

# CS 173 Lecture 17b: Analyzing Iterative Algorithms

input: array of length  $n$   
indexed  $1 \dots n$

### MysteryOne ( $A[1..n]$ )

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4.     while ( $A[i] > m \ \& \ i > 0$ ):
5.          $A[i+1] \leftarrow A[i]$
6.          $A[i] \leftarrow m$
7.          $i \leftarrow i-1$

step: assignment  $\leftarrow$   
comparison ( $<, >, =$ )  
booleans (or, and)

disappears into big O

assumption: a step takes some const amt of time

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### Running time of MysteryOne (in Big O)?

line 2-4 execute at most  $n-1$  times, due to for loop in line 1.

so running time is  $(n-1) \times$  (running time of 2-4).

lines 2-3 always execute. lines 4-5, if they do execute, add const running time for each execution of the loop.

no matter what, lines 2-5 give constant running time in each execution of for loop.

on input  $[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]$   
line 3 is always "false"

on input  $[5, 4, 3, 2, 1]$   
line 3 is always "true"

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 and so  $O(n)$ .

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Lines 2-7 execute  $n-1$  times.

Lines 2-3 execute every time  
and take constant time.

Lines 5-7 take constant time  
for each execution, and  
execute up to  $j-1$  times

Running time is at most

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{j=2}^n (c(j-1) + d) \\
 &= c \sum_{j=2}^n (j-1) + \sum_{j=2}^n d \\
 &= c \frac{n(n-1)}{2} + d(n-1) \\
 &= O(n^2).
 \end{aligned}$$

*(Note: In the original image, the leading term  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  is circled and labeled "leading term  $n^2$ ".)*

Consider the following problem:

a bunch of nuts & bolts



Say that they're all different sizes & jumbled up.

But know that every bolt has a matching nut.

The following algorithm finds a matching nut-bolt pair:

*(Note: In the original image, this text is circled.)*  
 Nut/Bolt size, unsorted

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1. for  $i$  from 1 to  $n$ :
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3.         if ( $Nuts[i] = Bolts[j]$ ):
4.             return  $(i, j)$

Lines 3 & 4 get executed upto  $n$  times for each  $i$ .

In the worst case, very possible

But! Lines 2-4 only execute for  $i=1$ , because guaranteed a matching bolt for  $Nut[1]$ .

(Worst-case)

Running time of Find Matching Bolt Nut

$$\leq cn = O(n).$$

(even though I had nested loops).