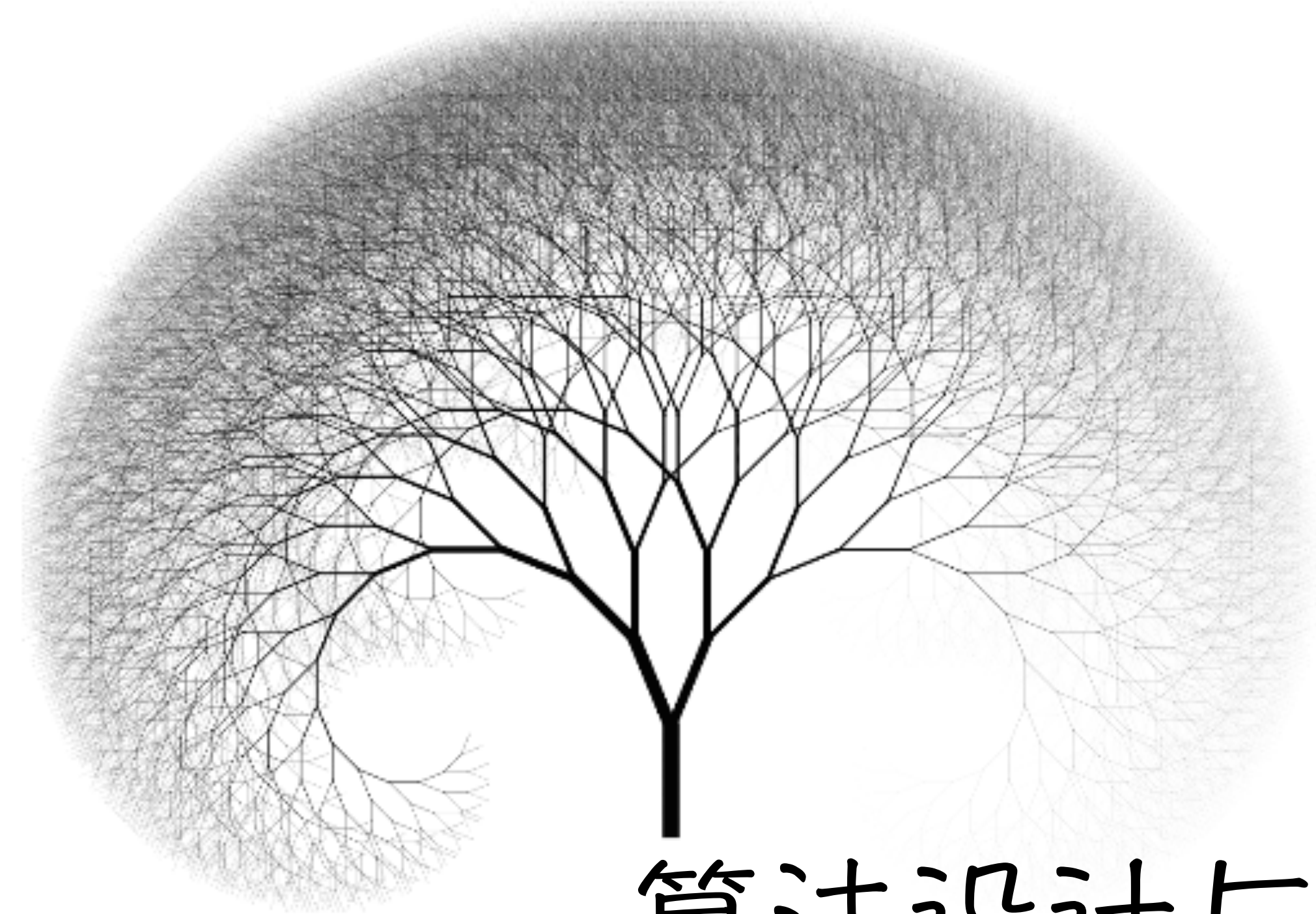




算法设计与分析

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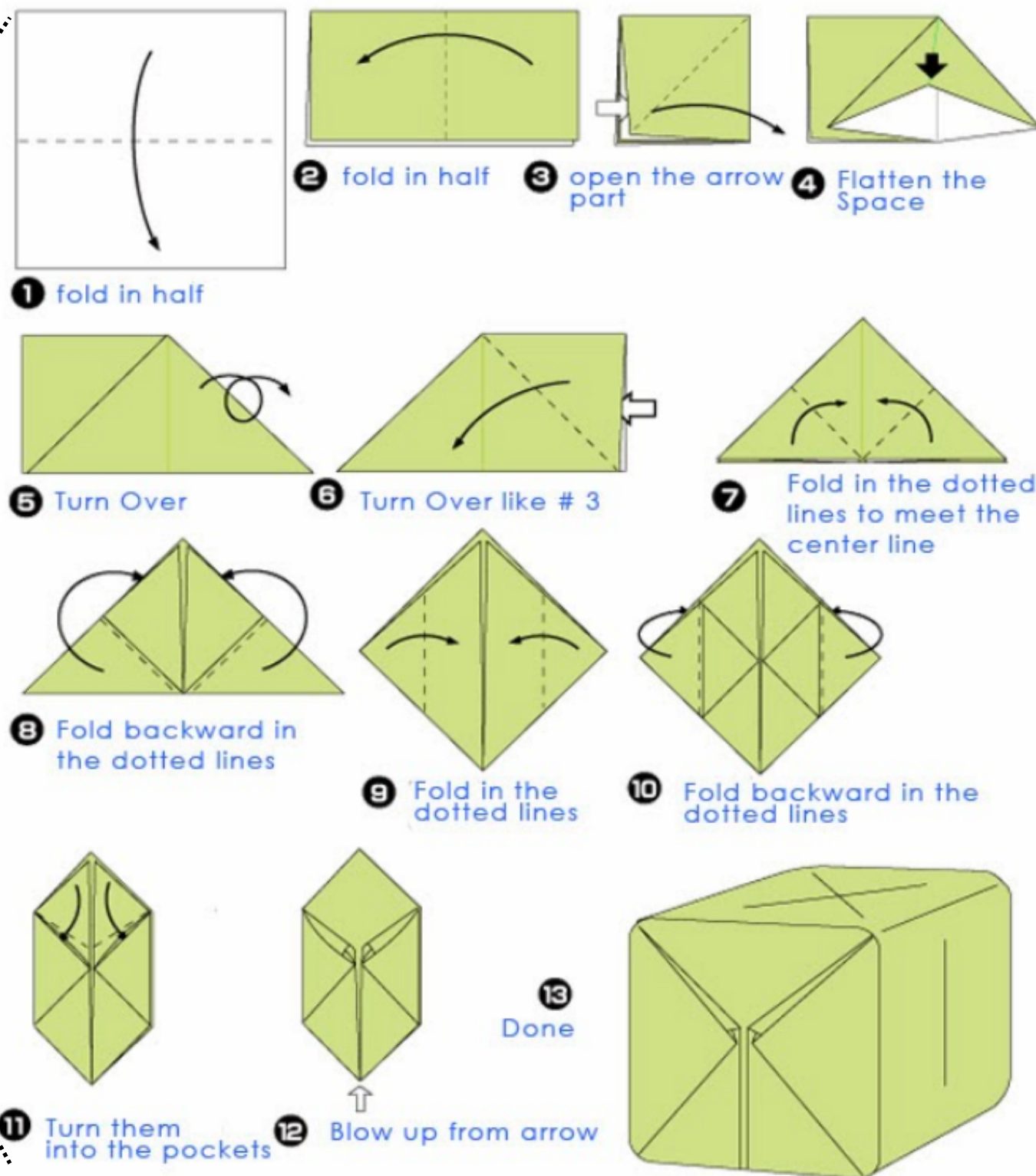
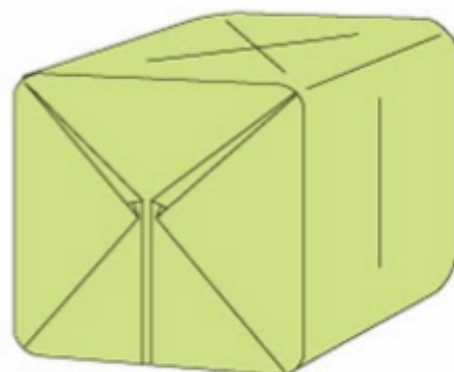
算法

