

# Introduction to Computation and Programming

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## Program Efficiency, Binary Search, and Insertion Sort

Reading: [Guttag, Chapter 9], [CLRS, Chap 1, Sections 2.1, 3.1]

[CLRS] ([AUB E-book link](#)) : “Introduction to Algorithms”, by T. H. Cormen, C. E. Leiserson, R. L. Rivest, and C. Stein, MIT press, third edition, 2009, MIT press.

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[CLRS, Chapters 1 and 2], and [wiki.python.org](http://wiki.python.org)

# Outline

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    - Program efficiency, algorithmic complexity
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      - Linear search
      - Element distinctness
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    - Binary Search
    - Insertion Sort
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- III
  - Time analysis of some list operations and methods

# I.1 Getting started: linear search

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- Consider the linear search function (from [PSS 4](#), while loops version):  Problem Solving Session
- If  $e$  is in  $L$ , function returns index of first occurrence returned. Otherwise, it returns -1

```
1 def linearSearch(L,e):
2   n = len(L)
3   i = 0
4   while i < n:
5       if L[i]==e:
6           return i
7       i=i+1
8   return -1
```

- Let  $T(n)$  = worst case running time of **linearSearch** on a size-  $n$  list
- Worst case: Adversary chooses  $L$  and  $e$
- Why worst case? It gives a guarantee

# I.1 Getting started: linear search (Continued)

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- Denote the cost, i.e., time, of Line  $i$  by  $c_i$
- Worst case?

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When while breaks at  $i=n$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + (c_4 + c_5 + c_7) \times n + c_4 + c_8 \\ &= (c_4 + c_5 + c_7) \times n + (c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + c_4 + c_8) \\ &= (\text{a constant}) \times n + (\text{a negligible term compared to } n) \end{aligned}$$

# 1.2 Asymptotic analysis

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- We can't measure the running exactly as it depends on
  - Interpreter's implementation
  - Computer speed
- Solution: **asymptotic analysis**: look at growth of  $T(n)$  as **the input size**  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- How does  $T(n)$  **scale** as input size  $n$  doubles or gets multiplied by 10?
- Interested in the **complexity of the algorithm** and not its implementation using a particular programming language or its speed on a specific machine
- Key:
  - Ignore constants
  - Ignore low order terms

# 1.2 Asymptotic analysis (Continued)

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- Examples:
    - $5 \times n + 17$
    - $6 \times n^2 + 18 \times n + 5$
- Diagram annotations:  
- Red arrows point from the word "Constant" to the boxed numbers 5 and 6.  
- Blue arrows point from the text "Low order terms" to the boxed numbers 17 and the entire expression  $18 \times n + 5$ .

- Theta notation:
  - $5 \times n + 17$
  - $6 \times n^2 + 18 \times n + 5$
  - $3 \times \log(n) + 7$
  - 10



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    - $5 \times n + 17$
    - $6 \times n^2 + 18 \times n + 5$
- Diagram annotations:  
- Red arrows point to the constants 5 and 6, labeled "Constant".  
- Blue boxes highlight the terms 17 and  $18 \times n + 5$ , with a blue arrow pointing to the label "Low order terms".

- Theta notation:
  - $5 \times n + 17 = \Theta(n)$
  - $6 \times n^2 + 18 \times n + 5 = \Theta(n^2)$
  - $3 \times \log n + 7 = \Theta(\log n)$
  - $10 = \Theta(1)$

# 1.3 Theta notation: formal definition

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- Definition: Let  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  be functions defined on the nonnegative integers and taking real values.

Assume that for  $n$  large enough,  $f(n) \geq 0$  and  $g(n) \geq 0$ .

We say that  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$  if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \text{a positive constant}$$

assuming that the limit exists.

# 1.3 Theta notation: formal definition

## (Continued)

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- Check above examples:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 \times n + 17}{n} = 5 > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 5 \times n + 17 = \Theta(n)$$

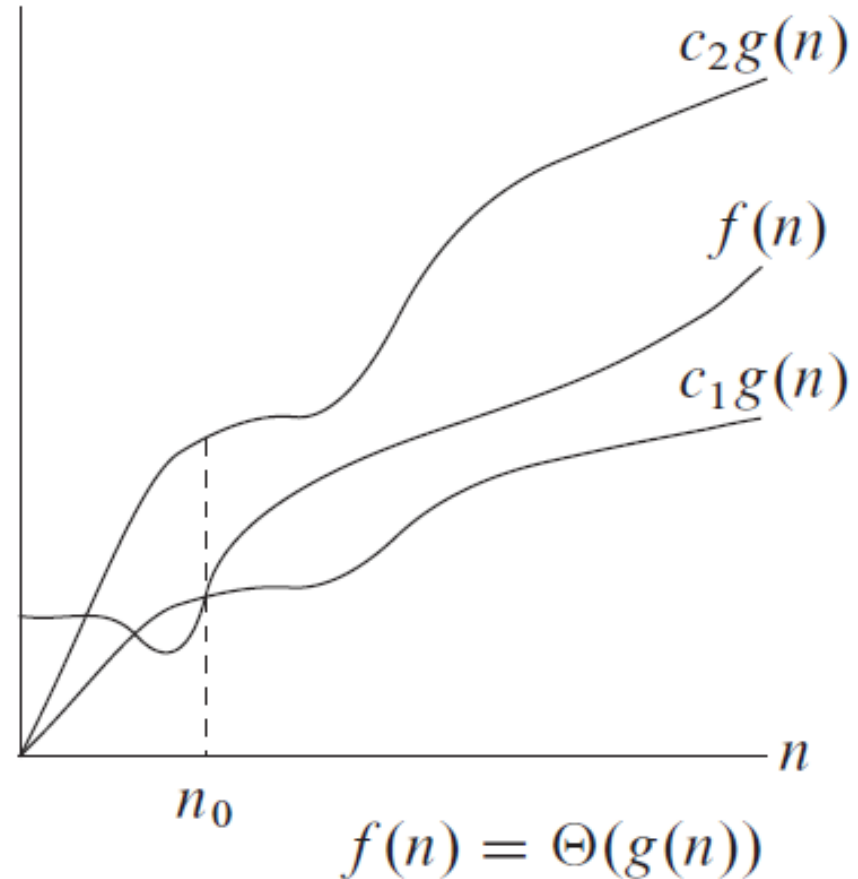
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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10}{1} = 10 > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 10 = \Theta(1)$$

