

ALGORITHMS IN AI & DATA SCIENCE 1 (AKIDS 1)

Algorithm Complexity

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- Analyzing algorithms
- Complexity abstractions
 - Rate/order of growth
- Big-O notation

In the beginning, there were only problems

- Algorithms are designed to solve **problems**
- Problems are commonly specified with:
 - Inputs
 - Desired outputs
 - **Non-functional constraints**
 - E.g., time or space complexity

Find element

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- You have written *an algorithm* for the above find element problem
 - Is it a **good** algorithm for the problem?
 - Is it the **only** algorithm that solves the given problem?
 - If you can think of more than one algorithm for the problem, which one is **better** and why?

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- Criteria for evaluating algorithms

- **Correctness:** does it give a correct output for every input?

- In other words, does it actually solve the problem correctly

```
find_element(7, {2, 17, 35, 1, 14}) -> False
```

```
find_element(35, {2, 17, 35, 1, 14}) -> True
```

Analyzing algorithms

- Criteria for evaluating algorithms
 - **Efficiency**: how much computational resources and time does an algorithm's execution require?
 - If we have multiple **correct** algorithms for the problem, we would, intuitively, use **the most efficient one**
 - The **fastest** among correct algorithms – **time complexity**
 - The one using the **least computer resources** (typically **memory**) – **space complexity**
 - Time and space complexity are often in a **trade-off** relation
 - How to **measure** time and space complexity of algorithms?

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 - **Execution time** and **memory occupation** in most cases **directly depend on the actual input** (actual values provided for the input variables)

```
find_element(7, {2, 17, 35, 1, 14, 9, 43, 91}) -> False VS.  
find_element(35, {35, 1, 14}) -> True
```

Which execution is **faster** and **requires less memory**?

Analyzing algorithms

- **Complexity theory**

- Formal examination of an algorithm with respect to its **efficiency**
- **Time efficiency** usually much more important than **space complexity**.
 - Q: Why?

- The actual efficiency depends on concrete inputs, but we need to analyze algorithms **“in general”**, that is, for **“any (allowed) input”**

- **Best case running time** – time efficiency in/for the **most favorable** case/inputs
 - **Lower bound**: for no input can the running time be smaller than this
- **Worst case running time** – time efficiency in/for the **least favorable** case/inputs
 - **Upper bound**: for no input can the running time be larger than this
- **Average-case running time** – estimate of time efficiency across all input possibilities

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Algorithm

```
find_element(b, a_set)
  for a in a_set
    if a = b
      return True
  return False
```

read/write

comparison

assignment

- How do we measure time complexity?
- In terms of **number of elementary operations executed**
 - How does that number **depend on the input**?
- Given the length n of the input set „a_set”, what is
 - The smallest possible number of comparisons?
 - The largest possible number of comparisons?
 - Number of comparisons „on average”?

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Complexity abstractions

- How do we measure time complexity?
 - In terms of **number of elementary operations executed**
 - How does that number **depend on the input**? What is the **size of the problem**?
 - What about the operations that do not depend on the **size of the input**?

- Let us go back to the **sorting problem**...

Sorting Problem

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Complexity abstractions (on insert sort)

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Algorithm: **insert(ion) sort**

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insert_sort(L) # L is a list of numbers
  for i = 1 to L.length - 1 # 0-indexing, first element is at index 0, last at len-1
    key = L[i]
    j = i-1
    while j > -1 and L[j] > key
      L[j+1] = L[j]
      j = j - 1
    L[j+1] = key
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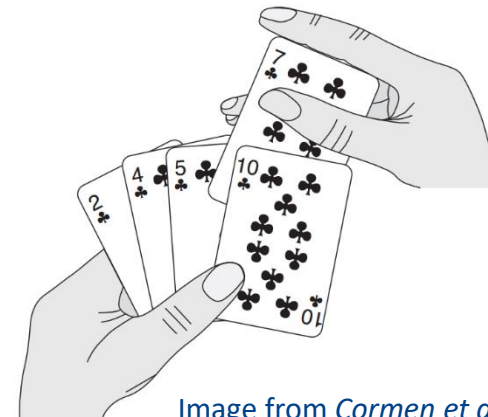