- 算法是一个有限、确定、有效的过程，该过程将一些输入转换成一些输出
- 过程：一个具有逻辑顺序的特定步骤的序列
- 有限：必须在合理的时间内结束
- 确定：用清晰易懂的术语精确定义
- 有效：这些步骤必须能够实际执行

折纸算法



折纸算法



排序算法

输入 $\langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle$

输入实例

31	41	59	26	41	58
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算法的正确性

对于每个输入实例，算法都以正确的输出结束

排序算法

一个神奇的排序算法

```
def a_sort(L):  
    return [26, 31, 41, 41, 58, 59]
```

输出 $\langle a'_1, a'_2, \dots, a'_n \rangle$

排序算法

26	31	41	41	58	59
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其中 $a'_1, a'_2, \dots, a'_n$ 是 $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ 的一个排列，满足 $a'_1 \leq a'_2 \leq \dots \leq a'_n$

反面教材

BEAMILLIONAIREANDNEVERPAYTAXES()

Get a million dollars.

If the tax man comes to your door and says, “You have never paid taxes!”

Say “I forgot.”

为什么学习算法

- 算法对计算机科学的所有分支都很重要
 - 计算机网络中的路由协议需要使用最短路径算法
 - 数据库中的查询依赖于搜索算法
 - 计算机图形学需要计算几何相关的算法
 - ...
- 算法有助于在技术面试中取得成功
- ...
- 算法很有趣！

课程相关说明

- 出席：5分
 - 每缺课1次，扣1分，扣完为止
- 平时作业：20分
 - 每少交1次，扣2分，每抄袭1次，扣2分，扣完为止
- 随堂或课后测试：15分
- 期末考试：60分



算法运行时间

- 给定一个列表，判断该列表中是否有重复的元素，有重复元素，返回True，否则返回False

```
def duplicates1(L):  
    n = len(L)  
    for i in range(n):  
        for j in range(n):  
            if i != j and L[i] == L[j]:  
                return True  
    return False
```

```
In [27]: L1K = random.sample(range(10000), 1000)
```

```
In [28]: %timeit duplicates1(L1K)
```

```
79.8 ms ± 968 µs per loop (mean ± std. dev. of 7 runs, 10 loops each)
```

算法运行时间

- 给定一个列表，判断该列表中是否有重复的元素，有重复元素，返回True，否则返回False

```
def duplicates2(L):  
    n = len(L)  
    for i in range(1, n):  
        for j in range(i):  
            if L[i] == L[j]:  
                return True  
    return False
```

```
def duplicates3(L):  
    n = len(L)  
    L.sort()  
    for i in range(n-1):  
        if L[i] == L[i+1]:  
            return True  
    return False
```

```
def duplicates4(L):  
    s = set()  
    for e in L:  
        if e in s:  
            return True  
        s.add(e)  
    return False
```

```
def duplicates5(L):  
    return len(L) != len(set(L))
```

算法运行时间

时间单位：毫秒

len(L)	duplicates1	duplicates2	duplicates3	duplicates4	duplicates5
1,000	79.8	29.6	2.87	0.078	0.016
10,000	8,250	3,190	37.4	0.922	0.312
100,000	?	?	480	12.8	5.97

- 不同算法的运行时间可能差异很大
- 某一算法的运行时间和诸多因素相关：机器、编程语言等
- 如何准确方便地描述算法的运行时间呢？

计算模型：随机访问机

- 随机访问机 (random-access machine, RAM)
 - 基本操作：算术/逻辑运算、读写内存、数组索引、…
 - 假设基本操作花费的时间为常量
 - 每个内存单元可以存放一个 w 比特的整数
- 算法的运行时间：基本操作的数量
- 算法的空间需求：使用内存单元的数量
- 注意
 - 某些算法可能需要更精细的模型 (比如2个大整数相乘)

算法运行时间

```
def duplicates1(L):  
    n = len(L) #01  
    for i in range(n): #02  
        for j in range(n): #03  
            if i != j and L[i] == L[j]: #04  
                return True #05  
    return False #06
```

最坏情况下, #基本操作 = $1 + 2n^2 + 1 = 2n^2 + 2$

```
def duplicates2(L):  
    n = len(L) #01  
    for i in range(1,n): #02  
        for j in range(i): #03  
            if L[i] == L[j]: #04  
                return True #05  
    return False #06
```

最坏情况下, #基本操作 = $1 + \sum_{i=1}^n i + 1 = \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n + 1$

算法运行时间

```
def duplicates3(L):  
    n = len(L) #01  
    L.sort() #02  
    for i in range(n - 1): #03  
        if L[i] == L[i + 1]: #04  
            return True #05  
    return False #06
```

最坏情况下, #基本操作 = $1 + n \log n + (n - 1) + 1 = n \log n + n + 1$

```
def duplicates4(L):  
    s = set() #01  
    for e in L: #02  
        if e in s: #03  
            return True #04  
        s.add(e) #05  
    return False #06
```

```
def duplicates5(L):  
    return len(L) != len(set(L))
```

最坏情况下, #基本操作 = ?

最坏情况下, #基本操作 = $1 + 2n + 1 = 2n + 2$

算法运行时间

时间单位：毫秒

len(L)	duplicates1	duplicates2	duplicates3	duplicates4	duplicates5
1000	79.8	29.6	2.87	0.078	0.016
10000	8250	3190	37.4	0.922	0.312
100000	?	?	480	12.8	5.97

- duplicates1: $2n^2 + 2$
- duplicates2: $\frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n + 1$
- duplicates3: $n \log n + n + 1$
- duplicates4: $2n + 2$

渐近记号

- 使用基本操作的数量而不是实际运行时间来衡量算法运行时间
- 使用最坏情况分析
 - 给出了运行时间的上界
 - 仅仅考虑问题规模，而不关注具体输入，具有通用性
- 在分析基本操作数量时，渐近记号**忽略**
 - **常数因子**：仍然和机器、编程语言等因素相关
 - **低阶项**：输入规模很大时无关紧要
- 对长度为 n 的数组，duplicates2最多执行 $\frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n + 1$ 次基本操作
 - 忽略低阶项： $\frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n + 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}n^2$
 - 忽略常数因子： $\frac{1}{2}n^2 \Rightarrow n^2$

O记号

- $O(g(n)) = \{f(n): \text{存在正常量 } c \text{ 和 } n_0, \text{ 使得对所有 } n \geq n_0, \text{ 有 } 0 \leq f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)\}$

