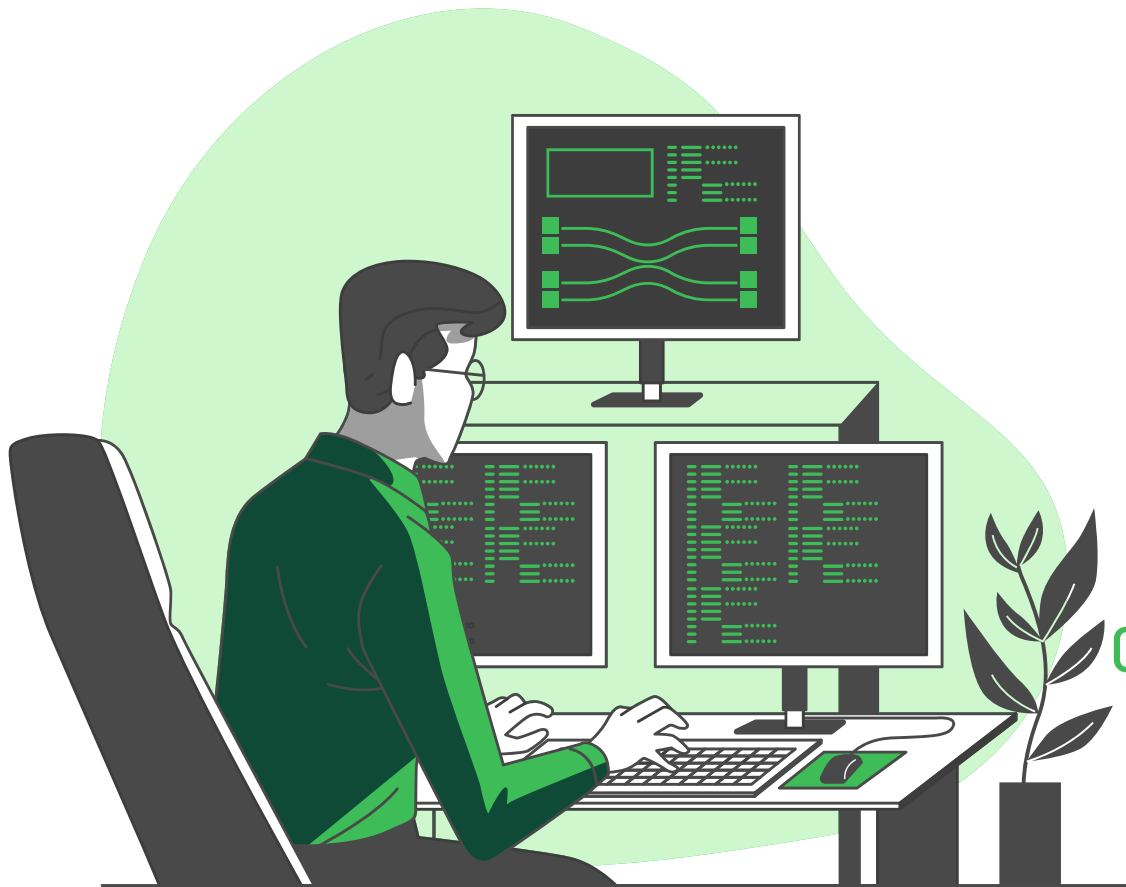
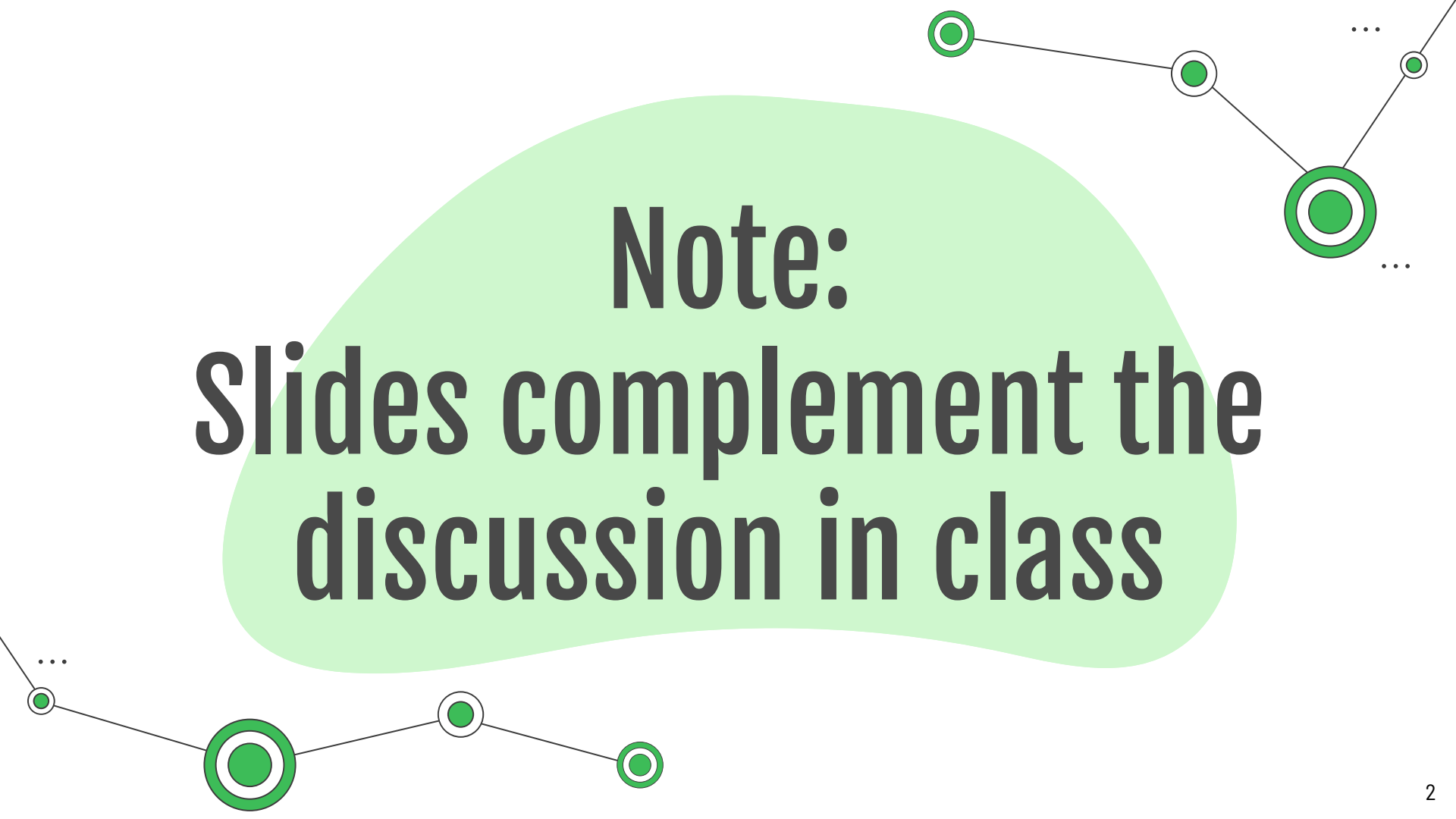




