O(n^2)$
- Strategy #2 (double array each time):
 - Total work done by adding n elements: $O(n)$
 - Average work per element: $O(n) / n = O(1)^*$
 - * Amortized running time; some operations take longer.

Objective: Access a given index:

	Array	Linked List
Access [3]	1 formula	Visits 4 ListNodes
Access [4285]	1 formula	Visits 4,285 ListNodes
Access [1250000]	1 formula	Visits 1,250,000 ListNodes
Based on n pieces of data:	1 formula	Visits up to n ListNodes

Run-time Analysis

- Run-time Analysis allows us to formalize a method of comparing the speed of an algorithm as the size of input grows.
- We summarize the runtime in “Big-O notation”, leaving only the term that dominates the growth:
 - $O(1)$, constant time
 - $O(n)$, linear time
 - $O(n^2)$, polynomial time