# 1.4 Theta notation: more formal definition

More generally (even if limit doesn't exist), we say that  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$  if for large values of  $n$ ,  $f(n)$  can be sandwiched between two positive constant multiples of  $g(n)$ , i.e.,

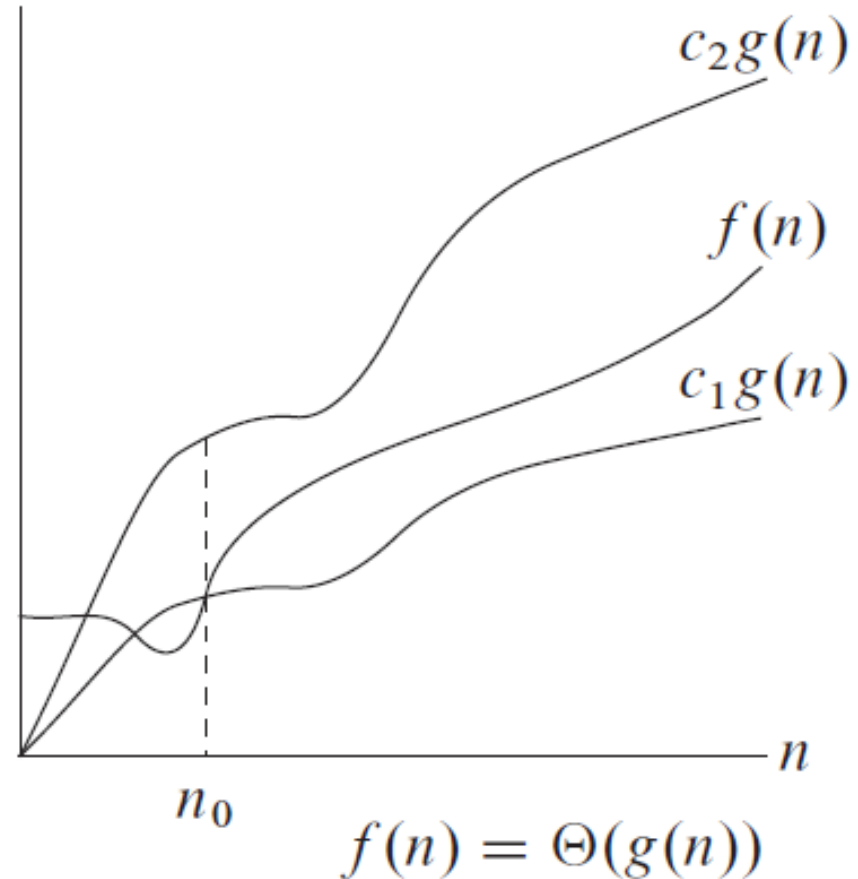


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$$0 \leq c_1 \times g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 \times g(n)$$



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means

$f_1(n) + f_2(n)$  for some

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- $\Theta(1) \times n = \Theta(n)$
- $\Theta(n) \times n = \Theta(n^2)$

# 1.5 Working with Theta: linear Search running time (Continued)

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- Instead of using constants, use  $\Theta$  notation
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- Worst case running time of **linearSearch**:

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# 1.5 Working with Theta: searching for two elements

```
def linearSearchForTwoElements(L, e1, e2):  
    i1 = linearSearch(L, e1)  
    i2 = linearSearch(L, e2)  
    return (i1, i2)
```

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# 1.5 Working with Theta: searching for two elements (Continued)

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Passing parameters to function and return

- Worst case time:  $\Theta(n) + \Theta(n) + \Theta(1) = \Theta(n)$  steps
- Two sequential loops:  $\Theta(n) + \Theta(n) = \Theta(n)$
- Nesting loops costs more

# 1.6 Time analysis of element distinctness function

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- From the lists lectures (function version): start with naive version
- Worst case ?

```
def naiveDistinctElements(L):  
    n = len(L)  
    for i in range(n):  
        for j in range(n):  
            if i!=j and L[i]==L[j]:  
                return False  
    return True
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Control of outer for, passing parameters to function, final return

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# 1.6 Time analysis of element distinctness function (Continued)

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- Now consider less naive function:
- Worst case?

```
def distinctElements(L):  
    n = len(L)  
    for i in range(n):  
        for j in range(i+1,n):  
            if L[i]==L[j]:  
                return False  
    return True
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- Therefore, **worst case running time of distinctElements is  $\Theta(n^2)$ :**

$$T(n) = \Theta(n) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \Theta(n - i) = \Theta\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (n - i)\right) = \Theta(n^2)$$

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

- That is, the speedup trick ( $j \geq i + 1$ ) only changed  $T(n)$  by a constant

# 1.7 Other asymptotic notations

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<i>Theta:</i> $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$	$f(n)$ is asymptotically like $g(n)$	
<i>Big O:</i> $f(n) = O(g(n))$	$f(n)$ is asymptotically like $g(n)$ or weaker than $g(n)$	
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<i>Big O:</i> $f(n) = O(g(n))$	$f(n)$ is asymptotically like $g(n)$ or weaker than $g(n)$	There exist $c > 0$ and $n_0 > 0$ such that for all $n > n_0$ , $0 \leq f(n) \leq c \times g(n)$
<i>Little o:</i> $f(n) = o(g(n))$	$f(n)$ is asymptotically weaker than $g(n)$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 0$

- Note:  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  and  $g(n) = O(f(n)) \Leftrightarrow f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$
- Notational difference compared to [Guttag]:
  - $f = O(g)$  in [Guttag] means  $f = \Theta(g)$  here
  - $f \in O(g)$  in [Guttag] means  $f = O(g)$  here

# I.7 Other asymptotic notations: examples

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- $5 \times n^2 + 1000 \times n + 17 \quad \Theta(n^2)$

- $5 \times n^2 + 1000 \times n + 17 \quad O(n^2)$

- ~~$5 \times n^2 + 1000 \times n + 17 \neq o(n^2)$~~

- $5 \times n^2 + 1000 \times n + 17 \neq \Theta(n^3)$

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# 1.7 Other asymptotic notations (Continued)

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- Say that you have an algorithm with worst case running time  $T(n)$
- What does  $T(n) = \Theta(g(n))$  mean?
- What does  $T(n) = O(g(n))$  mean?
- What does  $T(n) = o(g(n))$  mean?