Runtime Expressions

CS 251 – Data Structures
and Algorithms

A decorative network diagram consisting of several green circular nodes connected by thin black lines. Some nodes are single green circles, while others are double green circles. The nodes are arranged in a non-linear fashion, with some at the top right and others at the bottom left. Ellipses (...) are placed near some nodes to indicate a larger, unseen network.

Note:
**Slides complement the
discussion in class**

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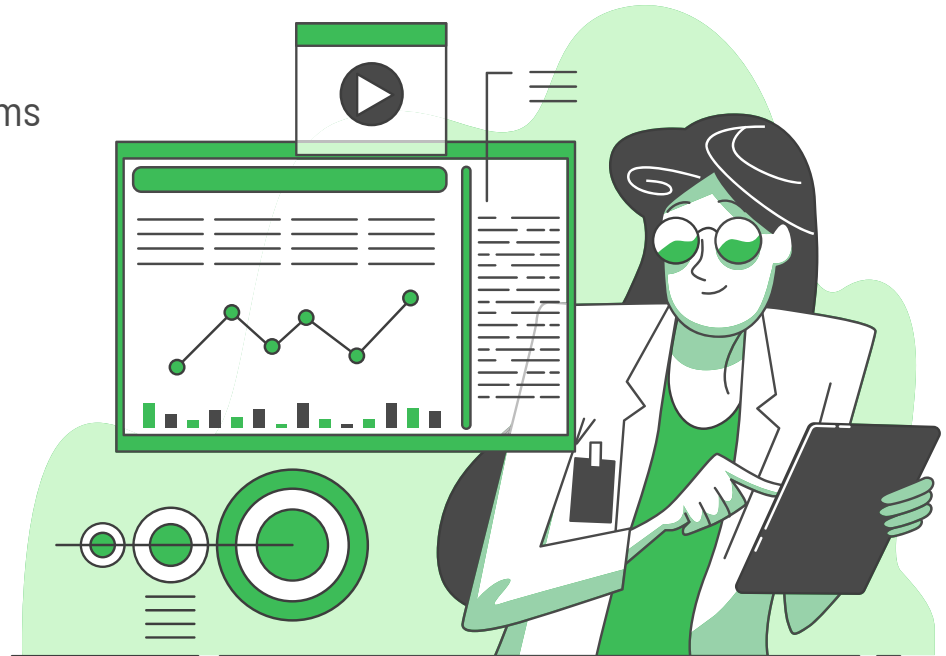
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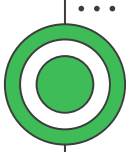
Counting instructions in terms of the input size



