

## Objectives

- Review implementation of Stable Matching
- Survey of common running times

Turn in completed problem sets

## Review:

### Asymptotic Analysis of Gale-Shapley Alg

Not explicitly in the algorithm, but we need to make the inverse array before the while loop too.

```

Initialize each person to be free  $O(n)$ 
while (some man is free and hasn't proposed to every woman)  $O(n^2)$ 
    Choose such a man m  $O(1)$ 
    w = 1st woman on m's list to whom m has not yet proposed  $O(1)$ 
    if (w is free)  $O(1)$ 
        assign m and w to be engaged  $O(1)$ 
    else if (w prefers m to her fiancé m')  $O(1)$  Using inverse array
        assign m and w to be engaged and m' to be free  $O(1)$ 
    else
        w rejects m  $O(1)$ 

```

Total:  $O(n^2)$

## More Explicit Algorithm - Preferred

```

def stableMatching( men, women, men_pref_array,
                  women_pref_array):
 $O(n)$  Initialize each person to be free (set up data structures)
 $O(n^2)$  Create inverse array for women's preferences  $O(n^2)$ 
    while (some man is free and hasn't proposed to every woman)
        Choose such a man m  $O(1)$   $O(1)$ 
        w = 1st woman on m's list to whom m has not yet proposed
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            assign m and w to be engaged and m' to be free  $O(1)$ 
        else
            w rejects m  $O(1)$ 
    return engagements

```

Total:  $O(n^2)$

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## A SURVEY OF COMMON RUNNING TIMES

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## Linear Time: $O(n)$

- Running time is at most a **constant** factor times the size of the input
- **Example.** Computing the maximum: Compute maximum of  $n$  numbers  $a_1, \dots, a_n$

```

max = a1
for i = 2 to n
  if (ai > max)
    max = ai

```

**Constant** work for  
each input  
(does not depend on  $n$ )

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## Example Linear Time: $O(n)$

- Merge: Combine two sorted lists  
 $A = a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  with  $B = b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  into sorted  
whole

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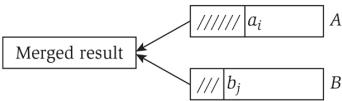
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- **Merge:** Combine two sorted lists  $A = a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  with  $B = b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  into sorted whole
- **Claim.** Merging two lists of size  $n$  takes  $O(n)$  time

```

i = 1, j = 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 remainder of nonempty list to output list

```



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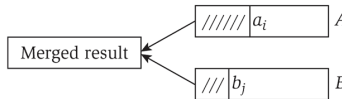
## Example Linear Time: $O(n)$

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- **Claim.** Merging two lists of size  $n$  takes  $O(n)$  time
- **Proof.** After each comparison, the length of output list increases by 1

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## $O(n \log n)$ Time

- Also referred to as *linearithmic* time
- Arises in divide-and-conquer algorithms
  - Splitting input into equal pieces, solve recursively, combine solutions in linear time

What well-known set of algorithms has an  $O(n \log n)$  running time?

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## $O(n \log n)$ Time Example

- **Sorting:** Mergesort and heapsort are sorting algorithms that perform  $O(n \log n)$  comparisons
- **Mergesort**
  1. Break input into equal-sized pieces
  2. Sorts each half recursively
  3. Merges sorted halves into a sorted list

Talk about the bound on running time later...

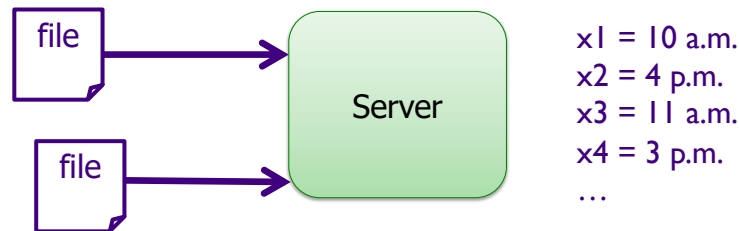
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## $O(n \log n)$ Time Example

- **Largest empty interval.** Given  $n$  (not necessarily ordered) time-stamps  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  at which copies of a file arrive at a server, what is largest interval of time when no copies of the file arrive?



