

Sorting and Classifying

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Class Today

- Survey
- Big O/Algorithm Analysis
- Sorting

Big O Notation

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Function	N = 10	N = 50	N = 100	N = 1000	N = 10000	N = 100000
$\log_2 N$	3.3 μ s	5.65 μ s	6.6 μ s	9.9 μ s	13.3 μ s	16.6 μ s
N	10 μ s	50 μ s	100 μ s	1000 μ s	10 ms	1 s
$N \log_2 N$.03 ms	.28 ms	.66 ms	.099 s	.132 s	1.66 s
N^2	.1 ms	2.5 ms	10 ms	1 s	100 s	2.7 hours
N^3	1 ms	.125 s	1 s	16.7 min	11.57 days	31.7 years
2^N	.001 s	35.7 years	*	*	*	*

Big O Notation

- Landau's Symbol
- Created by Edmund Landau, a German mathematician focusing on number theory and complex analysis
- The growth of a function is also called *order*



Big O Notation

- Only want the highest order term
- Sometimes described as the worst-case scenario
- Example:
 - Using a linear search, we could find the element we're searching for in the first iteration: $O(1)$
 - The longest that it will take: $O(n)$
- While this is the worst-case, what we're really saying is that the growth of the function described by linear search is $O(n)$

Big O Notation

Notation	Name	Example Python
$O(1)$	Constant	<pre>def find_min(x, y): if x < y: return x else: return y</pre>
$O(\log N)$	Logarithmic	<pre>def binary_search(numbers, key): low = 0 high = len(numbers) - 1 while high >= low: mid = (high + low) // 2 if numbers[mid] < key: low = mid + 1 elif numbers[mid] > key: high = mid - 1 else: return mid return -1 # not found</pre>
$O(N)$	Linear	<pre>def linear_search(numbers, key): for i in range(len(numbers)): if numbers[i] == key: return i return -1 # not found</pre>

Big O Notation

$O(N \log N)$	Log-linear	<pre>def merge_sort(numbers, i, k): if i < k: j = (i + k) // 2 # Find midpoint merge_sort(numbers, i, j) # Sort left part merge_sort(numbers, j + 1, k) # Sort right part merge(numbers, i, j, k) # Merge parts</pre>
$O(N^2)$	Quadratic	<pre>def selection_sort(numbers): for i in range(len(numbers)): index_smallest = i for j in range(i + 1, len(numbers)): if numbers[j] < numbers[index_smallest]: index_smallest = j temp = numbers[i] numbers[i] = numbers[index_smallest] numbers[index_smallest] = temp</pre>
$O(c^N)$	Exponential	<pre>def fibonacci(N): if (1 == N) or (2 == N): return return fibonacci(N-1) + fibonacci(N-2)</pre>

Sorting

- We can use built-in methods in Python to sort so what's the point?
- Common sorting algorithms:
 - Selection sort
 - Insertion sort
 - Quicksort
 - Merge sort
 - Bubble sort

How Would You Sort?

- Given the list:

[10, 27, 9, 15, 45, 5]

- How would you sort it?

Selection Sort

```
for i in range(len(numbers) - 1):  
    # Find index of smallest remaining element  
    index_smallest = i  
    for j in range(i + 1, len(numbers)):  
        if numbers[j] < numbers[index_smallest]:  
            index_smallest = j  
  
    # Swap numbers[i] and numbers[index_smallest]  
    temp = numbers[i]  
    numbers[i] = numbers[index_smallest]  
    numbers[index_smallest] = temp
```

<http://www.cs.armstrong.edu/liang/animation/web/SelectionSort.html>

Selection Sort

- What is the runtime of selection sort?

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Selection Sort

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- $O(N^2)$

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        if numbers[j] < numbers[index_smallest]:
            index_smallest = j

    # Swap numbers[i] and numbers[index_smallest]
    temp = numbers[i]
    numbers[i] = numbers[index_smallest]
    numbers[index_smallest] = temp
```

Insertion Sort

- Slightly more complicated algorithm, same runtime
- Swap as you go...