01

Definitions

Let's formalize a few things



Algorithms



*"Informally, an **algorithm** is any well-defined computational procedure that takes some value, or set of values, as **input** and produces some value, or set of values, as **output**. An algorithm is thus a sequence of computational steps that transform the input into the output."*

- Cormen, Thomas H.; Leiserson, Charles E.; Rivest, Ronald L.; Stein, Clifford. Introduction to Algorithms (The MIT Press) (p. 5). The MIT Press. Kindle Edition.

Algorithms Are:



Effective

Return correct
results



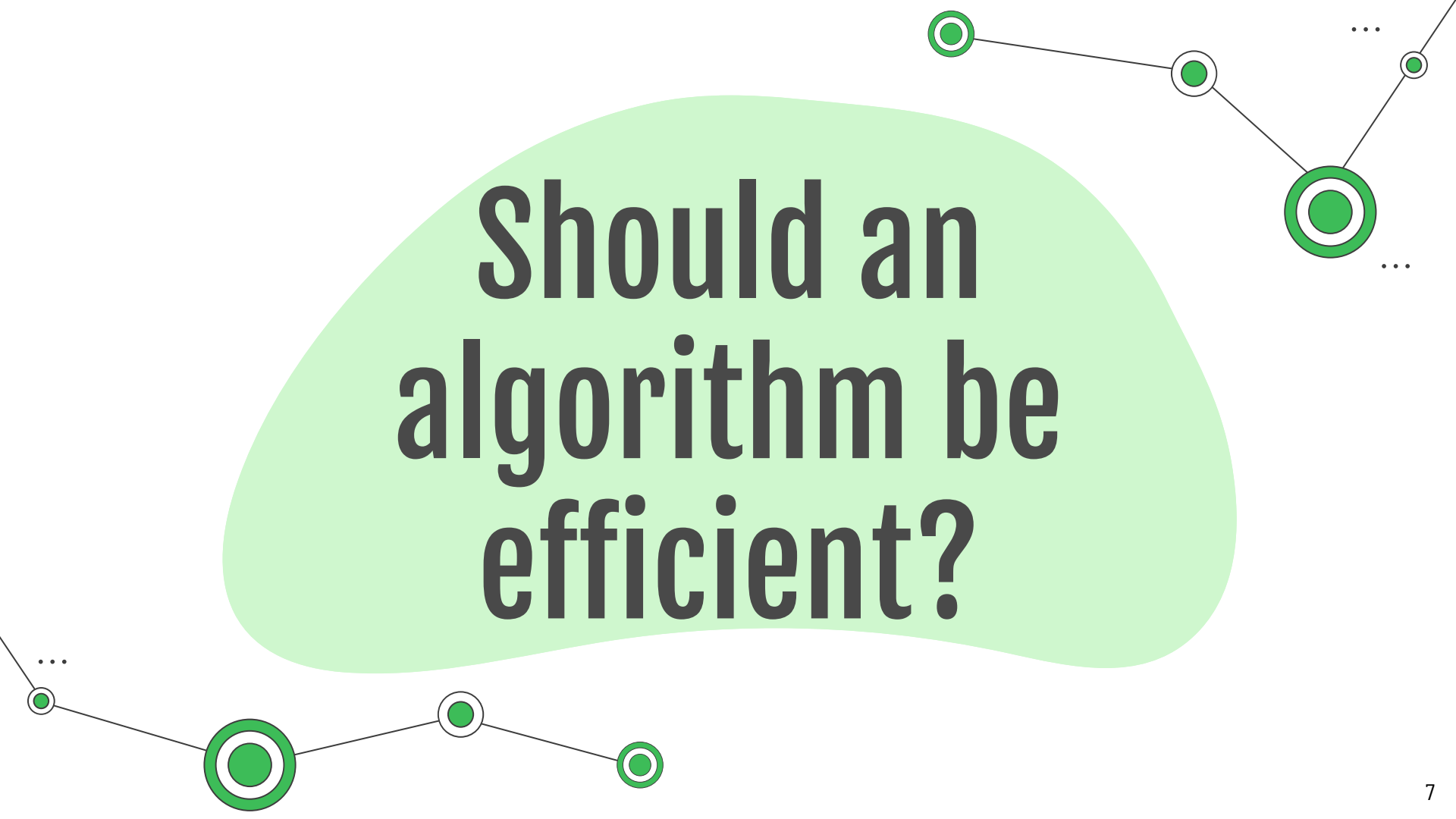
Precise

"No more, no less"



Finite

Run in a limited
amount of
time/steps

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**Should an
algorithm be
efficient?**



```
algorithm isprime1(n:integer) → boolean
```

```
    if n <= 1 then  
        return false  
    end if
```

```
    for i from 2 to n-1 do  
        if n mod i = 0 then  
            return false  
        end if  
    end for
```

```
    return true
```

```
end algorithm
```



```
algorithm isprime2(n:integer) → boolean
```

```
    if n <= 1 then  
        return false  
    end if
```