- $f(n) = O(g(n))$ 表示函数 $f(n)$ 是函数集合 $O(g(n))$ 的成员

- 如果 $f(n) = 32n^2 + 17n + 1$, 那么 $f(n) = O(n^2)$

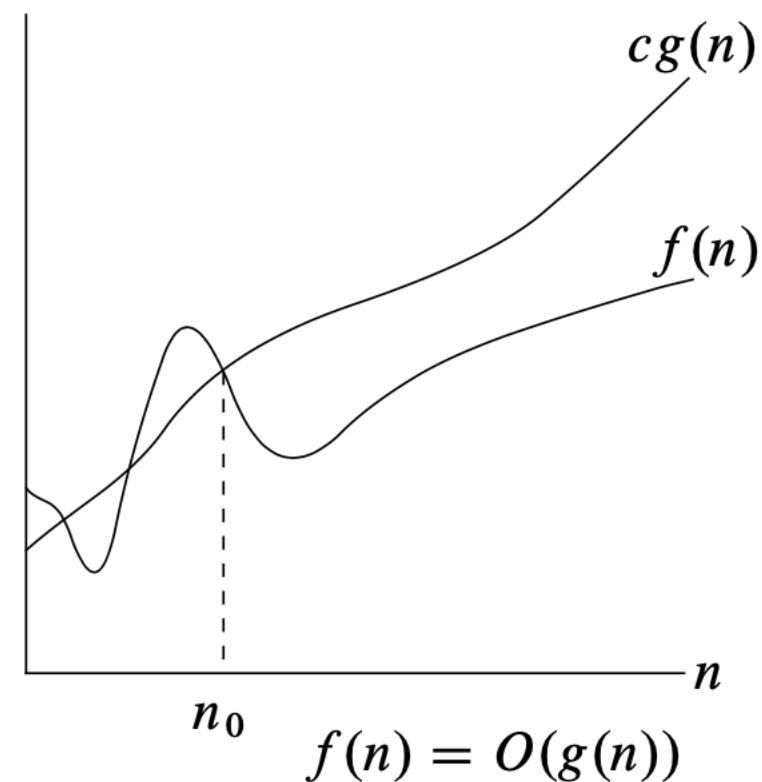
- 令 $c = 50$, $n_0 = 1$, 对于所有的 $n \geq n_0 = 1$,
 $f(n) = 32n^2 + 17n + 1 \leq 50n^2 = c \cdot n^2$

- 如何知道 $c = 50$, $n_0 = 1$ 呢?

- $g(n) = n^2 \Rightarrow c \cdot g(n) = c \cdot n^2$

- $f(n) = 32n^2 + 17n + 1 \leq 32n^2 + 17n^2 + n^2 = 50n^2$ (当 $n \geq 1$ 时)

- 所以令 $c = 50$, $n_0 = 1$



O记号

- $O(g(n)) = \{f(n): \text{存在正常量 } c \text{ 和 } n_0, \text{ 使得对所有 } n \geq n_0, \text{ 有 } 0 \leq f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)\}$
- $f(n) = O(g(n))$ 表示函数 $f(n)$ 是函数集合 $O(g(n))$ 的成员
- 如果 $f(n) = 32n^2 + 17n + 1$, 那么 $f(n) = O(n^2)$
- $f(n)$ 不是 $O(n)$, 也不是 $O(\log n)$
 - 下面通过反证法来证明 $f(n)$ 不是 $O(n)$
 - 假设存在 c 和 n_0 , 使得对所有 $n \geq n_0$, 有 $32n^2 + 17n + 1 \leq c \cdot n$
 - 两边同除以 n , 有 $32n + 17 + \frac{1}{n} \leq c$, 即 $32n \leq c - 17 - \frac{1}{n} \leq c$
 - 当 $32n > c$ 时, 上面的不等式不成立, 所以 $f(n)$ 不是 $O(n)$

O 记号的性质

- 自反. $f = O(f)$
- 常量. 如果 $f = O(g)$ 并且 $c > 0$, 那么 $c \cdot f = O(g)$
- 乘积. 如果 $f_1 = O(g_1)$ 并且 $f_2 = O(g_2)$, 那么 $f_1 f_2 = O(g_1 g_2)$
 - 存在正常量 c_1 和 n_1 , 使得对于所有 $n \geq n_1$, 有 $0 \leq f_1(n) \leq c_1 \cdot g_1(n)$
 - 存在正常量 c_2 和 n_2 , 使得对于所有 $n \geq n_2$, 有 $0 \leq f_2(n) \leq c_2 \cdot g_2(n)$
 - 所以, 对于所有的 $n \geq \max\{n_1, n_2\}$, 有
$$0 \leq f_1(n) \cdot f_2(n) \leq c_1 \cdot c_2 \cdot g_1(n) \cdot g_2(n)$$
- 和. 如果 $f_1 = O(g_1)$ 并且 $f_2 = O(g_2)$, 那么 $f_1 + f_2 = O(\max\{g_1, g_2\})$
- 传递. 如果 $f = O(g)$ 并且 $g = O(h)$, 那么 $f = O(h)$

Ω 记号

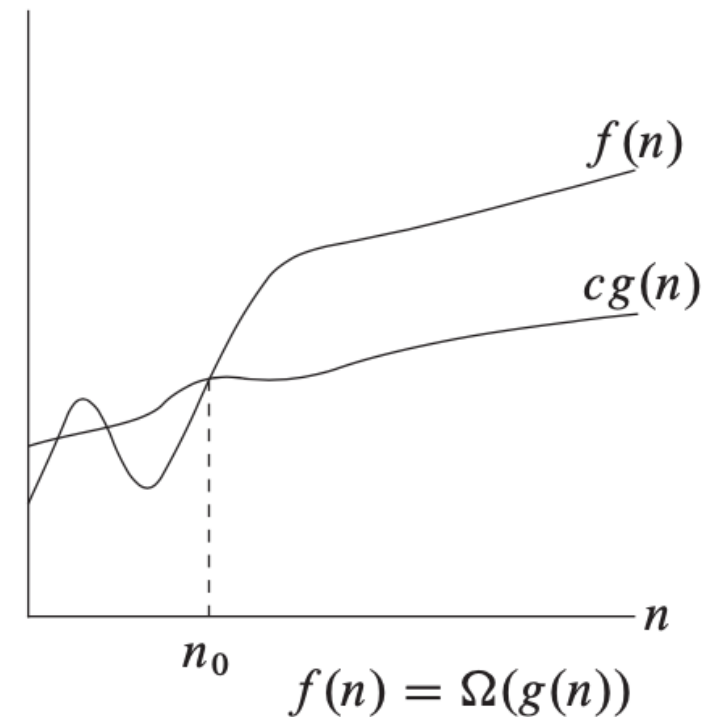
- $\Omega(g(n)) = \{f(n): \text{存在正常量 } c \text{ 和 } n_0, \text{ 使得对所有 } n \geq n_0, \text{ 有 } 0 \leq c \cdot g(n) \leq f(n)\}$

- $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ 表示函数 $f(n)$ 是函数集合 $\Omega(g(n))$ 的成员

- 如果 $f(n) = 2n^3 - 7n + 1$, 那么 $f(n) = \Omega(n^3)$

- 令 $c = 1$, $n_0 = 3$, 对于所有的 $n \geq n_0 = 3$,

$$f(n) = 2n^3 - 7n + 1 = n^3 + (n^3 - 7n) + 1 \geq n^3 + 1 \geq n^3$$



- 如何知道 $c = 1$, $n_0 = 3$ 呢?