```
for i in range(1, len(numbers)):
    j = i
    # Insert numbers[i] into sorted part
    # stopping once numbers[i] in correct position
    while j > 0 and numbers[j] < numbers[j - 1]:

        # Swap numbers[j] and numbers[j - 1]
        temp = numbers[j]
        numbers[j] = numbers[j - 1]
        numbers[j - 1] = temp
        j = j - 1
```

Insertion Sort

- If it's the same runtime, what's the point?
- If a list is nearly sorted, the runtime is now $O(N)$
- Consider an example of you have a sorted list of students. A student adds the class and needs to be added to the roll. I now resort, but I only really have to find the position for one student within the list.

Quicksort

- Partitions a list into (ideally) two halves: low and high
- Recursively repeats this process until there is one element left in the list; thus, the partitioned list will be sorted
- All partitioned lists are reassembled

Quicksort

```
def partition(numbers, i, k):
    # Pick middle value as pivot
    midpoint = i + (k - i) // 2
    pivot = numbers[midpoint]

    # Initialize variables
    done = False
    l = i
    h = k
    while not done:
        # Increment l while numbers[l] < pivot
        while numbers[l] < pivot:
            l = l + 1
        # Decrement h while pivot < numbers[h]
        while pivot < numbers[h]:
            h = h - 1
```

```
        """ If there are zero or one items remaining,
            all numbers are partitioned. Return h """
        if l >= h:
            done = True
        else:
            """ Swap numbers[l] and numbers[h],
            update l and h """
            temp = numbers[l]
            numbers[l] = numbers[h]
            numbers[h] = temp
            l = l + 1
            h = h - 1
    return h
```

Quicksort

```
def quicksort(numbers, i, k):  
  
    """ Base case: If 1 or zero elements,  
        partition is already sorted """  
    if i >= k:  
        return  
  
    """ Partition the array.  
        Value j is the location of last  
        element in low partition. """  
    j = partition(numbers, i, k)  
  
    """ Recursively sort low and high  
        partitions """  
    quicksort(numbers, i, j)  
    quicksort(numbers, j + 1, k)  
  
    return
```

Quicksort

- Runtime is usually $O(n \log n)$
- Worst-case is $O(n^2)$
 - Rarely happens
 - Only occurs when a pivot value that is the lowest or highest value in the list is selected

Merge Sort

- Divide list in half recursively until we have a list with only one element
- By default, this list is sorted
- Compare to other lists to put in sorted order in a temporary list
- Copy back to the original list
- $O(n \log n)$ requiring $O(n)$ extra memory

Merge Sort

```
def merge_sort(numbers, i, k):  
    j = 0  
    if i < k:  
        j = (i + k) // 2 # Find the midpoint in the partition  
  
        # Recursively sort left and right partitions  
        merge_sort(numbers, i, j)  
        merge_sort(numbers, j + 1, k)  
  
        # Merge left and right partition in sorted order  
        merge(numbers, i, j, k)
```

Merge Sort

```
def merge(numbers, i, j, k):  
    # Create temporary list merged_numbers  
    # Initialize position variables  
  
    # Add smallest element to merged numbers  
    while left_pos <= j and right_pos <= k:  
        if numbers[left_pos] <= numbers[right_pos]:  
            merged_numbers[merge_pos] = numbers[left_pos]  
            left_pos = left_pos + 1  
        else:  
            merged_numbers[merge_pos] = numbers[right_pos]  
            right_pos = right_pos + 1  
        merge_pos = merge_pos + 1
```

```
    # If left partition not empty, add remaining elements  
    while left_pos <= j:  
        merged_numbers[merge_pos] = numbers[left_pos]  
        left_pos = left_pos + 1  
        merge_pos = merge_pos + 1  
  
    # If right partition now empty, add remaining elements  
    while right_pos <= k:  
        merged_numbers[merge_pos] = numbers[right_pos]  
        right_pos = right_pos + 1  
        merge_pos = merge_pos + 1  
  
    # Copy merge number back to numbers  
    for merge_pos in range(merged_size):  
        numbers[i + merge_pos] = merged_numbers[merge_pos]
```

Bubble Sort

- Named for the way smaller or larger items 'bubble' to the top
- Generally, too slow: $O(n^2)$

```
1 def bubbleSort(alist):
2     for passnum in range(len(alist)-1,0,-1):
3         for i in range(passnum):
4             if alist[i]>alist[i+1]:
5                 temp = alist[i]
6                 alist[i] = alist[i+1]
7                 alist[i+1] = temp
8
9 alist = [54,26,93,17,77,31,44,55,20]
10 bubbleSort(alist)
11 print(alist)
12
```

Next Class

- Read Chapter 2.1-2.7