# 1.7 Other asymptotic notations (Continued)

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- Say that you have an algorithm with worst case running time  $T(n)$
- What does  $T(n) = \Theta(g(n))$  mean? The worst case running time grows like  $g(n)$ , i.e.,  $g(n)$  is an asymptotic worst case guarantee which is attainable.
- What does  $T(n) = O(g(n))$  mean? The worst case running time grows like  $g(n)$  or is weaker than  $g(n)$ , i.e.,  $g(n)$  is an asymptotic worst case guarantee which may or may not be attainable.
- What does  $T(n) = o(g(n))$  mean? The algorithm is asymptotically much faster than  $g(n)$

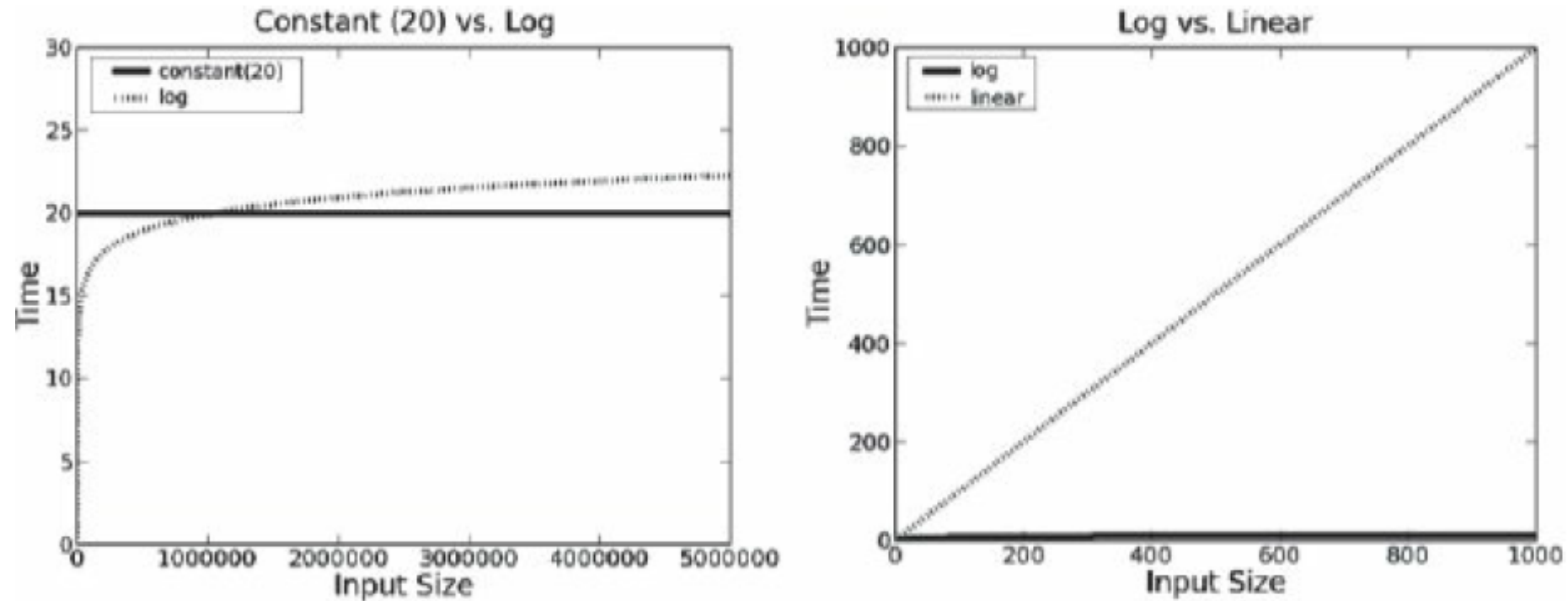
# 1.8 Common growth rates

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- $\Theta(1)$  is called **constant** running time
- $\Theta(\log n)$  is called **logarithmic** running time
- $\Theta(n)$  is called **linear** running time
- $\Theta(n \log n)$  is called **log-linear** running time
- $\Theta(n^2)$  is called **quadratic** running time
- $\Theta(n^k)$ , where  $k > 0$  is a constant, is called **polynomial** running time
- $\Theta(c^n)$ , where  $c > 1$  is a constant, is called **exponential** running time

