

CNAPS 10

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To Determine Runtime of
An Algorithm WE :

- CHOOSE A BASIC OPERATION to count.
- FOR A FIXED INPUT SIZE n ,
COUNT # OF BASIC OPS IN
BEST, WORST, AND AVERAGE
CASES.

Ex. Recall seq. Search.

- 1.) get $n, a_1, \dots, a_n, \text{target}$
- 2.) $i \leftarrow 1$
- 3.) $\text{found} \leftarrow \text{false}$
- 4.) while $i \leq n$ and not found
- 5.) [if $a_i = \text{target}$
- 6.) [$\text{found} \leftarrow \text{true}$
- 7.) else
- 8.) [$i \leftarrow i + 1$
- 9.) if not found
- 10.) [$i \leftarrow 0$
- 11.) print i
- 12.) stop

Basic OP: Comparison of target with an element in list, i.e. line 5.

Best Case: 1 COMPARISON

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WORST CASE: n COMP.

AVG. CASE:

- Assume target is in list.
- Assume target is equally likely to be at any position in list.

| | <u># comp</u> |
|--------------------|---------------|
| if target in pos 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 3 |
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| n | n |

$$\text{avg \# comp} = \frac{1+2+3+\dots+n}{n} = \frac{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}{n} = \frac{1}{2}n + \frac{1}{2}$$

Summarize:

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| | <u># comp</u> |
|-------|------------------------------|
| Best | 1 |
| worst | n |
| avg | $\frac{1}{2}n + \frac{1}{2}$ |

Exercise:

Calculate avg. case #comp. under the Assumption that target is EQUALLY likely to be in list or not, and if target is in list, it is equally likely to be in any pos. in list

Answer: $\frac{3n+1}{4}$

Sorting

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Re-arrange an unordered list into increasing order.

Selection Sort:

INPUT: $n \geq 1$ (length of list to be sorted)

a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n (the list itself)

OUTPUT: original list in increasing order.