- $g(n) = n^3 \Rightarrow c \cdot g(n) = c \cdot n^3$

- $f(n) = 2n^3 - 7n + 1 = n^3 + (n^3 - 7n) + 1$

- 当 $n^3 - 7n > 0$ 时, 即 $n > 3$ 时, 可以将 $f(n)$ 进一步缩小为 n^3

- 所以令 $c = 1$, $n_0 = 3$

Ω 记号

- $\Omega(g(n)) = \{f(n): \text{存在正常量 } c \text{ 和 } n_0, \text{ 使得对所有 } n \geq n_0, \text{ 有 } 0 \leq c \cdot g(n) \leq f(n)\}$
- $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ 表示函数 $f(n)$ 是函数集合 $\Omega(g(n))$ 的成员
- 如果 $f(n) = 2n^3 - 7n + 1$, 那么 $f(n) \neq \Omega(n^4)$
 - 假设存在正常量 c 和 n_0 , 使得对所有 $n \geq n_0$, 有 $2n^3 - 7n + 1 \geq c \cdot n^4$
 - 看能否推出矛盾, 即 $2n^3 - 7n + 1 < c \cdot n^4$
 - 显然, $2n^3 - 7n + 1 \leq 2n^3 + 1 \leq 2n^3 + n^3 = 3n^3$ (当 $n \geq 1$ 时)
 - 因为目标是 n^4 , 所以 $2n^3 - 7n + 1 \leq 3n^3 \leq c \cdot \frac{3}{c}n^3 \rightarrow c \cdot n^4$
 - 当 $\frac{3}{c} < n$ 时, $c \cdot \frac{3}{c}n^3 < c \cdot n^4$
 - 综合上述考虑, 令 $n > \max\{1, \frac{3}{c}\}$, 可以得到 $2n^3 - 7n + 1 < c \cdot n^4$, 矛盾!

Θ 记号

- $\Theta(g(n)) = \{f(n): \text{存在正常量 } c_1, c_2 \text{ 和 } n_0, \text{ 使得对所有 } n \geq n_0, \text{ 有 } 0 \leq c_1 \cdot g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 \cdot g(n)\}$

- $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ 表示函数 $f(n)$ 是函数集合 $\Theta(g(n))$ 的成员

- $f(n) = 32n^2 + 17n + 1$

- $f(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

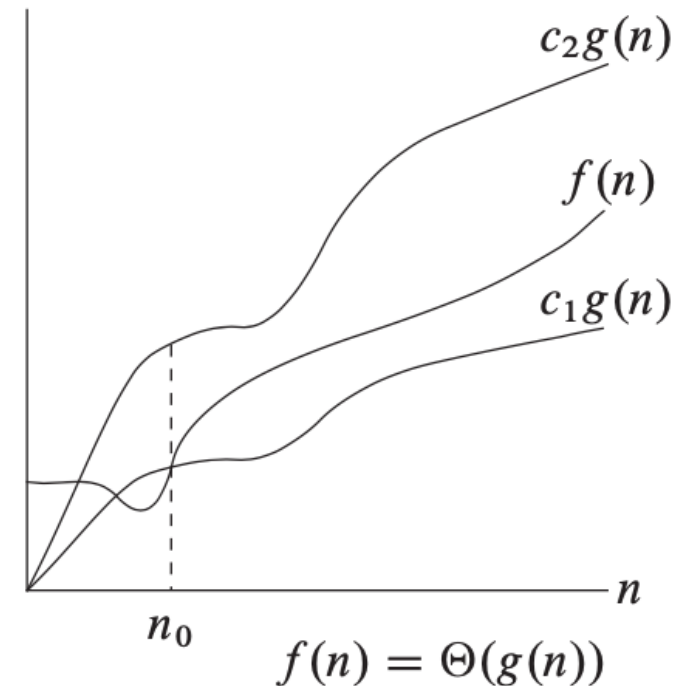
- $f(n) \neq \Theta(n), f(n) \neq \Theta(n^3)$

- **定理**：对任意两个函数 $f(n)$ 和 $g(n)$, $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ 当且仅当 $f(n) = O(g(n))$ 并且 $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$

- 如果 $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$, $g(n)$ 称为 $f(n)$ 的渐近紧确界

- 如果 $f(n) = O(g(n))$, $g(n)$ 称为 $f(n)$ 的渐近上界

- 如果 $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$, $g(n)$ 称为 $f(n)$ 的渐近下界



思考题

 假设 $T(n) = \frac{1}{2}n^2 + 3n$, 下面哪些说法是正确的?

A. $T(n) = O(n)$

B. $T(n) = \Omega(n)$

C. $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

D. $T(n) = O(n^3)$

渐近记号与极限

- 如果 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = c$, 其中 c 是一个正常量, 那么 $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$
 - 根据极限定义, 对任意 $\epsilon > 0$, 存在 n_0 使得对于所有 $n \geq n_0$, 有 $c - \epsilon \leq \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \leq c + \epsilon$
 - 令 $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}c > 0$, 两边同乘以 $g(n)$, 有 $\frac{1}{2}c \cdot g(n) \leq f(n) \leq \frac{3}{2}c \cdot g(n)$
 - 令 $c_1 = 1/2 \cdot c$, $c_2 = 3/2 \cdot c$, 根据 Θ 定义, 有 $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$
- 如果 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 0$, 那么 $f(n) = O(g(n))$, $f(n) \neq \Omega(g(n))$
 - 此时, 也称 $f(n) = o(g(n))$, 其中 o 记号表示一个非渐近紧确的上界
 - 比如, $2n = o(n^2)$, 但 $2n^2 \neq o(n^2)$
- 如果 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \infty$, 那么 $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$, $f(n) \neq O(g(n))$
 - 此时, 也称 $f(n) = \omega(g(n))$, 其中 ω 记号表示一个非渐近紧确的下界
 - 比如, $n^2/2 = \omega(n)$, 但 $n^2/2 \neq \omega(n^2)$

常见函数的渐近记号

- 多项式函数 : Let $f(n) = a_0 + a_1n + \dots + a_d n^d$ with $a_d > 0$. Then $f(n)$ is $\Theta(n^d)$.

- $$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_0 + a_1n + \dots + a_d n^d}{n^d} = a_d > 0$$

- 对数函数 : $\log_a n$ is $\Theta(\log_b n)$ for every $a > 1$ and every $b > 1$.

- $$\frac{\log_a n}{\log_b n} = \frac{1}{\log_b a}$$

- 对数函数与多项式函数. $\log_a n$ is $O(n^d)$ for every $a > 1$ and every $d > 0$.

- $$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_a n}{n^d} = 0$$

- 指数函数与多项式函数. n^d is $O(r^n)$ for every $r > 1$ and every $d > 0$.