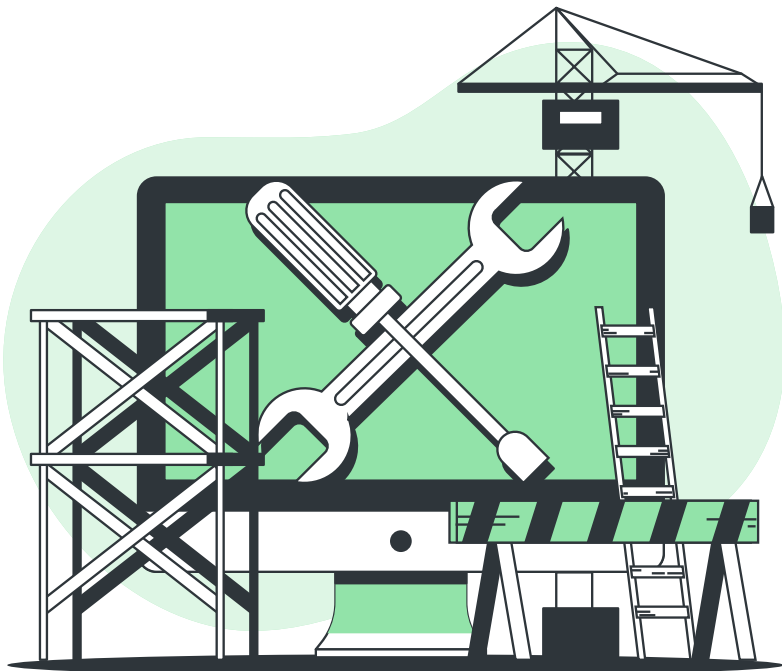
```
    for i from 2 to sqrt(n) do  
        if n mod i = 0 then  
            return false  
        end if  
    end for
```

```
    return true
```

```
end algorithm
```

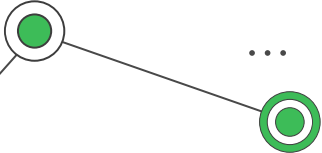
Both **isprime1** and **isprime2** are algorithms. Yet, **isprime2 is more efficient than isprime1** in terms of the number of steps required to reach an answer for the same input value.

Data Structures

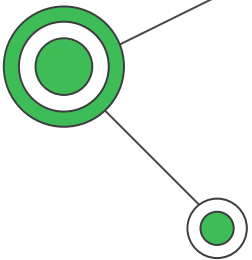


*"A **data structure** is a collection of **data values**, the **relationships** among them, and the **functions or operations** that can be applied to the data. If any one of these three characteristics is missing or not stated precisely, the structure being examined does not qualify as a data structure."*

- Peter Wegner and Edwin D. Reilly. 2003. Data structures. Encyclopedia of Computer Science. John Wiley and Sons Ltd., GBR, 507-512.



A Few Data Structure Examples



Array type:

- Bit array
- Bit field
- Bitboard
- Bitmap
- Circular buffer
- Control table
- Image
- Dope vector
- Dynamic array
- Gap buffer
- Hashed array tree
- Lookup table
- Matrix
- Sorted array
- Sparse matrix

...