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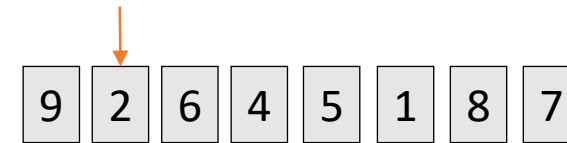
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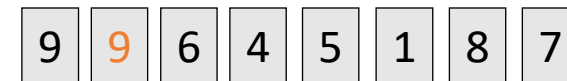
L.Length = 8



1st iteration
of outer loop (for)



```
i = 1
key = L[i] = 2
j = i-1 = 0
j > -1 and L[j] > key -> True
L[1] = L[0] = 9
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0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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1st iteration
of outer loop (for)

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...

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j = j-1 = -1

j > -1 and L[j] > key -> False

-> exited while loop

L[0] = key = 2

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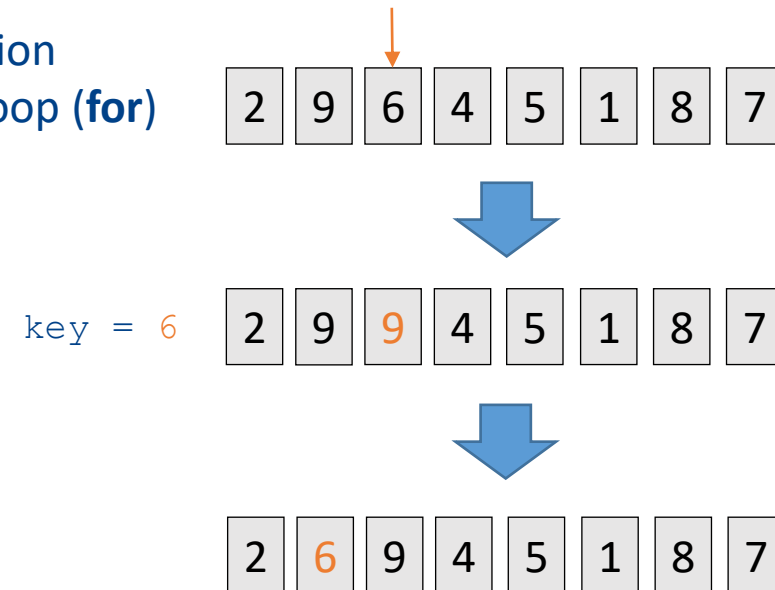
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2nd iteration
of outer loop (**for**)



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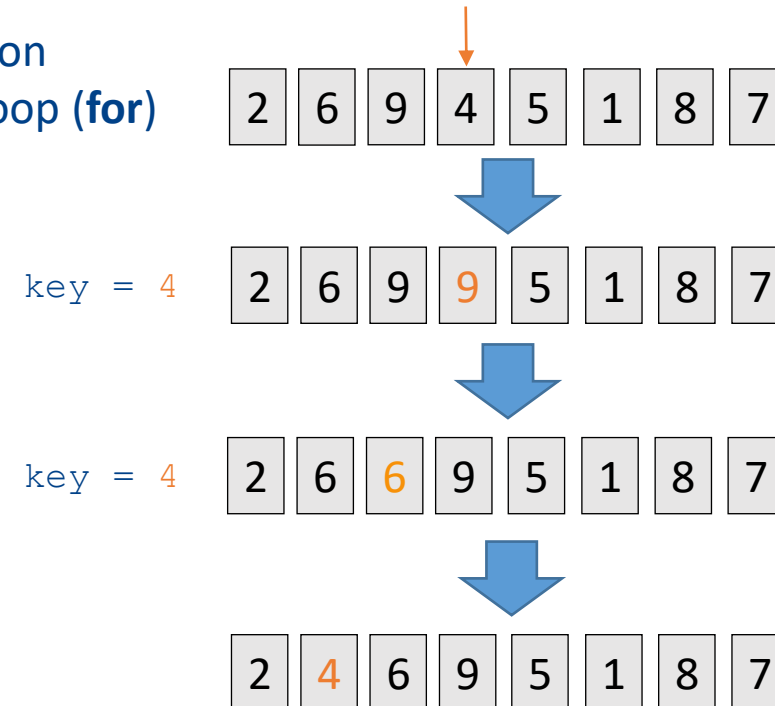
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3rd iteration
of outer loop (for)



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- Let's analyze **running time**
 - $n = L.length$: num. elements in the list
- Elementary operation: **assignment**
 - Assignment of value to iterator variable i
 - Assigned fixed cost c_1
- Executed how many times?
 - Cost: $(n-1) * c_1$

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- Let's analyze **running time**
 - $n = L.length$: num. elements in the list

- Elementary operations:
 - Reading value $L[i]$
 - Assignment of that value to variable key
 - Assigned fixed cost c_2

- Executed how many times?
 - Cost: $(n-1) * c_2$

read/write

assignment

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    j = i - 1 # (n-1) * c3
    while j > -1 and L[j] > key
      L[j+1] = L[j] → Cost  $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} c_5 * (t_i - 1)$ 
      j = j - 1 → Cost  $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} c_6 * (t_i - 1)$ 
    L[j+1] = key → Cost (n-1) * c7
```