- $$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^d}{r^n} = 0$$

具有不同渐近界的算法的运行时间

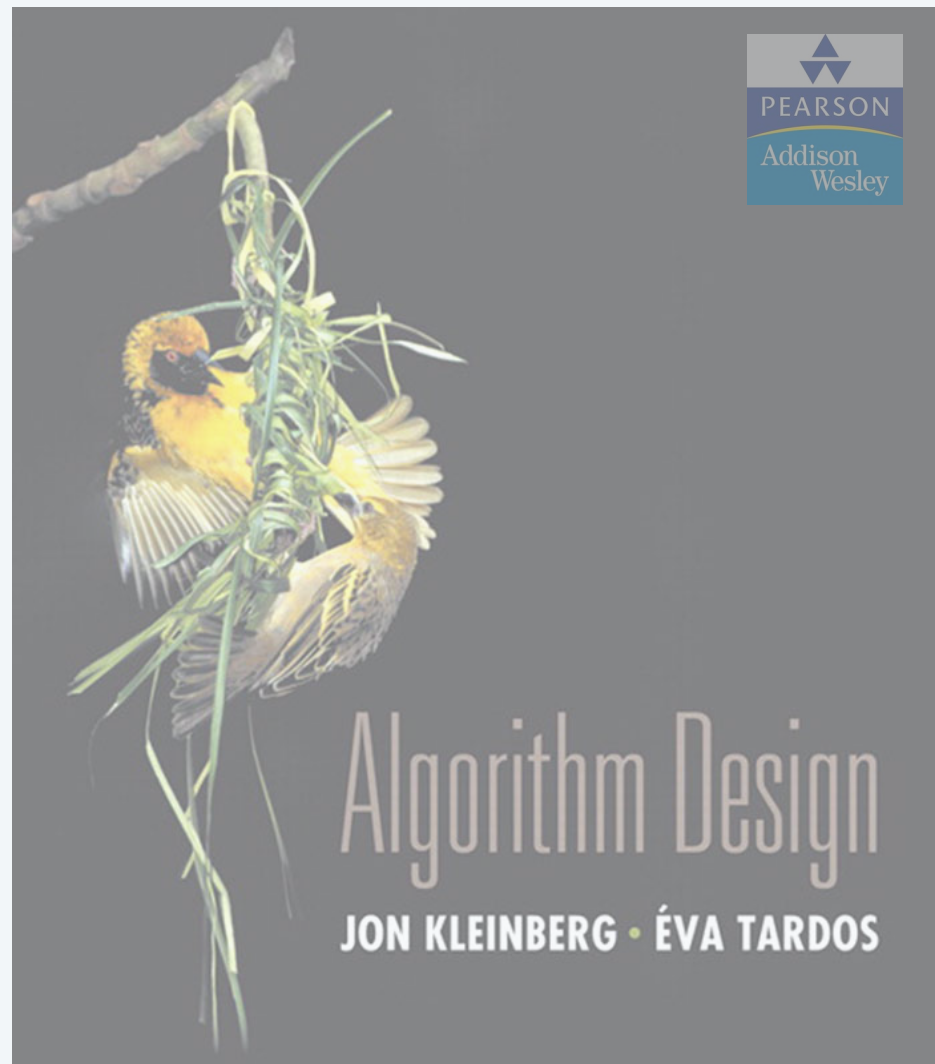
Table 2.1 The running times (rounded up) of different algorithms on inputs of increasing size, for a processor performing a million high-level instructions per second. In cases where the running time exceeds 10^{25} years, we simply record the algorithm as taking a very long time.

	n	$n \log_2 n$	n^2	n^3	1.5^n	2^n	$n!$
$n = 10$	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	4 sec
$n = 30$	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	18 min	10^{25} years
$n = 50$	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	11 min	36 years	very long
$n = 100$	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	1 sec	12,892 years	10^{17} years	very long
$n = 1,000$	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	1 sec	18 min	very long	very long	very long
$n = 10,000$	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	2 min	12 days	very long	very long	very long
$n = 100,000$	< 1 sec	2 sec	3 hours	32 years	very long	very long	very long
$n = 1,000,000$	1 sec	20 sec	12 days	31,710 years	very long	very long	very long

响应时间	输入规模	能接受的渐近运行时间
1秒	1,000,000	$O(n)$
	100,000	$O(n \log n)$
	10,000	$O(n^2)$

等式中的渐近记号

- 等式的右边只有渐近记号，比如 $n = O(n^2)$
 - 等号实际上是集合的成员关系，即 $n \in O(n^2)$
- 等式的右边包含渐近记号，比如 $2n^2 + 3n + 1 = 2n^2 + \Theta(n)$
 - $\Theta(n)$ 代表一个匿名函数 $f(n)$ ，其中 $f(n) \in \Theta(n)$
 - 用于隐藏无关紧要的细节
- 等式的左边包含渐近记号，比如 $2n^2 + \Theta(n) = \Theta(n^2)$
 - 无论怎样选择等号左边的匿名函数 $f(n) \in \Theta(n)$ ，总有一种办法来选择等号右边的匿名函数 $g(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$ ，使得等式成立，即 $2n^2 + f(n) = g(n)$



SECTION 2.4

2. ALGORITHM ANALYSIS

- ▶ *computational tractability*
- ▶ *asymptotic order of growth*
- ▶ *implementing Gale–Shapley*
- ▶ ***survey of common running times***

Constant time

Constant time. Running time is $O(1)$.

 bounded by a constant,
which does not depend on input size n

Examples.

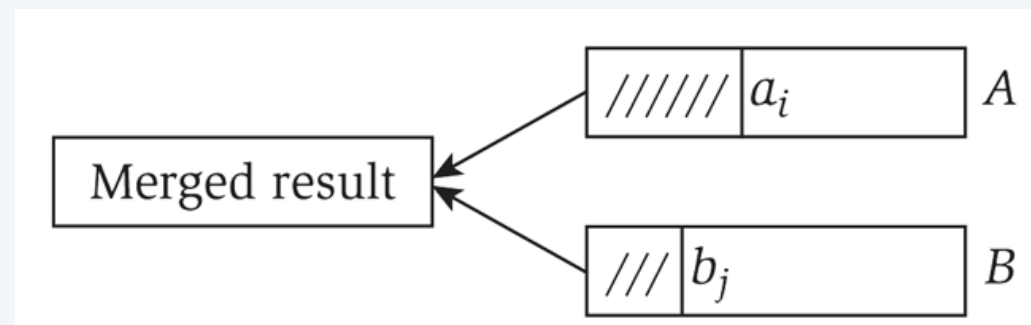
- Conditional branch.
- Arithmetic/logic operation.
- Declare/initialize a variable.
- Follow a link in a linked list.
- Access element i in an array.
- Compare/exchange two elements in an array.
- ...

Linear time

Linear time. Running time is $O(n)$.

Merge two sorted lists. Combine two sorted linked lists $A = a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ and $B = b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$ into a sorted whole.

$O(n)$ algorithm. Merge in mergesort.



$i \leftarrow 1; j \leftarrow 1.$

WHILE (both lists are nonempty)

IF ($a_i \leq b_j$) append a_i to output list and increment i .