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- **Largest empty interval.** Given  $n$  (not necessarily ordered) time-stamps  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  at which copies of a file arrive at a server, what is largest interval of time when no copies of the file arrive?
- **$O(n \log n)$  solution**
  1. Sort time-stamps
  2. Scan sorted list in order, identifying the maximum gap between successive time-stamps

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## Quadratic Time: $O(n^2)$

- Examples?

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## Quadratic Time: $O(n^2)$

- Examples:
  - Enumerate all pairs of elements
  - Sometimes involves nested loops (n iterations)
  - Insertion sort

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## Quadratic Time: $O(n^2)$

- **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
- **$O(n^2)$  solution.** Try all pairs of points

```

min = (x1 - x2)2 + (y1 - y2)2
for i = 1 to n
  for j = i+1 to n
    d = (xi - xj)2 + (yi - yj)2
    if (d < min)
      min = d
  
```

← don't need to  
take square roots

$\Omega(n^2)$  seems inevitable, but Chapter 5 has an  $O(n \log n)$  solution

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## Polynomial Time: $O(n^k)$ Time

- To get all pairs, the algorithm is  $O(n^2)$
- To get all triplets, the algorithm is  $O(n^3)$

What is an example of an  $O(n^k)$  algorithm?

All subsets of size  $k$

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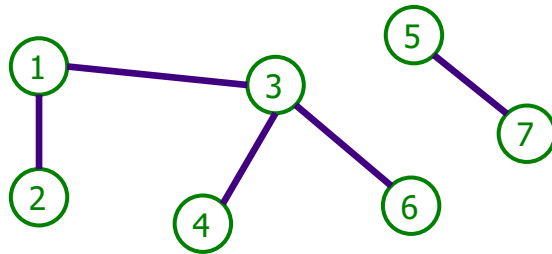
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## Polynomial Time: $O(n^k)$ Time

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

➤  $k$  is a constant



Is there an independent set of size 2? 3? 4? 5?

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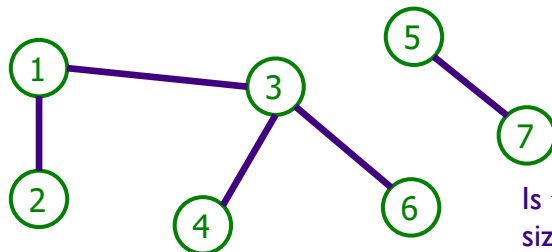
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Is there an independent set of size 2? Yes (2-3; 1-5; 6-7; ...)  
 3? (5-6-7; 2-3-5; ...)  
 4? (2-4-6-7; 1-4-6-7; ...)  
 But not 5

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## Polynomial Time: $O(n^k)$ Time

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

➤  $k$  is a constant

```
foreach subset S of k nodes
  check whether S is an independent set
  if (S is an independent set)
    report S is an independent set
```

- $O(n^k)$  solution

1. Enumerate all subsets of  $k$  nodes

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!} = \frac{n (n-1) (n-2) \dots (n-k+1)}{k (k-1) (k-2) \dots (2) (1)} \leq \frac{n^k}{k!}$$

1. Check whether  $S$  is an independent set =  $O(k^2)$ .

$$O(k^2 n^k / k!) = O(n^k)$$

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

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## Exponential Time

- Independent set. Given a graph, what is the *maximum size* of an independent set?
- $O(n^2 2^n)$  solution. Enumerate all subsets

```
S* = φ
foreach subset S of nodes
  check whether S is an independent set
  if (S is largest independent set seen so far)
    S* = S
```

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## $O(\log n)$ Time

- **Sublinear** time
- Know any algorithms that take  $O(\log n)$  time?

## $O(\log n)$ Time

- Example: Binary search
- Often requires some pre-processing or data structure that allows cheaper “querying” than  $n$  time

## Summary of Running Times

Running Time	Example
$O(\log n)$	Generally dividing problem in half on each iteration
$O(n)$	Operate on each input value
$O(n \log n)$	Divide and conquer
$O(n^2)$	Operate on each pair of inputs
$O(n!)$	Operate on each permutation of inputs

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## MORE COMPLEX DATA STRUCTURES

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## Improving Running Times

After overcoming higher-level obstacles,  
lower-level **implementation details**  
can **improve runtime**.