Linked List type:

- Doubly linked list
- Array list
- Linked list
- Association list
- Self-organizing list
- Skip list
- Unrolled linked list
- VList
- Conc-tree list
- Xor linked list
- Zipper
- Doubly connected edge list
- Difference list
- Free list

...

Tree type:

- AA tree
- AVL tree
- Binary search tree
- Binary tree
- Cartesian tree
- Conc-tree list
- Order statistic tree
- Pagoda
- Red-black tree
- Rope
- Scapegoat tree
- Splay tree
- T-tree
- Tango tree
- Treap

...

Graph type:

- Adjacency list
- Adjacency matrix
- Graph-structured stack
- Scene graph
- Decision tree
- Binary decision diagram
- And-inverter graph
- Directed graph
- Directed acyclic graph
- Multigraph
- Hypergraph

...

Dictionary of Algorithms and Data Structures

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[max-heap property](#)

[maximal independent set](#)

[maximally connected component](#)

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[MBB](#): see [minimum bounding box](#)

Traditional Data Structure Functions

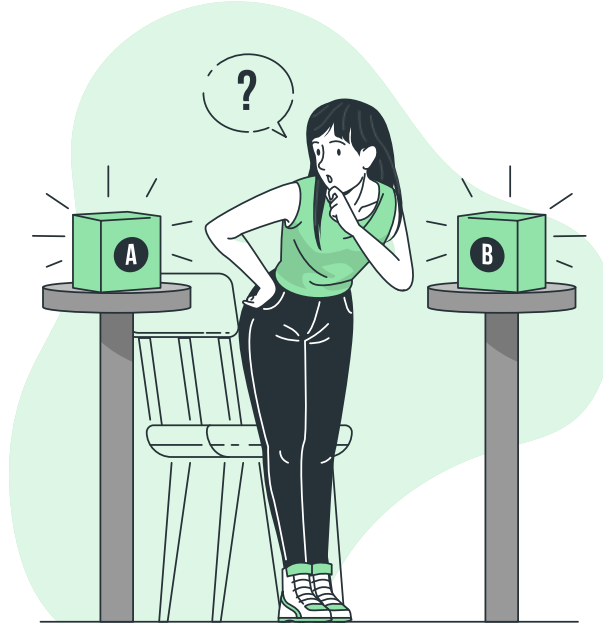
Read

at (key) → item
find (key) → item
get (key) → item
search (key) → item
lookup (key) → item
exists (key) → boolean

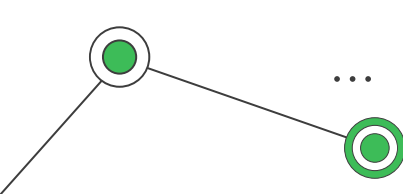
Write

add (key [,item])
insert (key [,item])
edit (key [,item])
update (key [,item])
delete (key)
swap (key1, key2)

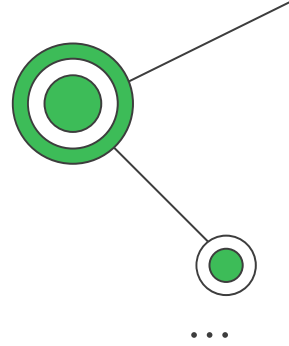
Could we design
algorithms
without data
structures?



Could we design
data structures
without
algorithms?



We Analyze DS and Algos Because:



01

Predict Performance

"How much time/space
does it require?"

02

Comparison

"Which one is [objectively]
better?"

03

Provide Guarantees

"Will it always work?"

04

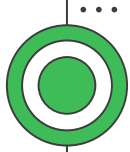
Theoretical Basis

"What can we built on
top of them?"

02

Runtime Expressions

Counting instructions in terms of the
input size



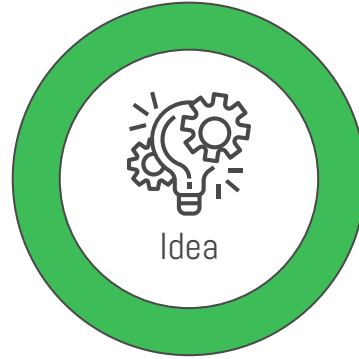
Analysis Challenges

Time

Why is my program so slow?