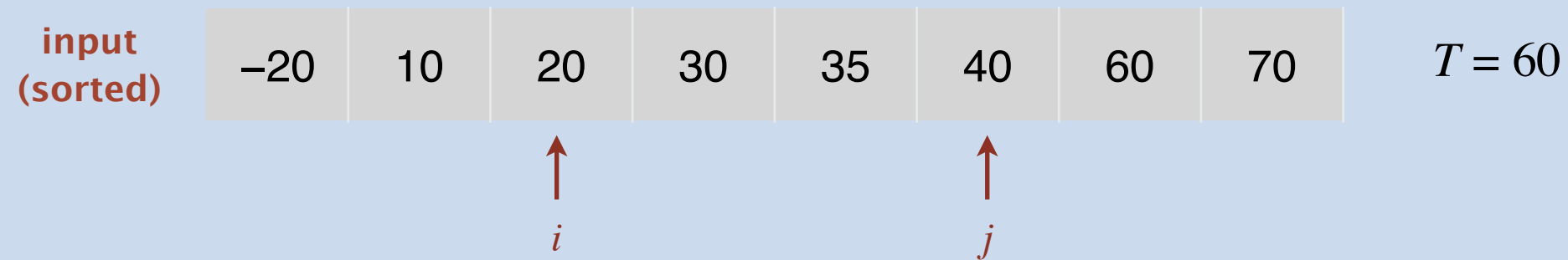
ELSE append b_j to output list and increment j .

Append remaining elements from nonempty list to output list.

TARGET SUM



TARGET-SUM. Given a sorted array of n distinct integers and an integer T , find two that sum to exactly T ?



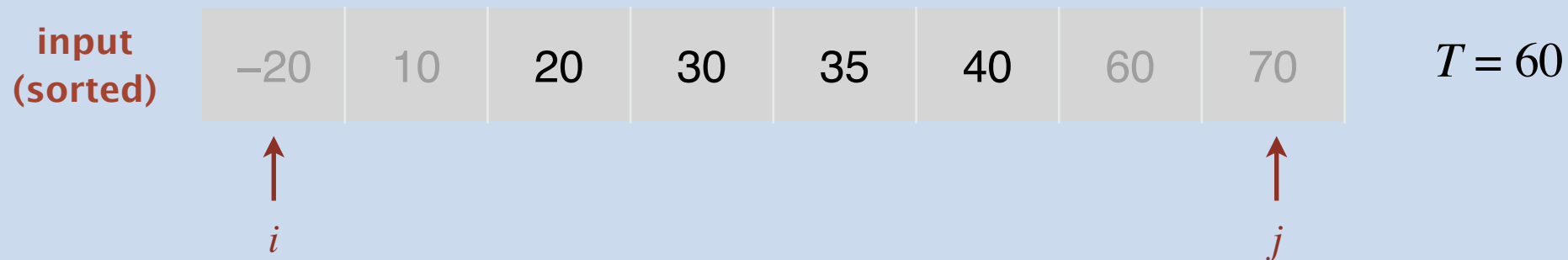
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$O(n^2)$ algorithm. Try all pairs.

$O(n)$ algorithm. Exploit sorted order.



Invariant. No element to the left of i or right of j in pair that sums to T .

Logarithmic time

Logarithmic time. Running time is $O(\log n)$.

Search in a sorted array. Given a sorted array A of n distinct integers and an integer x , find index of x in array.

$O(\log n)$ algorithm. Binary search.

- Invariant: If x is in the array, then x is in $A[lo .. hi]$.
- After k iterations of WHILE loop, $(hi - lo + 1) \leq n / 2^k \Rightarrow k \leq 1 + \log_2 n$.