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## PRIORITY QUEUES

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## Priority Queues

- Elements have a **priority** or *key*
- Each time select an element from the priority queue, want the one with *highest* priority
- More formally...
  - Maintains a set of elements  $S$ 
    - Each element  $v \in S$  has a  $\text{key}(v)$  for its priority
      - Smaller keys represent higher priorities
  - Application Programming Interface
    - Add, delete elements
    - Select element with smallest key

Key	2	4	5	6	9	20	← Priority
Value	3542	5143	8712	1264	9123	5954	← Process id

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(Not implementation, just how to envision)

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## Motivating Example: Scheduling Processes

Key	2	4	5	6	9	20	← Priority
Value	3542	5143	8712	1264	9123	5954	← Process id

- Each process has a priority or urgency
- Processes do not arrive in priority order
- **Goal:** run process with highest priority

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## Using a Priority Queue (PQ)

- PQ API:
  - Add an element with a given key (i.e., priority)
  - Delete an element with a given priority
  - Select element with smallest key/highest priority
  - Get the number of elements in PQ

Given a list of numbers, how could you use a PQ to sort that list of numbers?

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## Priority Queues for Sorting

1. Add elements into PQ with the number's value as its priority
2. Then extract the smallest number *until* done
  - Come out in sorted order

Sorting  $n$  numbers takes  $O(n \log n)$  time

What is the goal running time for our PQ's operations?  **$O(\log n)$**

Already know our "loops" will be  $O(n)$

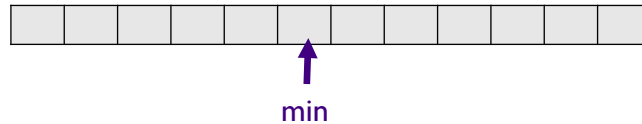
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## Implementing a Priority Queue

- Consider an *unordered* list, where there is a pointer to minimum



- How difficult (i.e., expensive) is
  - Adding new elements?
  - Extraction?

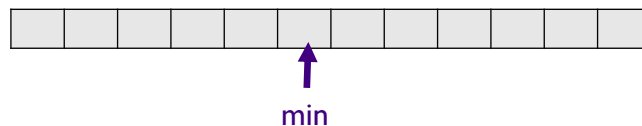
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## Implementing a Priority Queue

- Consider an *unordered* list, where there is a pointer to minimum



- How difficult (i.e., expensive) is
  - Adding new elements? *easy* ( $O(1)$ )
  - Extraction? *difficult*
    - Need to find "new" minimum:  $O(n)$

What is the running time for sorting using the PQ in this case?

$O(n^2)$

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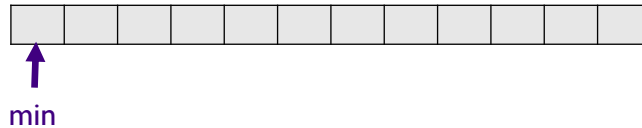
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## Implementing a Priority Queue

- Consider a *sorted* list where min is at the beginning



- Should you use an array or linked list?
- How difficult is
  - Adding new elements?
  - Extraction?

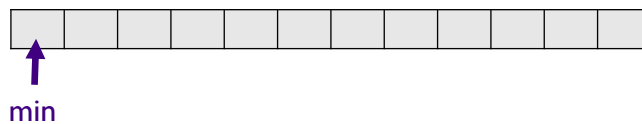
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## Implementing a Priority Queue

- Consider a sorted list where min is at the beginning



- Should you use an array or linked list?
- How difficult is
  - Adding new elements? *difficult (insertion) –  $O(n)$*
  - Extraction? *Easy –  $O(1)$*

What is the running time for sorting  
using the PQ in this case?

$O(n^2)$

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## Looking Ahead

- Wiki due Monday
  - 2.3, 2.4
- Problem Set 2 due Friday