Space

Why does my program run out of memory?



$$T(n) = \sum_i c_i n_i$$

Where i is an operation, c_i is the cost of operation i , $n = |x|$ is the input size, x is the input

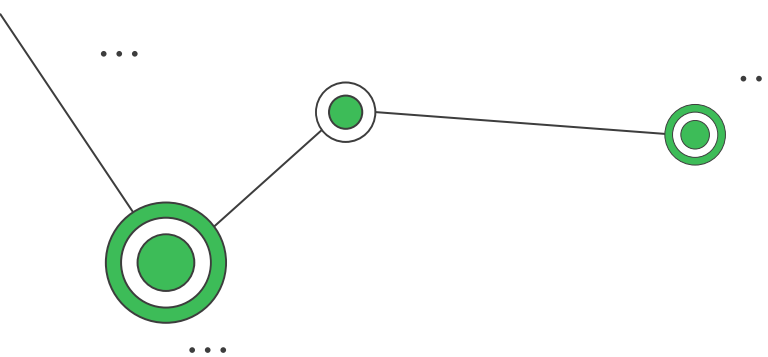
Total running time: sum of cost x frequency for each operation i

Need to determine the set of operations

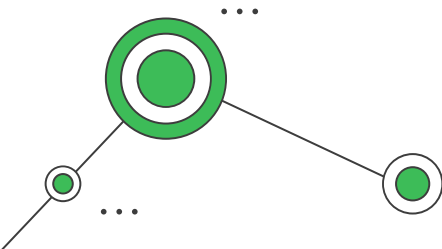
Costs depends on machine/compiler

Frequency depends on algorithm and input data

...



Runtime Expression

$$T(n)$$


A function that “counts” the number of steps or instructions an algorithm runs in terms of the input size.

Example: $T(n)$ for the cost of printing “Peekabo” n times:

```
for i from 1 to n do  
    print(“Peekaboo”)  
end for
```

Let c_p be the cost of a print statement.

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_p = c_p n$$

Note: You should remember this topic from CS 182.

A single pseudocode snippet could have multiple runtime expressions. It depends on which operation/task you focus on. Here are two $T(n)$ for the pseudocode snippet below.

```
for i from 0 to n-1 do
  print(i)
end for
```

1. Closed-form expression for the **print calls**. Let c_p be the cost of a print call:

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} c_p = c_p(n - 1 + 1) = c_p n$$

2. Closed-form expression for the **variable declarations**. Let c_d be the cost of a variable declaration:

$$T(n) = c_d$$

Q: When does it declare a variable?

A: When defining the for loop (it needs variable i)

Here is another pseudocode snippet:

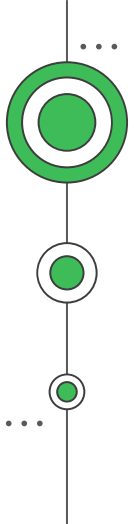
```
sum ← 0
for i from 0 to n do
  sum ← sum + i
end for
```

Closed-form expression for the **number of variable assignments**. Let c_a be the cost of an assignment:

$$T(n) = c_a + \sum_{i=0}^n 2c_a + c_a = 2c_a + 2c_a(n+1) = 2c_an + 4c_a$$



Assigning new values to i and sum for all iterations of the for loop

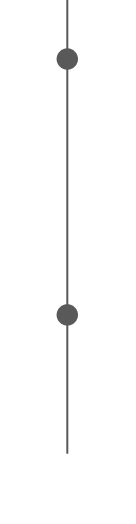


```
sum ← 0
for i from 0 to n do
  sum ← sum + i
end for
```

Closed-form expression for the compares. Let c_c be the cost of a compare:

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} c_c = c_c(n+1+1) = c_c n + 2c_c$$

Closed-form expression for the value of sum in terms of n after running the code snippet:

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n$$


Note that variable increments could be different than 1:

```
for i from 0 to n by 2 do  
  print(i)  
end for
```

How do we get the **closed-form expression for the print calls**?

Strategy: Since i increases by 2, express its sequence in terms of increments by 1:

$$i = 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, \dots, n = 2 \cdot 0, 2 \cdot 1, 2 \cdot 2, 2 \cdot 3, 2 \cdot 4, \dots, 2 \cdot \frac{n}{2}$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{n}{2}} c_p = c_p \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{n}{2}} 1 = c_p \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1 \right) = \frac{1}{2} c_p n + c_p$$

Note that variable increments could be different than 1:

```
for i from 1 to n by multiplying by 2 do  
  print(i)  
end for
```

How do we get the closed-form expression for the print calls?