# I.9 Comparison of common growth rates

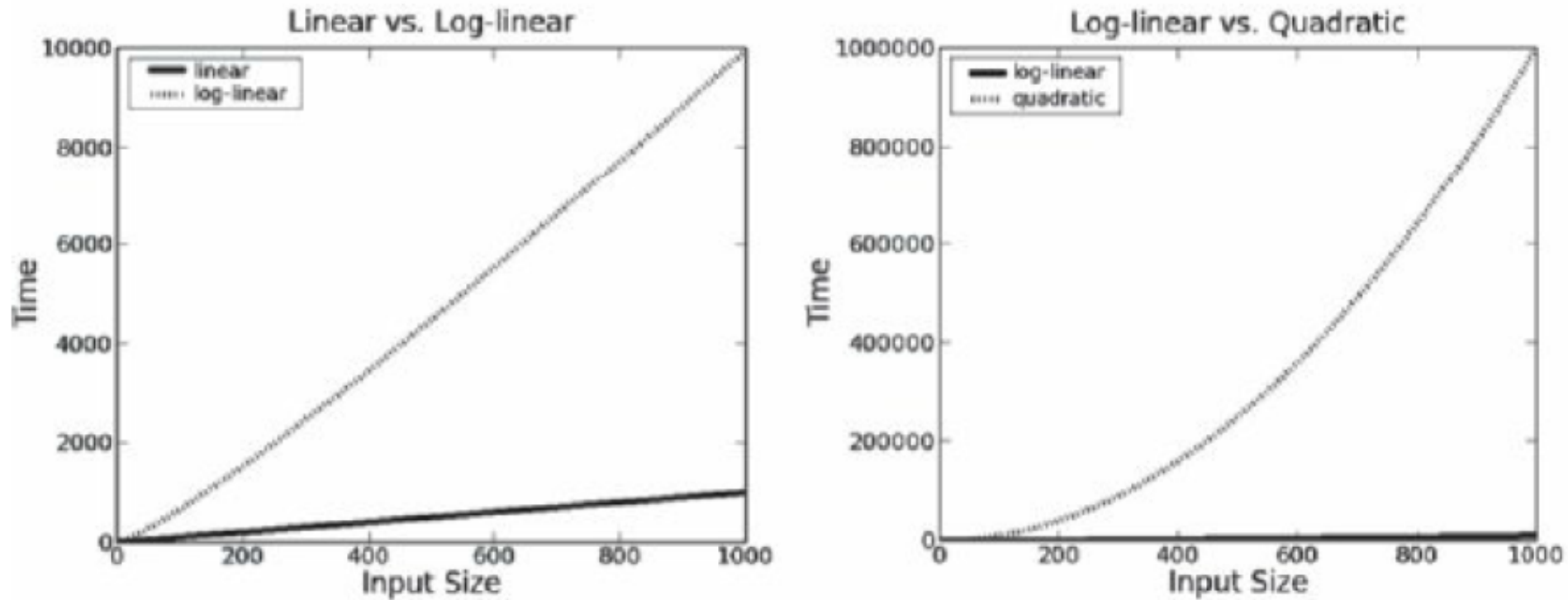
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**Figure 9.7 Constant, logarithmic, and linear growth**  
[Guttag, 2016, Chapter 9]

# 1.9 Comparison of common growth rates (Continued)

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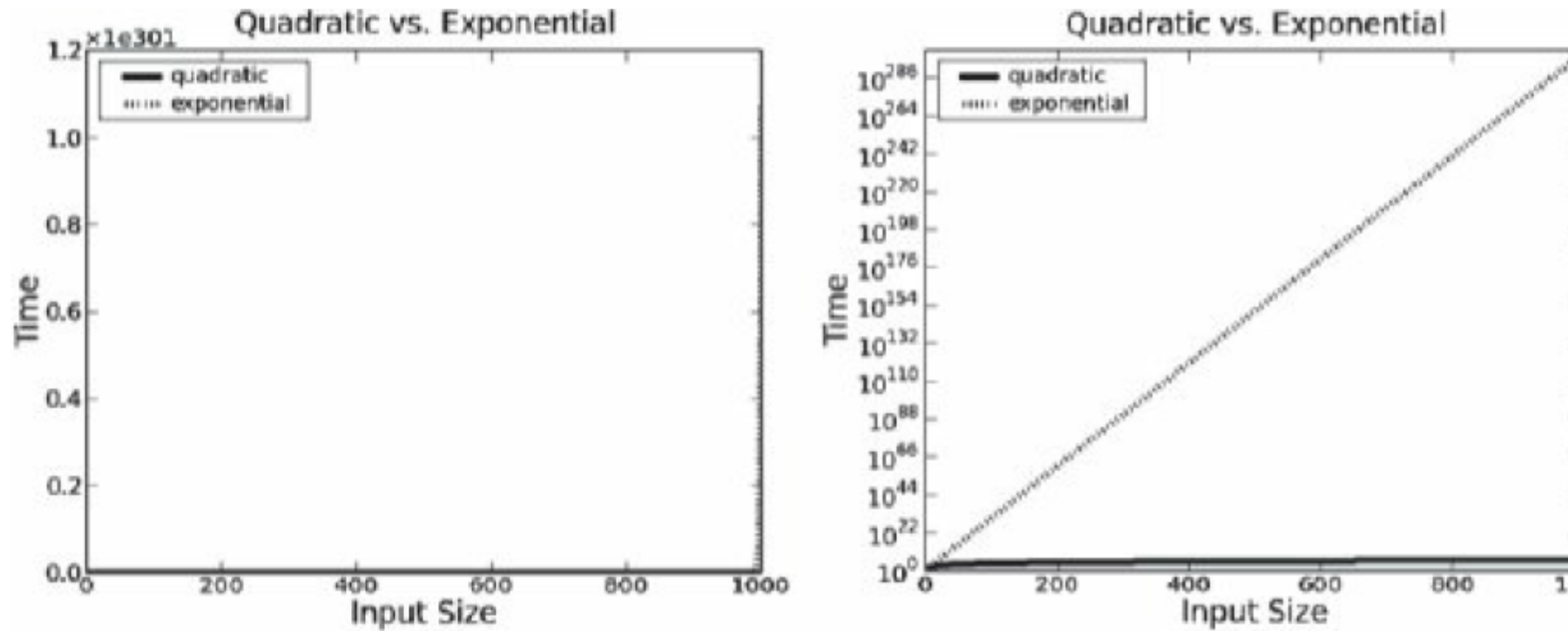


**Figure 9.8 Linear, log-linear, and quadratic growth**

[Guttag, 2016, Chapter 9]

# 1.9 Comparison of common growth rates (Continued)

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**Figure 9.9 Quadratic and exponential growth**

[Guttag, 2016, Chapter 9]

# I.10 Examples from Programming Assignments (PA) 1 and 2

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- [PA1.Problem 4] Quadratic equations solver:
- [PA2.Problem 1.a] Time to find the factorial of a given number  $n$ :
- [PA2.Problem 2] Time to find the max in a sequence of  $n$  number entered by user:
  - Space (memory):
- [PA2.Problem 3.a] Time to check if a given number  $n$  is prime:

# I.10 Examples from Programming Assignments (PA) 1 and 2 (Continued)

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- [PA1.Problem 4] Quadratic equations solver:  $\Theta(1)$  time
- [PA2.Problem 1.a] Time to find the factorial of a given number  $n$ :  $\Theta(n)$  arithmetic operations (for large  $n$ , multiplications and additions cost more than  $\Theta(1)$  time)
- [PA2.Problem 2] Time to find the max in a sequence of  $n$  number entered by user:  $\Theta(n)$  time
  - Space (memory):  $\Theta(1)$
- [PA2.Problem 3.a] Time to check if a given number  $n$  is prime:  $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$  arithmetic operations  
(best known poly-log:  $\Theta((\log n)^c)$ , where  $c > 0$  is a constant)



# I.10 Examples from Programming Assignment (PA) 2 (Continued)

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- [PA2.Problem 4.a] Time to check if a given number  $n$  is square:
- [PA2.Problem 4.b] Time to check if a given number  $n$  is square using bisection method (function version):

```
23 def isSquareBisection(n):
24     if n<0: return False
25     elif n ==0:return True
26     else:
27         low = 1
28         high = n
29         while low<=high:
30             mid = (low+high)//2
31             if mid*mid ==n:
32                 return True
33             elif mid*mid<n:
34                 low = mid+1
35             else:
36                 high = mid-1
37         return False
```

# I.10 Examples from Programming Assignment (PA) 2 (Continued)

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- [PA2.Problem 4.a] Time to check if a given number  $n$  is square:  $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$  arithmetic operations
- [PA2.Problem 4.b] Time to check if a given number  $n$  is square using bisection method (function version):
  - $\Theta(\log n)$  arithmetic operations
- Why?

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31             if mid*mid ==n:
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35             else:
36                 high = mid-1
37         return False
```

# I.11 Time analysis of square-root test using bisection

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- Initial search interval consists of the integers in  $[1, n]$
- After each iteration of the while loop, the length of the search interval is reduced by at least half
- Thus after  $k$  iterations, its length is at most  $n/2^k$
- Hence after at most  $\log_2 n$  iterations, its length is at most  $1$
- Moreover, it is reduced by at least one integer at each iteration (as either **low** is set to **mid + 1** or **high** to **mid - 1**, if **mid × mid ≠ n**)
- Hence after at most  $\log_2 n + 1$  iterations, it must be empty
- Thus, the worst case time:  $O(\log_2 n + 1) = O(\log n)$  arithmetic operation (Big  $O$  in Section I.7 above)
- It is actually  $\Theta(\log n)$ : worst case when  $n$  is not square

# II

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- Binary Search
- Insertion Sort

# 11.1 Binary Search: the problem of searching sorted lists

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- When we have many search queries, it is more efficient to first sort the list and implement the search queries using a searching algorithm smarter than linear search, which takes linear time
- *Given a list  $L[0..n-1]$  of integers sorted in non-decreasing order and a number  $x$ , check if  $x$  is in  $L$ : if found return an index  $i$  such that  $L[i] = x$ , otherwise return  $-1$*

# II.1 Idea of Binary Search

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- Same as the bisection method
- Compare  $x$  with the middle element of  $L$
- If  $>$ , we can ignore the lower half of  $L$  since  $L$  is sorted
- If  $<$ , we can ignore the upper half of  $L$  since  $L$  is sorted
- If  $=$ , we are done ( $x$  is an element of  $L$ )
- Repeat

## II.1 Try it on a example

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Try it on:

- a.  $L = [-3, -2, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 17]$  and  $x = 5$
- b. Same  $L$  with and  $x = 4$

## II.1.a Binary search for 5 in [-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]

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<sup>0</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> <sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup> <sup>6</sup> <sup>7</sup> <sup>8</sup> <sup>9</sup> <sup>10</sup>  
[-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]



## II.1.a Binary search for 5 in [-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]

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[-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]

## II.1.a Binary search for 5 in $[-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]$

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
[-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]

6 7 8 9 10  
[5, 6, 8, 9,17]

## II.1.a Binary search for 5 in $[-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]$

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$\begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ [-3, & -2, & 1, & 1, & 2, & 3, & 5, & 6, & 8, & 9, & 17] \end{matrix}$

$\begin{matrix} 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ [5, & 6, & 8, & 9, & 17] \end{matrix}$

$\begin{matrix} 6 & 7 \\ [5, & 6] \end{matrix}$

## II.1.a Binary search for 5 in $[-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]$

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
[-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]

6 7 8 9 10  
[5, 6, 8, 9,17]

6 7  
[5, 6]

Return the index 6 of 5

## II.1.b Binary search for 4 in [-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]

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0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
[-3	,-2	,1	,1	,2	,3	, 5	, 6	, 8	, 9	,17]

## II.1.b Binary search for 4 in [-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]

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0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
[-3	,-2	,1	,1	,2	,3	, 5	, 6	, 8	, 9	,17]

## II.1.b Binary search for 4 in [-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
[-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]

6 7 8 9 10  
[5, 6, 8, 9,17]

## II.1.b Binary search for 4 in [-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
[-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]

6 7 8 9 10  
[5, 6, 8, 9,17]

6 7  
[5, 6]



## II.1.b Binary search for 4 in [-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
[-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]

6 7 8 9 10  
[5, 6, 8, 9,17]

6 7  
[5, 6]

[]

## II.1.b Binary search for 4 in [-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
[-3,-2,1,1,2,3, 5, 6, 8, 9,17]

6 7 8 9 10  
[5, 6, 8, 9,17]

6 7  
[5, 6]

[]

Empty search interval: return -1

## II.1 Elaborate on idea

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- We need 3 variables: **low**, **mid**, and **high**
- Initially: **low = 0** and **high = n-1**
- Compute: **mid = (n-1)//2**  
(floor of  $(n-1)/2$ , i.e., *largest integer less than or equal to  $(n-1)/2$* )
- If **x==A[mid]**, done: **return mid**
- If **L[mid]<x**, update **low = mid +1** and keep high the same
- If **L[mid]>x**, update **high = mid -1** and keep low the same
- Re-compute: **mid = (low+high)//2**
- Repeat this process until either **x** is found or **low > high**, in which case return **-1**

# II.1 Binary Search function

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```
95 def binarySearch(L, x):
96     n = len(L)
97     low = 0
98     high = n-1
99     while low<=high:
100         mid = (low+high)//2
101         if L[mid] == x:
102             return mid
103         elif L[mid]<x:
104             low = mid+1
105         else:
106             high = mid-1
107     return -1
```