remaining elements



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lo ← 1; hi ← n.
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WHILE (lo ≤ hi)
```

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    mid ← ⌊(lo + hi) / 2⌋.
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    IF      (x < A[mid]) hi ← mid - 1.
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    ELSE IF (x > A[mid]) lo ← mid + 1.
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    ELSE RETURN mid.
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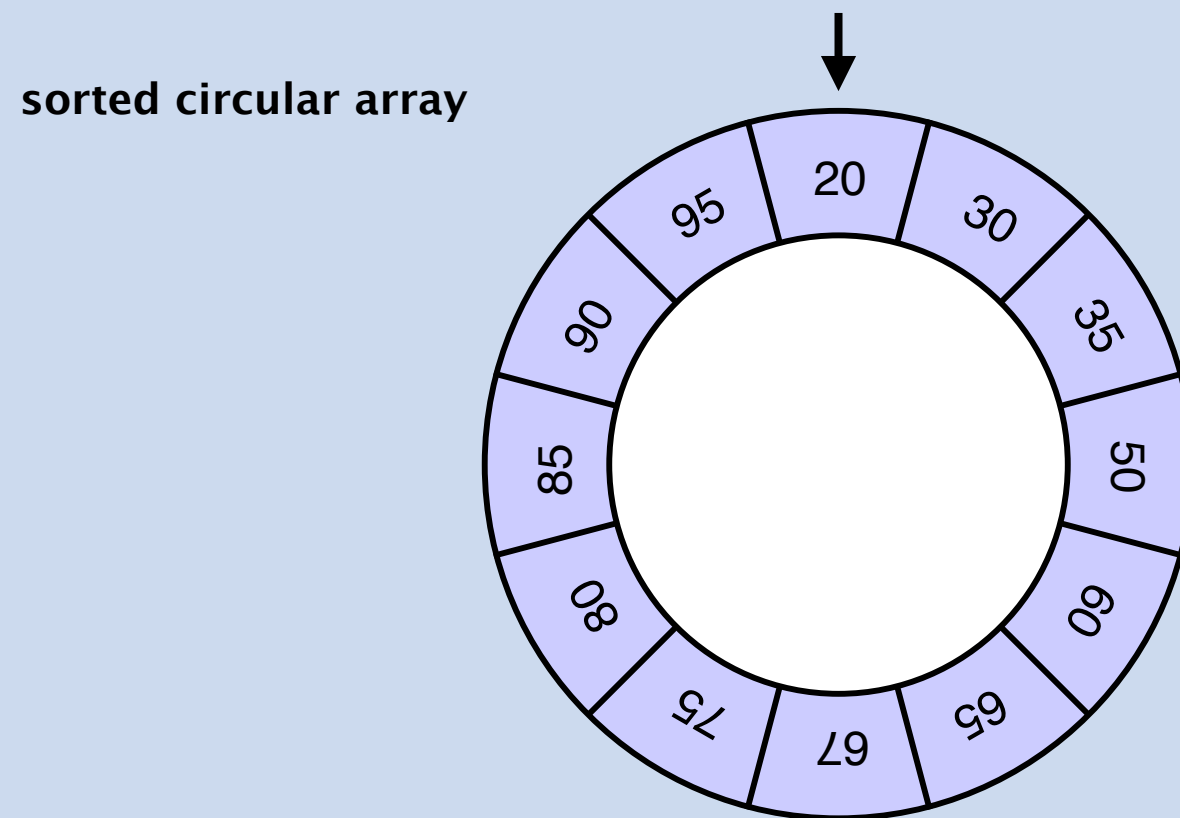
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SEARCH IN A SORTED ROTATED ARRAY



SEARCH-IN-SORTED-ROTATED-ARRAY. Given a rotated sorted array of n distinct integers and an element x , determine if x is in the array.



sorted rotated array

80	85	90	95	20	30	35	50	60	65	67	75
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

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$O(\log n)$ algorithm.

- Find index k of smallest element.
- Binary search for x in either $A[1 .. k-1]$ or $A[k .. n]$.

find index of smallest element

$lo \leftarrow 1; hi \leftarrow n.$

IF $(A[lo] \leq A[hi])$ **RETURN** 0 $\leftarrow$ sorted

WHILE $(lo + 2 \leq hi)$ $\leftarrow$ at least 3 elements

$mid \leftarrow \lfloor (lo + hi) / 2 \rfloor.$

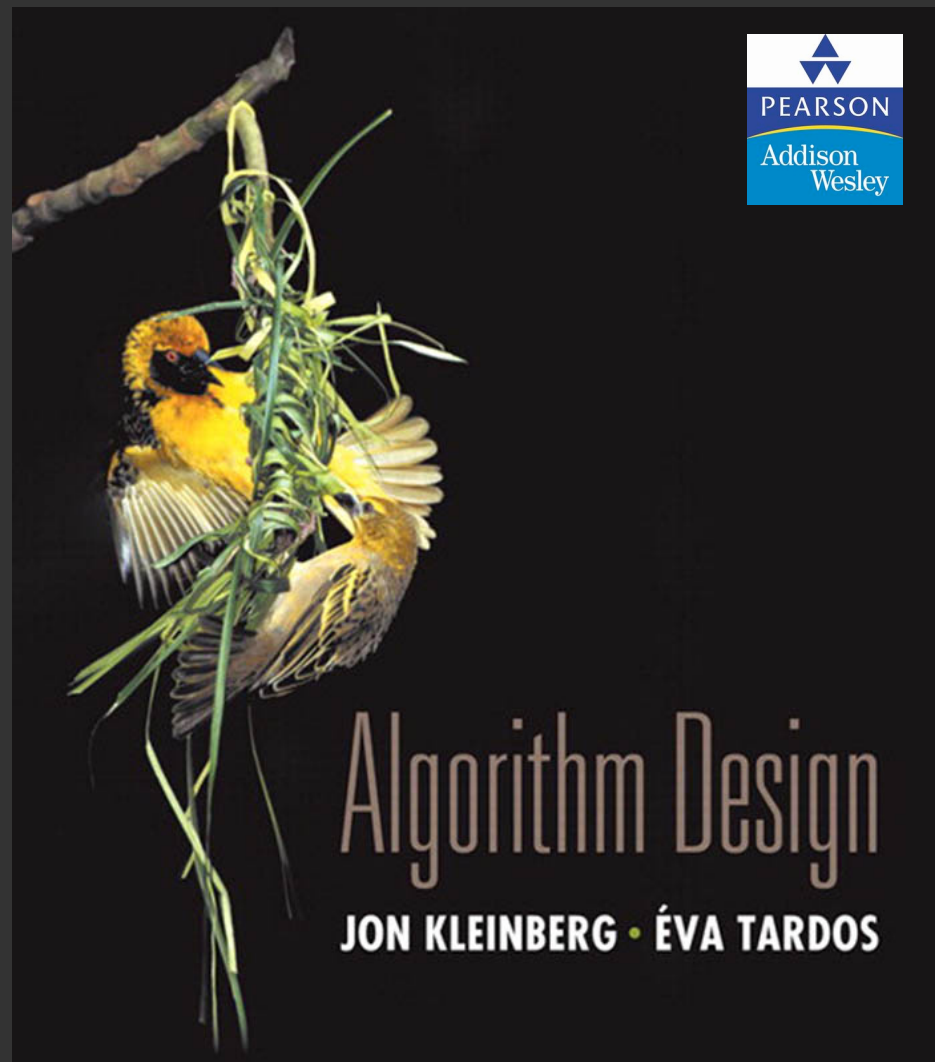
IF $(A[mid] < A[hi])$ $hi \leftarrow mid.$

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RETURN hi



loop invariant
 $A[lo] > A[hi]$



2. ALGORITHM ANALYSIS

- ▶ *binary search demo*
- ▶ *sorted rotated array demo*

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Invariant. $A[lo] > A[hi]$.

Binary search. Compare middle entry $A[mid]$ to last entry $A[hi]$.

- Less, go left.
- Bigger, go right.

51	53	64	72	84	93	95	96	97	6	13	14	25	33	43
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
↑							↑							↑
<i>lo</i>							<i>mid</i>							<i>hi</i>

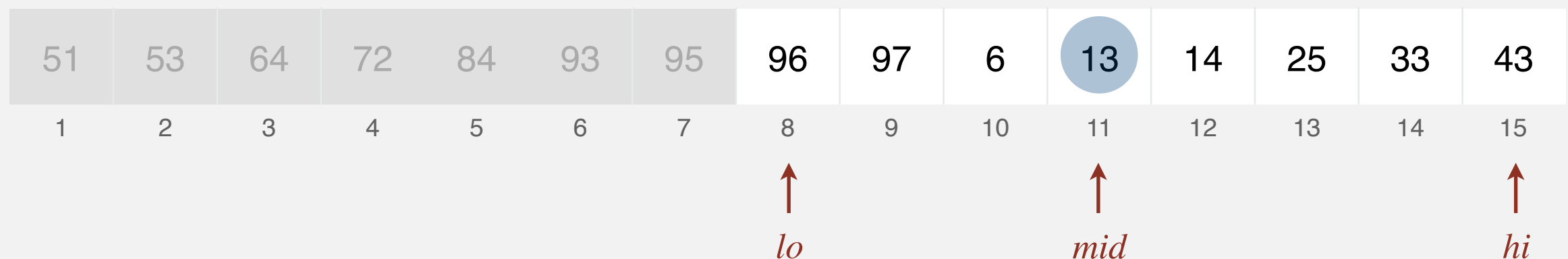
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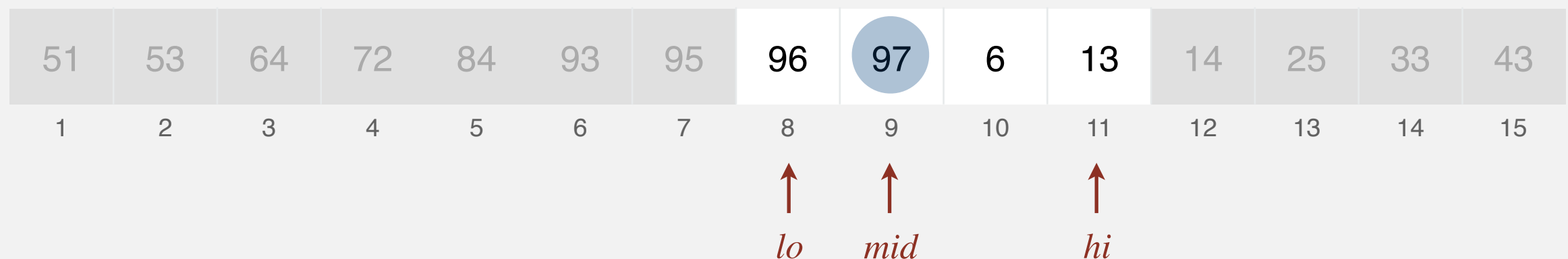
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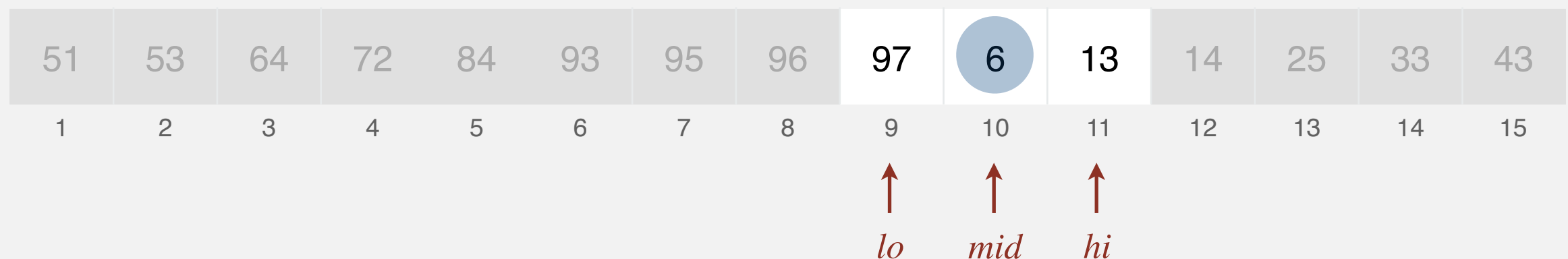
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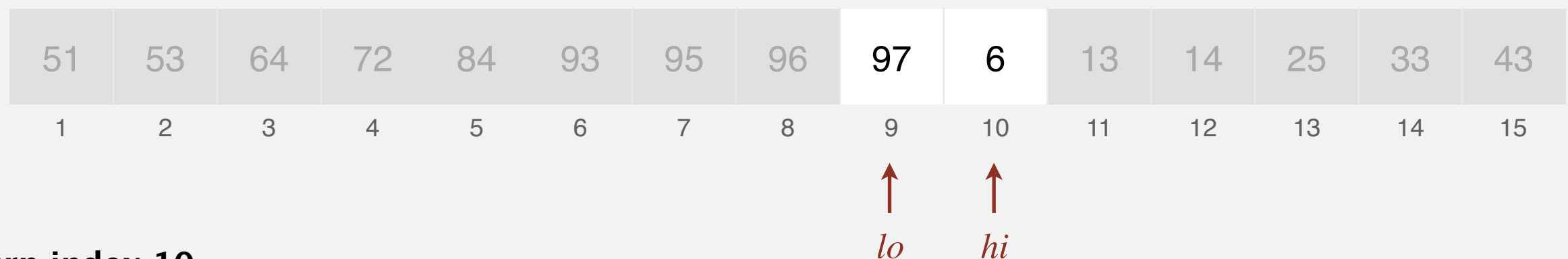
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return index 10

Linearithmic time

Linearithmic time. Running time is $O(n \log n)$.

Sorting. Given an array of n elements, rearrange them in ascending order.

$O(n \log n)$ algorithm. Mergesort.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
M	E	R	G	E	S	O	R	T	E	X	A	M	P	L	E
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E	E	G	M	O	R	R	S	A	E	T	X	M	P	E	L
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$O(n \log n)$ algorithm.

- Sort the array a .
- Scan the sorted list in order, identifying the maximum gap between successive timestamps.

Quadratic time

Quadratic time. Running time is $O(n^2)$.

Closest pair of points. Given a list of n points in the plane $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$, find the pair that is closest to each other.

$O(n^2)$ algorithm. Enumerate all pairs of points (with $i < j$).