- Let's analyze **running time**

$n = L.length$: num. elements in the list

- **Elementary operations:**
 - 2 comparisons in the complex condition
 - Assigned fixed cost c_4
- Executed how many times?
 - That **depends on the condition**
 - For each i we have t_i executions of while conditions and all commands inside of the **while** loop
 - Cost $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} c_4 * t_i$

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- **T(n)** depends not only on **n** but also on concrete numbers in **L** (their order)
- What is the **best possible** scenario (smallest possible running time)?
 - If the input **L** is already sorted
 - $t_i = 1$ for each i
 - $T(n) = (n-1) * (c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + c_7 + c_4)$
 - Let's sum up the constant elementary operation costs: $a = c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + c_7 + c_4$
 - $T(n) = a * n - a$: this is a linear function of n

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- What is the **worst possible** scenario (largest possible running time)?

- If the input **L** is inversely sorted (from largest to smallest value)

- $t_i = i$ for each i

- $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} c_4 * t_i = (1 + 2 + \dots + (n-1)) * c_4 = \frac{(n-1)*n}{2} * c_4$

- $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} c_5 * (t_i - 1) = (0 + 1 + \dots + (n-2)) * c_5 = \frac{(n-2)*(n-1)}{2} * c_5$

- $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} c_6 * (t_i - 1) = (0 + 1 + \dots + (n-2)) * c_6 = \frac{(n-2)*(n-1)}{2} * c_6$

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- $T(n) = a*n^2 + b*n + c$

- This is a quadratic function of **n**

Focus on worst case running time

- In much of algorithm complexity analysis, we focus on the **worst case running time** because of the following
 1. Worst case running gives an **upper bound** on the running time
 - whatever the input, the running time **cannot be worse than this**
 2. For many algorithms the worst case running time **occurs often**
 - **Example**: search database for values not in database
 3. The **average running time** is often **not much better** than worst case
 - Insert-sort average: $t_i = i/2$
 - This still makes the **$T(n)$** a quadratic function of n
 - Just the coefficients **a**, **b**, and **c** will be smaller
 - But this has little effect if **n is large** → **growth of functions**

Complexity abstractions: rate of growth

- To compute $T(n)$ we already used **simplifying abstractions**
 1. Ignored actual costs of elementary operations, replaced them with constants c_i
 2. Replaced any combination of constants c_i with a constant (a, b, c)
- This gave the worst case running time function for insert sort
 - $T(n) = a*n^2 + b*n + c$
- But we are actually interested in the **rate of growth** of the running time, with the increase of n
 - For small n , any algorithm will run „fast enough“
 - We need to see how $T(n)$ grows with n

Complexity abstractions: rate of growth

- $T(n) = a * n^2 + b * n + c$
 - For growing n
- We introduce **further simplifications** for simpler description of time efficiency
 1. We keep only the leading term of the polynomial above, $a * n^2$
 - For large n , n^k is an order of magnitude larger than n^{k-1}
 - The larger n is, the more insignificant n^{k-1} is compared to n^k
 - Example (n^2 vs. n for different n): for $n = 5$, 25 vs. 5 ; for $n = 10^6$ it's 10^{12} vs. 10^6
 2. We can lose the constant – as n becomes larger, the constant factors become less significant also (the constants don't grow with n)
 - The constant operation cost does not affect the order of growth
 - $(a * n_1^k) / (a * n_2^k) = (n_1/n_2)^k$ – as n is growing, the **increase in running time doesn't depend on a**

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Rate of growth and efficiency

- A_1 **more efficient** than A_2 **if**
 - **Worst case running time** of A_1 has a **lower rate of growth** than that of A_2
- **Worst case running time** (considering only rate of growth)
 - Denoted with symbol Θ (uppercased „theta“)
 - **Insert sort** has a worst case running time $T(n) = a \cdot n^2 + b \cdot n + c$
 - But (only) n^2 drives the rate of growth of $T(n)$
 - So we say: it has the worst case running time $\Theta(n^2)$ („theta of n-squared“)
 - Also, colloquially, **insert sort** has „quadratic complexity“ (or „complexity n-square“)