# 11.1 Binary Search time analysis: same as square-root bisection

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- Initially, list size is  $n$
- After each iteration of the while loop, the length of the sub-list  $L[\text{start} \dots \text{end}]$  is reduced by at least half
- Thus after  $k$  iterations, its length is at most  $n/2^k$
- Hence after at most  $\log_2 n$  iterations, its length is at most  $1$
- Moreover, length is reduced by at least one at each iteration (as either  $\text{low}$  is set to  $\text{mid} + 1$  or  $\text{high}$  to  $\text{mid} - 1$ , if  $L[\text{mid}] \neq x$ )
- Hence after at most  $\log_2 n + 1$  iterations, it must be empty
- This shows that the **worst case time** =  $O(\log_2 n + 1) = O(\log n)$
- It is actually  $\Theta(\log n)$ : worst case when  $x$  is not in the list
- Best case time =  $\Theta(1)$ : if  $x == L[\text{mid}]$  in the first iteration

# 11.2 Insertion Sort: the Porting Problem

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- **Input:** list of  $n$  numbers  $L = [L[0], L[1], \dots, L[n-1]]$
- **Objective:** permute the elements of  $L$  so that they are sorted in non-decreasing order, i.e.,  $L[0] \leq L[1] \leq \dots \leq L[n-1]$
- **Example:**
  - **Input:**  $L = [8, 2, 4, 9, 3, 2, 6]$
  - **Sorted:**  $L = [2, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9]$
- In PA 4, you implemented the Selection Sort algorithm, which takes  $\Theta(n^2)$  time
- Now: Insertion Sort, which also takes  $\Theta(n^2)$  time

## 11.2 Idea of Insertion Sort

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- Idea: sorting a hand of cards
- First card: ok
- Compare second card with the first and insert in its correct place
- Compare the third card with the first and second card and insert it in its correct place
- And so on until you reach the last card

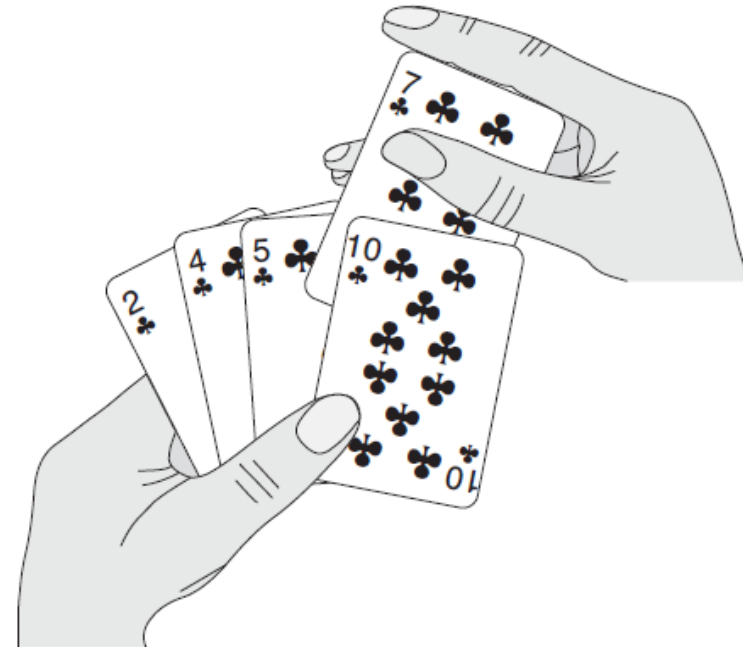


Figure 2.1 Sorting a hand of cards using insertion sort.

Figure 2.1 in [CLRS, page 17]

## 11.2 Try it on an example

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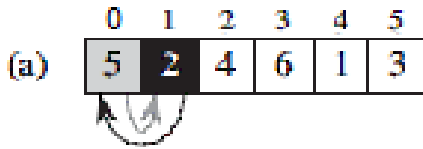
$L = [5, 2, 4, 6, 1, 3]$



## 11.2 Try it on an example (Continued)

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$L = [5, 2, 4, 6, 1, 3]$



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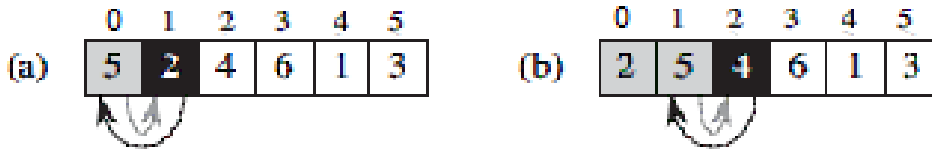
- Black cell: value under consideration, called key
- Shaded cell: values compared to the key
- Shaded arrows: values moved the right
- Black arrow: where the key is inserted

## 11.2 Try it on an example (Continued)

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L = [5, 2, 4, 6, 1, 3]

L = [2, 5, 4, 6, 1, 3]