Strategy: Express the sequence in terms of increments by 1:

First iteration: $i = 1 = 2^0$

Second iteration: $i = 2 = 2^1$

Third iteration: $i = 4 = 2^2$

Fourth iteration: $i = 8 = 2^3$

Fifth iteration: $i = 16 = 2^4$

...

Last iteration: $i = 2^k \leq n \Rightarrow k \leq \log_2(n)$

$$T(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\log_2(n)} c_p = c_p(\log_2(n) + 1) = c_p \log_2(n) + c_p$$



Note that loop structures could be nested:

```
for i from 0 to n do
  for j from 1 to n-1 do
    print(i + j)
  end for
end for
```

How do we get the closed-form expression for the print calls?

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_p = \sum_{i=0}^n c_p(n-1) = c_p(n-1)(n+1) = c_p n^2 - c_p$$


Note that loop structures could be nested:

```
for i from 0 to n by 2 do
  for j from 1 to n-1 do
    foo(i + j, n)
  end for
end for
```

Let n be the cost of a single foo call. The **closed-form expression for the foo calls** using the pseudocode snippet above is:

$$T(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{n}{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} n = \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{n}{2}} n(n-1) = n(n-1) \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1 \right) = \frac{1}{2}n^3 + \frac{1}{2}n^2 - n$$

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$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=i}^{n-1} n = \sum_{i=0}^n \left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} n - \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} n \right) = \sum_{i=0}^n (n(n-1+1) - n(i-1+1)) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n n^2 - in = \sum_{i=0}^n n^2 - \sum_{i=0}^n in = n^2(n+1) - n \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = n^2(n+1) - \frac{1}{2}n^2(n+1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}n^2(n+1) = \frac{1}{2}n^3 + \frac{1}{2}n^2 \end{aligned}$$

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end for
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$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{n}{2}} \sum_{j=2k}^{n-1} n = \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{n}{2}} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} n - \sum_{j=0}^{2k-1} n \right) = \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{n}{2}} n^2 - 2kn = \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{n}{2}} n^2 - \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{n}{2}} 2kn \\ &= n^2 \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1 \right) - 2n \frac{\frac{n}{2} \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1 \right)}{2} = \frac{n^3}{2} + n^2 - \frac{n^3}{4} - \frac{n^2}{2} = \frac{1}{4}n^3 + \frac{1}{2}n^2 \end{aligned}$$

Note that, when working with logarithms, it is fine to give approximate results by skipping the base. We can do this thanks to the properties of logarithms (i.e., change of base):

```
for i from 1 to n by multiplying by 3 do
  foo(i + j, n)
end for
```

Let $\log(n)$ be the cost of a single foo call. The closed-form expression for the foo calls using the pseudocode snippet above is:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\log_3(n)} \log(n) = \log(n) (\log_3(n) + 1) \approx \log(n) \log(n) + \log(n) \\ &= \log^2(n) + \log(n) \end{aligned}$$

Note that, when working with logarithms, it is fine to give approximate results by skipping the base. We can do this thanks to the properties of logarithms (i.e., change of base):

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for i from 1 to n by i do
  foo(i + j, n)
end for
```

Let n be the cost of a single foo call. The **closed-form expression for the foo calls** using the pseudocode snippet above is:

$$T(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\log_2(n)} n = n(\log_2(n) + 1) = n \log_2(n) + n \approx n \log(n) + n$$

algorithm isprime1(n:integer) → boolean

if n ≤ 1 then
 return false
end if

for i from 2 to n-1 do
 if n mod i = 0 then
 return false
 end if
end for

return true

end algorithm

Closed-form expression for the divisions
made by isprime1 for a prime number n:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} 1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} 1 - 1 = (n-1) - 1 \\ &= n - 1 - 1 = n - 2 \end{aligned}$$

algorithm isprime2(n:integer) → boolean

if n ≤ 1 then
 return false
end if

for i from 2 to sqrt(n) do
 if n mod i = 0 then
 return false
 end if
end for

return true

end algorithm

Closed-form expression for the divisions
made by isprime2 for a prime number n:

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=2}^{\sqrt{n}} 1 = \sum_{i=1}^{\sqrt{n}} 1 - 1 = \sqrt{n} - 1$$

```

algorithm ThreeSum(A:array) → integer
  let n be the length of A
  count ← 0

  for i from 0 to n-1 do
    for j from i+1 to n-1 do
      for k from j+1 to n-1 do
        if A[i] + A[j] + A[k] = 0 then
          count ← count + 1
        end if
      end for
    end for
  end for

  return count
end algorithm

```

Closed-form expression for the array accesses made by ThreeSum:

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=j+1}^{n-1} 3$$

...after lots of steps...

$$T(n) = \frac{1}{2}n^3 - \frac{3}{2}n^2 + n$$

Example: Selection Sort