Rates of growth and complexity

- Growth rates for some common complexity functions

- $\Theta(1)$ (constant)
- $\Theta(\log n)$ (logarithmic)
- $\Theta(n)$ (linear)
- $\Theta(n \log n)$ (loglinear)
- $\Theta(n^2)$ (quadratic complexity)
- $\Theta(n^3)$ (cubic complexity)
 - ... $\Theta(n^k)$ for $k \geq 0$ (polynomial)
- $\Theta(2^n)$ (exponential)
- $\Theta(n!)$ (factorial)

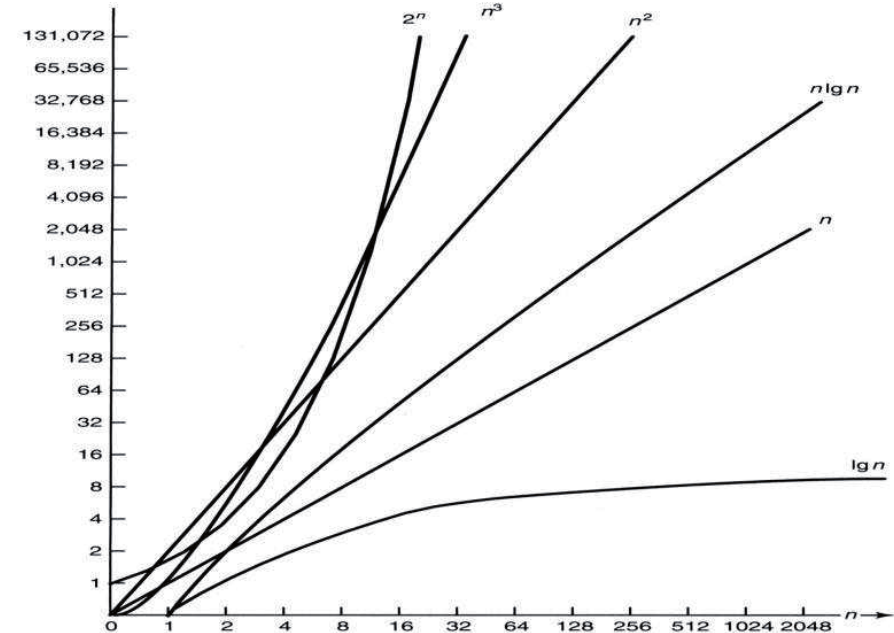


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Asymptotic notation

- Say we have two algorithms A_1 and A_2
 - Worst-case running times: $T_1(n) = a * n + b$;
 $T_2(n) = c * n^2 + d * n + e$
- For some (small) values of n , depending on the values of constants (a, b, c, d, e) , $T_2(n)$ may even be lower than $T_1(n)$
- But when we look **at input sizes large enough** to make **only rate of growth** of running time relevant, the *quadratic* running time will be larger than *linear*
 - There is a (large enough) value n_0 such that for all $n \geq n_0$, $T_2(n) \geq T_1(n)$
- **Asymptotic efficiency** of algorithms: looking at input sizes so large that only **rate of growth** of the worst running time of the algorithm matters ($n \geq n_0$)

Θ -notation

- For insert sort, we denoted the worst running time as $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$
- Now we formally define the **theta function**

Θ -notation

For a given function $g(n)$, $\Theta(g(n))$ denotes a **set of functions**
 $\Theta(g(n)) = \{ f(n) : \text{there exists positive constants } c_1, c_2, \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that}$
 $0 \leq c_1 * g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 * g(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0$

