

Time Complexity 101 and Imports

Today starts as a Paper + Pencil or Tablet + Pencil day... please keep laptops stowed away!

COMP110 - CL14

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Warm-up: Diagram this Code Listing

This will be today's attendance submission (CL14). Submit once complete.

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1 def make_dict(keys: list[int], values: list[str]) -> dict[int, str]:
2     assert len(keys) == len(values)
3     result: dict[int, str] = {}
4     i: int = 0
5     while i < len(keys):
6         result[keys[i]] = values[i]
7         i += 1
8     return result
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12 names: list[str] = ["Cadeau", "Bacot", "Ingram"]
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Discussion question:

1. What key difference between dictionaries and lists is illustrated in the `players` variable's value?

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Warm-up #2

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Suppose keys and values each have 3 elements. Assume our unit of "operation" is the number of times the block of lines #6-7 are evaluated.

Q1. Can different item values of *keys* and *values* lead to a difference in the number of *operations* required for the *intersection* function evaluation to complete?

Q2. *How many* operations does this function take to complete in terms of N where N is len(keys)?

Warm-up #3: Given this example from Tuesday

```
1 def intersection(a: list[str], b: list[str]) -> list[str]:
2     result: list[str] = []
3
4     idx_a: int = 0
5     while idx_a < len(a):
6         idx_b: int = 0
7         found: bool = False
8         while not found and idx_b < len(b):
9             if a[idx_a] == b[idx_b]:
10                found = True
11                result.append(a[idx_a])
12                idx_b += 1
13            idx_a += 1
14
15     return result
```

Suppose a and b each have 3 elements. Assume our unit of "operation" is the number of times the block of lines #9-12 are evaluated.

Q1. Can different values of a and b lead to a difference in the number of *operations* required for the *intersection* function evaluation to complete?

Q2. If so, provide example item values for a and b which require the *fewest* operations to complete? Then try for the *maximal* operations to complete?

Q3. Assuming the item values of a and b are random and unpredictable, *about how many* operations does this function take to complete?

Time Complexity of Common Operations of Fundamental Data Structures

Python's Built-in Capabilities Define Average and "Worst Case" Bounds for Common Data Structures

<https://wiki.python.org/moin/TimeComplexity>

list

Operation	Average Case	 Amortized Worst Case
Copy	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Append[1]	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Pop last	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Pop intermediate[2]	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Insert	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Get Item	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Set Item	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Delete Item	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Iteration	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Get Slice	$O(k)$	$O(k)$
Del Slice	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Set Slice	$O(k+n)$	$O(k+n)$
Extend[1]	$O(k)$	$O(k)$
 Sort	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$
Multiply	$O(nk)$	$O(nk)$
x in s	$O(n)$	
min(s), max(s)	$O(n)$	
Get Length	$O(1)$	$O(1)$

set

Operation	Average case	Worst Case
x in s	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
Union s t	$O(\text{len}(s)+\text{len}(t))$	
Intersection s&t	$O(\min(\text{len}(s), \text{len}(t)))$	$O(\text{len}(s) * \text{len}(t))$
Multiple intersection s1&s2&...&sn		$(n-1)*O(l)$ where l is
Difference s-t	$O(\text{len}(s))$	
s.difference_update(t)	$O(\text{len}(t))$	
Symmetric Difference s^t	$O(\text{len}(s))$	$O(\text{len}(s) * \text{len}(t))$
s.symmetric_difference_update(t)	$O(\text{len}(t))$	$O(\text{len}(t) * \text{len}(s))$

dict

Operation	Average Case	Amortized Worst Case
k in d	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
Copy[3]	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Get Item	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
Set Item[1]	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
Delete Item	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
Iteration[3]	$O(n)$	$O(n)$

Worst...

```
1 def intersection(a: list[str], b: list[str]) -> list[str]:
2     result: list[str] = []
3
4     idx_a: int = 0
5     while idx_a < len(a):
6         if a[idx_a] in b:
7             result.append(a[idx_a])
8             idx_a += 1
9
10    return result
```

Orders of magnitude better...

```
1 def intersection(a: list[str], b: set[str]) -> set[str]:
2     result: set[str] = set()
3
4     idx_a: int = 0
5     while idx_a < len(a):
6         if a[idx_a] in b:
7             result.add(a[idx_a])
8             idx_a += 1
9
10    return result
```

Suppose **a** and **b** each had 1,000,000 elements, the worst case difference here is approximately **1,000,000** operations versus $1,000,000^{**}2$ or **1,000,000,000,000** operations.

If your device can perform 100,000,000 operations per second, then...

A call to **a** will complete in **2.78 hours** and **b** will complete in **1/100th of a second**.

Imports (Code-along)

Functions as Parameters (Code Along)

Homework

- EX05 - Dictionary Utils - Due Monday 3/25 at 11:59pm
- RDo0 - Ethical Algorithms - Due Friday 3/29 at 11:59pm