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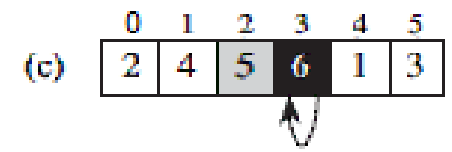
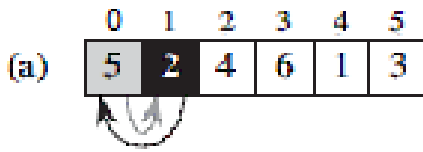
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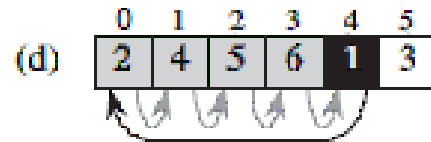
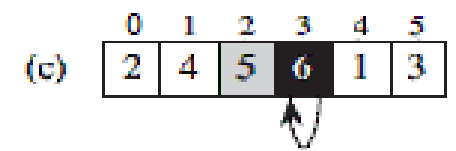
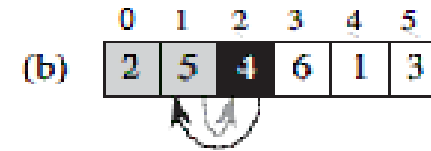
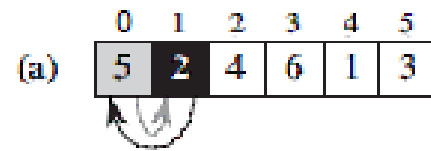
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L = [5, 2, 4, 6, 1, 3]

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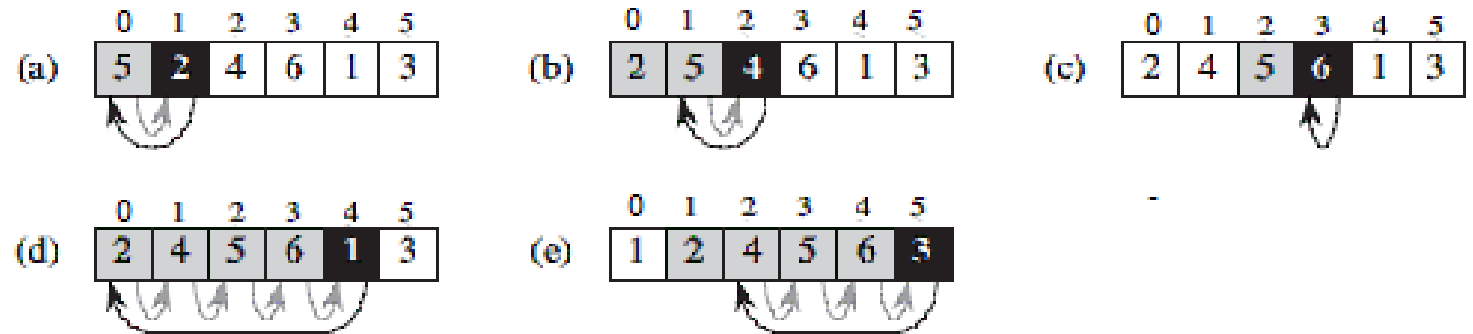
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L = [2, 4, 5, 6, 1, 3]

L = [2, 4, 5, 6, 1, 3]

L = [1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 3]



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- Black cell: value under consideration, called key
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- Black arrow: where the key is inserted

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L = [5, 2, 4, 6, 1, 3]

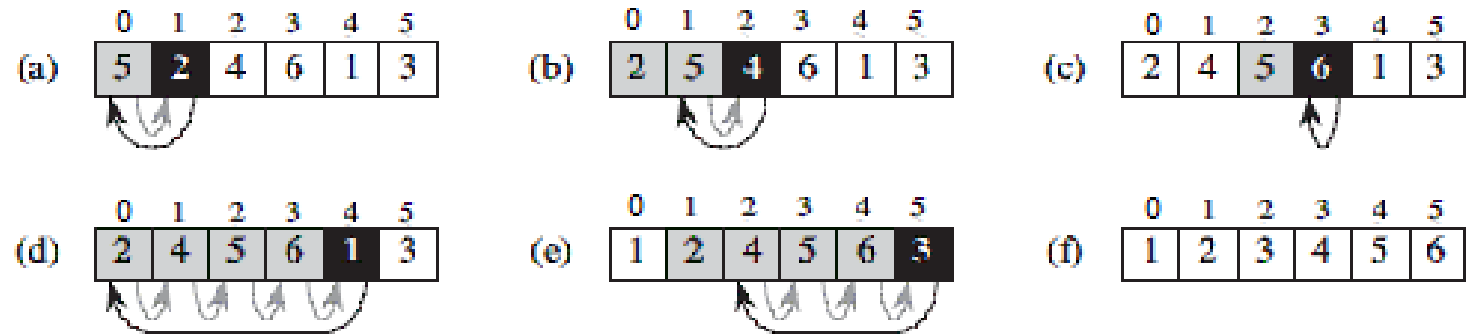
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L = [1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 3]

L = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]



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- Black arrow: where the key is inserted

## II.2 Insertion Sort function (Continued)

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```
125 def insertionSort(L):
126     n = len(L)
127     for j in range(1,n):
128         # Insert L[j] into the sorted sequence L[0...j-1]
129         key = L[j] # Save L[j] in key to avoid loosing it
```

## II.2 Insertion Sort function (Continued)

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128         # Insert L[j] into the sorted sequence L[0...j-1]
129         key = L[j] # Save L[j] in key to avoid loosing it
130         i = j-1
131         while i >= 0 and L[i] > key:
132             L[i+1] = L[i] # move L[i] forward
133             i = i - 1 # and go one step back
134         L[i+1] = key
```

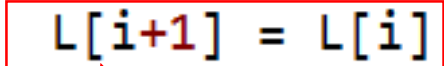
- **Function modifies input list L:** it has no return value



## II.2 Insertion Sort function (Continued)

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126     n = len(L)
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130         i = j-1
131         while i >= 0 and L[i] > key:
132             L[i+1] = L[i] # move L[i] forward
133             i = i - 1 # and go one step back
134         L[i+1] = key
135
136 L = [1, 5, 17, 3, -1, 0, 17.3, 105, 56.9]
137 insertionSort(L)
```



- **Function modifies input list L:** it has no return value

# 11.2 Time Analysis Insertion Sort

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- We have two nested loops each running for at most  $n$  steps
- Thus the worst case time is  $O(n^2)$  steps
- By more careful analysis, we will show below that it is  $\Theta(n^2)$
- Analysis similar to element distinctness algorithm

# 11.2 Time Analysis Insertion Sort (Continued)

- Worst case when array in reverse order: inner while loop will always go back  $i = 0$  and stop at  $i = -1$
- Thus at the  $j$ 'th iteration of the outer loop, the inner loop takes  $\Theta(j)$  steps. Therefore, the  $j$ 'th iteration of the outer loop takes  $\Theta(j)$  steps
- Hence total **worst case running time:**  
 $\Theta(n) + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \Theta(j) = \Theta(\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} j) = \Theta(n^2)$