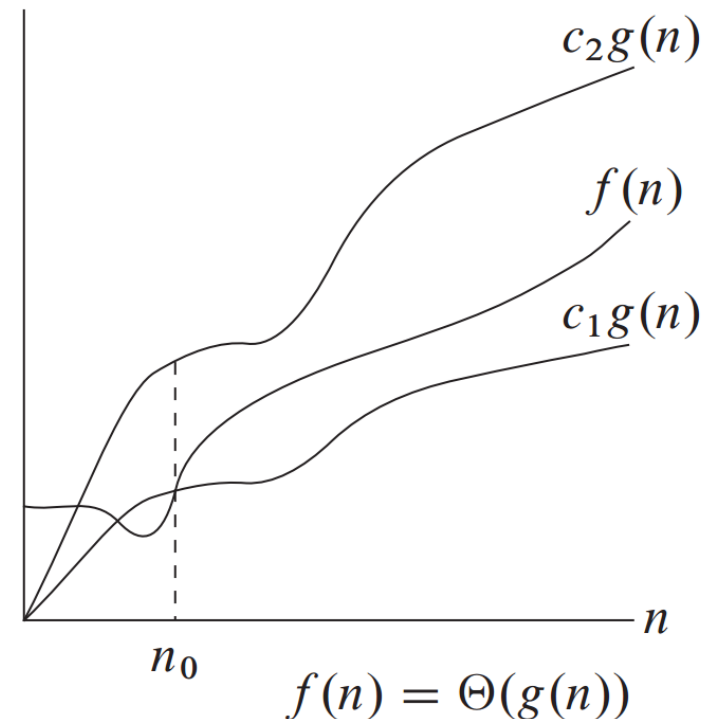
- **Q:** is the above satisfied for $g(n) = n^2$ and $f(n) = \frac{1}{2} n^2 + 2n$?
 - Give one set of valid values for c_1 , c_2 , and n_0
 - If, for example, $c_1 = \frac{1}{2}$, $c_2 = 1$, what is then n_0 ?

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- $f(n)$ „sandwiched” between $c_1g(n)$ and $c_2g(n)$
 - Guarantee that this is true for all $n \geq n_0$
- $g(n)$ **asymptotically tight bound** for $f(n)$
 - Both **upper** ($c_2g(n)$) and **lower** asymptotic bound ($c_1g(n)$)
- For polynomials: $f(n) = a_d n^d + a_{d-1} n^{d-1} + \dots + a_1 n + a_0$
 - $f(n) = \Theta(n^d)$
 - Constants are polynomials of 0-th degree: $\Theta(n^0) = \Theta(1)$



(Big) O-notation

- Θ -notation bounds a function from both above and below
- In algorithmic efficiency, we are typically interested more (only) in the **asymptotic upper bound**

O-notation

For a given function $g(n)$, $O(g(n))$ denotes a **set of functions**
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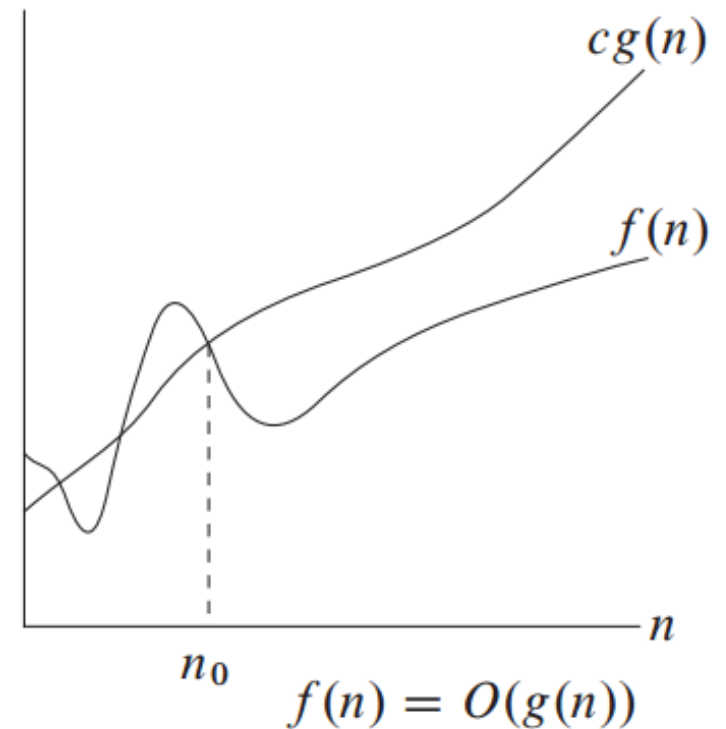
- O-notation: an upper bound of a function *to within a constant factor*
 - Any $f(n)$ in $\Theta(g(n))$ is surely also in $O(g(n))$
 - The opposite **not true**: e.g., linear functions are in $O(n^2)$ but not in $\Theta(n^2)$