```
algorithm SelectionSort(A:array) → array
  let n be the length of A

  for i from 0 to n-2 do
    idx ← i
    for j from i + 1 to n-1 do
      if A[j] < A[idx] then
        idx ← j
      end if
    end for
    if i ≠ idx then
      swap(A, i, idx)
    end if
  end for

  return A
end algorithm
```

Algorithm: select the smallest item to put into the current slot.

Let A be an array of length n storing unique items.

Q: What if A is already sorted?

#compares: $T(n) = \frac{1}{2}n^2 - \frac{1}{2}n$

#swaps: $T(n) = 0$

Q: What if A is sorted in descending order?

#compares: $T(n) = \frac{1}{2}n^2 - \frac{1}{2}n$

#swaps: $T(n) = \left\lfloor \frac{1}{2}n \right\rfloor$

Example: Insertion Sort

```
algorithm InsertionSort(A:array) → array
  let n be the length of A

  for i from 1 to n-1 do
    j ← i - 1
    while j ≥ 0 and A[j] > A[j + 1] do
      swap(A, j, j + 1)
      j ← j - 1
    end while
  end for

  return A
end algorithm
```

Algorithm: Insert the current item into the proper slot in the sorted part of the array (left).

Let A be an array of length n storing unique items.

Q: What if A is already sorted?

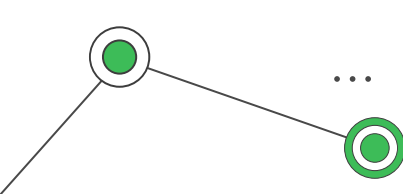
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#swaps: $T(n) = 0$

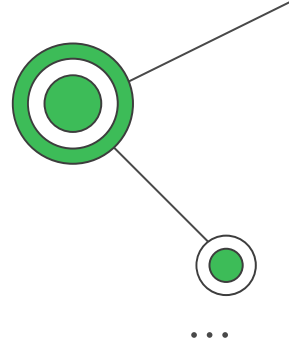
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#swaps: $T(n) = \frac{1}{2}n^2 - \frac{1}{2}n$



Example: Matrix Multiplication



$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ae + bg & af + bh \\ ce + dg & cf + dh \end{pmatrix}$$

#multiplications = 8, #additions = 4

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} j & k & l \\ m & n & o \\ p & q & r \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} aj + bm + cp & ak + bn + cq & al + bo + cr \\ dj + em + fp & dk + en + fq & dl + eo + fr \\ gj + hm + ip & gk + hn + iq & gl + ho + ir \end{pmatrix}$$

#multiplications = 27, #additions = 18

```

algorithm mult(A:matrix, B:matrix) → matrix

  assume A and B are of dimension nxn
  let C be a matrix of dimension nxn

  for i from 0 to n-1 do
    for j from 0 to n-1 do

      C[i][j] ← 0

      for k from 0 to n-1 do
        C[i][j] ← C[i][j] + A[i][k] * B[k][j]
      end for

    end for
  end for

  return C

end algorithm

```

Closed-form expression for the additions and multiplications made by mult. Keep track of these numbers by using constants a and m , respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (m + a) \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (m + a)n = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (m + a)n^2 \\
 &= (m + a)n^3 = mn^3 + an^3
 \end{aligned}$$

More additions than expected! ☹️

```

algorithm mult(A:matrix, B:matrix) → matrix

  assume A and B are of dimension nxn
  let C be a matrix of dimension nxn

  for i from 0 to n-1 do
    for j from 0 to n-1 do

      C[i][j] ← A[i][0] * B[0][j]

      for k from 1 to n-1 do
        C[i][j] ← C[i][j] + A[i][k] * B[k][j]
      end for

    end for
  end for

  return C

end algorithm

```

Closed-form expression for the additions and multiplications made by mult. Keep track of these numbers by using constants a and m , respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(m + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (m + a) \right) \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (m + (m + a)(n - 1)) \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (m + (m + a)(n - 1))n \\
 &= (m + (m + a)(n - 1))n^2 \\
 &= mn^2 + mn^3 - mn^2 + an^3 - an^2 \\
 &= mn^3 + an^2(n - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

The number of additions we expected! 😊
Still a cubic number of multiplications ☹️



That's Enough Counting

Do you have any questions?

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