```
min  $\leftarrow \infty$ .  
FOR  $i = 1$  TO  $n$   
  FOR  $j = i + 1$  TO  $n$   
     $d \leftarrow (x_i - x_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2$ .  
    IF ( $d < min$ )  
       $min \leftarrow d$ .
```

Remark. $\Omega(n^2)$ seems inevitable, but this is just an illusion. [see §5.4]

Cubic time

Cubic time. Running time is $O(n^3)$.

3-SUM. Given an array of n distinct integers, find three that sum to 0.

$O(n^3)$ algorithm. Enumerate all triples (with $i < j < k$).

```
FOR  $i = 1$  TO  $n$ 
  FOR  $j = i + 1$  TO  $n$ 
    FOR  $k = j + 1$  TO  $n$ 
      IF  $(a_i + a_j + a_k = 0)$ 
        RETURN  $(a_i, a_j, a_k)$ .
```

Remark. $\Omega(n^3)$ seems inevitable, but $O(n^2)$ is not hard. [see next slide]

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$O(n^2)$ algorithm.

- Sort the array a .
- For each integer a_i : solve TARGET-SUM on the array containing all elements except a_i with the target sum $T = -a_i$.

Best-known algorithm. $O(n^2 / (\log n / \log \log n))$.

Conjecture(推测). No $O(n^{2-\varepsilon})$ algorithm for any $\varepsilon > 0$.

Polynomial time

Polynomial time. Running time is $O(n^k)$ for some constant $k > 0$.

Independent set of size k . Given a graph, find k nodes such that no two are joined by an edge.

k is a constant

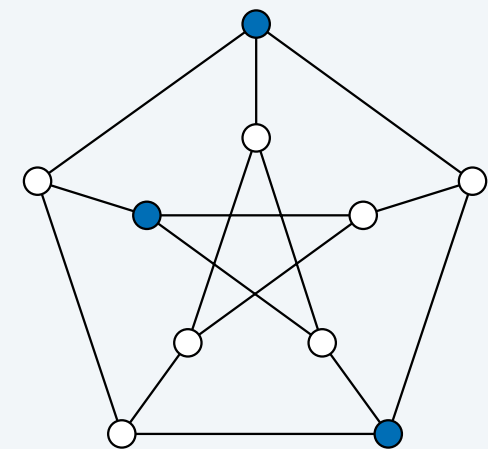
$O(n^k)$ algorithm. Enumerate all subsets of k nodes.

FOREACH subset S of k nodes:

Check whether S is an independent set.

IF (S is an independent set)

RETURN S .



independent set of size 3

- Check whether S is an independent set of size k takes $O(k^2)$ time.
- Number of k -element subsets = $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2) \times \cdots \times (n-k+1)}{k(k-1)(k-2) \times \cdots \times 1} \leq \frac{n^k}{k!}$
- $O(k^2 n^k / k!) = O(n^k)$.

poly-time for $k = 17$, but not practical

Exponential time

Exponential time. Running time is $O(2^{n^k})$ for some constant $k > 0$.

Independent set. Given a graph, find independent set of max size.

$O(n^2 2^n)$ algorithm. Enumerate all subsets of n elements.

$S^* \leftarrow \emptyset$.

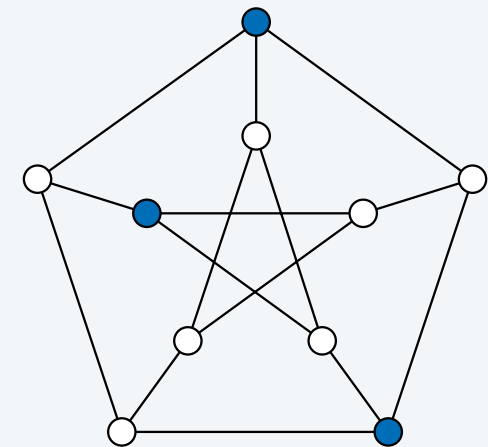
FOREACH subset S of n nodes:

 Check whether S is an independent set.

IF (S is an independent set and $|S| > |S^*|$)

$S^* \leftarrow S$.

RETURN S^* .



independent set of max size

Exponential time

Exponential time. Running time is $O(2^{n^k})$ for some constant $k > 0$.

Euclidean TSP. Given n points in the plane, find a tour of minimum length.

$O(n \times n!)$ algorithm. Enumerate all permutations of length n .

$\pi^* \leftarrow \emptyset$.

FOREACH permutation π of n points:

 Compute length of tour corresponding to π .

IF ($\text{length}(\pi) < \text{length}(\pi^*)$)

$\pi^* \leftarrow \pi$.

RETURN π^* .

for simplicity, we'll assume Euclidean
distances are rounded to nearest integer
(to avoid issues with infinite precision)