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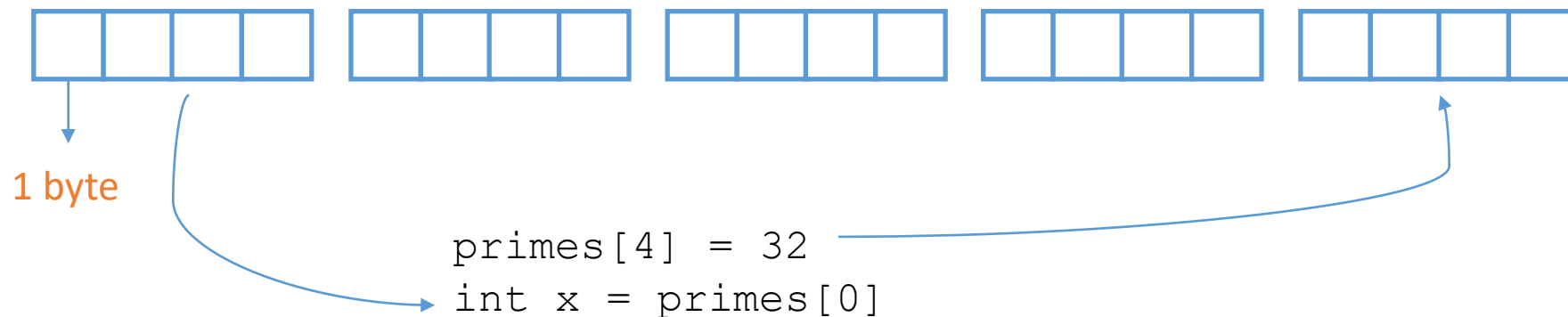
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- $f(n)$ limited from above with $c g(n)$
 - Guarantee that this is true for all $n \geq n_0$
- $g(n)$ asymptotic upper bound for $f(n)$
- For polynomials: $f(n) = a_d n^d + a_{d-1} n^{d-1} + \dots + a_1 n + a_0$
 - $f(n) = O(n^k)$, for each $k \geq d$



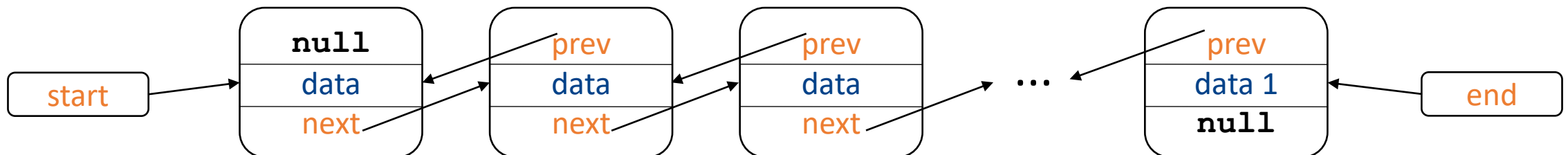
Lists: Arrays vs. Linked Lists

- ADT: **List** – a linear sequence of elements, ordered collection of values
 - When we design algorithms, we typically think in terms of ADTs
- **Array** (as **data structure**, not ADT)
 - Writing values into and reading values from an array is **fast**
 - Example in **C** (as Arrays in Python or Java are implemented differently)
 - `int primes[5]; // allocate 5 x size of int (typically 4 bytes) of contiguous memory`



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- **Linked List**
 - Consists of **nodes**: nodes contain both the data (values) and a **pointer** to the next node in the list
 - Nodes can contain values of different types
 - Dynamic data structure: „resizable” at run time
 - Non-contiguous memory allocation possible, space for **new nodes** can be allocated dynamically (on „per-need” basis)



Set element of List – running time

- List as **Array**

- **L**: the memory address of the first element of the list (array)
- **size** – the number of bytes for storing one value

```
set_element(L, ind, val)
  L = L + ind*size
  write(L, val)
```



n = size of the list
Worst running time
(**Big-O**)?

- List as **Linked List**

- **L**: pointer (memory address) to the first node of the list

```
set_element(L, ind, val)
  for i = 0 to ind
    L = L.next
  write(L, val)
```



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Stacks and queues – running time

- Stack

```
push(S, x)  
    if S.top == len(S.elements) - 1  
        error „overflow“  
    else  
        S.elements[S.top] = x  
        S.top = S.top + 1
```

n = size of the stack/queue
Worst running time (Big-O)?

- Queue

```
enqueue(Q, x)  
    if is_full(Q)  
        error „overflow“  
    else  
        Q.elements[Q.tail] = x  
        Q.tail = (Q.tail + 1) % len(Q.elements)
```

Questions?