```
def insertionSort(L):  
    n = len(L)  
    for j in range(1, n):
```

```
        key = L[j]  ←  $\Theta(1)$   
        i = j - 1  ←  $\Theta(j)$   
        while i >= 0 and L[i] > key:  
            L[i+1] = L[i]  
            i = i - 1  
        L[i+1] = key ←  $\Theta(1)$ 
```

$\Theta(j)$  steps

# 11.2 Selection Sort versus Insertion Sort

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	Selection Sort	Insertion Sort
Worst case running time		
Best case running time		

# 11.2 Selection Sort versus Insertion Sort (Continued)

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	Selection Sort	Insertion Sort
Worst case running time	$\Theta(n^2)$	$\Theta(n^2)$
Best case running time	$\Theta(n^2)$	$\Theta(n)$
Number of write operations on list		

# 11.2 Selection Sort versus Insertion Sort (Continued)

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	Selection Sort	Insertion Sort
Worst case running time	$\Theta(n^2)$	$\Theta(n^2)$
Best case running time	$\Theta(n^2)$	$\Theta(n)$
Number of write operations on list	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(n^2)$ Worst case

# III. Time analysis of some list operations and methods

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# III.1 Time analysis of basic list operations and methods

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Assume below that objects in lists are  $\Theta(1)$ -size scalars (i.e., integers of size  $\Theta(1)$  or objects of type float, bool, or None)

Equality check: $L1==L2$		
Concatenation: $L = L1+L2$		
Membership test: $e \text{ in } L$		
Slicing: $L[i:j+1]$		
$L.count(e)$		
$L.index(e)$		
$L.reverse(e)$		



# III.1 Time analysis of basic list operations and methods (Continued)

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Equality check: $L1==L2$	$\Theta(\min(\text{len}(L1), \text{len}(L2)))$	PA 3.Problem 2.b
Concatenation: $L = L1+L2$	$\Theta(\text{len}(L1)+\text{len}(L2))$	
Membership test: $e \text{ in } L$	$\Theta(\text{len}(L1))$ if $e$ is a scalar	PSS 3.Problem 1.b
Slicing: $L[i:j+1]$	$\Theta(j-i)$	
$L.\text{count}(e)$	$\Theta(\text{len}(L))$	PSS 4.Problem 1.a
$L.\text{index}(e)$	$\Theta(\text{len}(L))$	PSS 4.Problem 1.b
$L.\text{reverse}(e)$	$\Theta(\text{len}(L))$	PSS 4.Problem 1.c

# III.1 Time analysis of basic list operations and methods (Continued)

Assume below that objects in lists are  $\Theta(1)$ -size scalars (i.e., integers of size  $\Theta(1)$  or objects of type float, bool, or None)

same complexities  
for strings

Equality check: $L1==L2$	$\Theta(\min(\text{len}(L1), \text{len}(L2)))$	PA 3.Problem 3.b
Concatenation: $L = L1+L2$	$\Theta(\text{len}(L1)+\text{len}(L2))$	
Membership test: $e \text{ in } L$	$\Theta(\text{len}(L1))$ if $e$ is a scalar	PSS 3.Problem 1.b
Slicing: $L[i:j+1]$	$\Theta(j-i)$	
$L.\text{count}(e)$	$\Theta(\text{len}(L))$	PSS 4.Problem 1.a
$L.\text{index}(e)$	$\Theta(\text{len}(L))$	PSS 4.Problem 1.b
$L.\text{reverse}(e)$	$\Theta(\text{len}(L))$	PSS 4.Problem 1.c

## III.2 List.append method

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- Recall from [Functions III.3] that in the worst case, a single `L.append(e)` operations takes  $\Theta(\text{len}(L))$  time: if not enough contiguous cells are available, the whole list is copied to new place in memory and resized
- But the overhead on a long sequence of append operation is not substantial
- Why? The implementation of `append` in Python is something like the this: when `append` makes the list size a power of 2, the list is doubled, i.e., it is copied to new place in memory and resized to twice its size

# III.3 List.append method: amortized analysis

reduce or pay off (a debt) with regular payments [Oxford Dictionaries]

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- Consider the following sequence of append operations:

```
L = []
for i in range(n):
    # get e from somewhere, e.g., user input
    L.append(e)
```

- Let  $k$  be the largest power of 2 less than  $n$ , i.e.,  $2^k < n$
- Then for  $i = 1, 2, 2^2, 2^3, \dots, 2^k$ , the cost of append is  $\Theta(2i) = \Theta(i)$
- For all other values of  $i$ , the cost is  $\Theta(1)$
- **Thus total cost** :  $\Theta(n) + \Theta\left(\sum_{t=0}^k 2^t\right) = \Theta(n)$   
since  $\sum_{t=0}^k 2^t = 2^{k+1} - 1 < 2n - 1$

# III.3 List.append method: amortized analysis (Continued)

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- Compare with  $L=L+[e]$ :

```
L = []  
for i in range(n):  
    # get e from somewhere, e.g., user input  
    L=L+[e]
```

- For each  $i$ , the cost of  $L=L+[e]$  is  $\Theta(i)$  (a new list is created)
- Thus total cost :  $\Theta\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i\right) = \Theta(n^2)$

## III.4 List.sort method

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- List.sort takes  $\Theta(n \log n)$  time to sort a size- $n$  list
- Much faster than Selection Sort and Insertion Sort, which take  $\Theta(n^2)$  time each
- Next topic is recursion
- Among other things, we will see how recursion can be used to sort in  $\Theta(n \log n)$  time