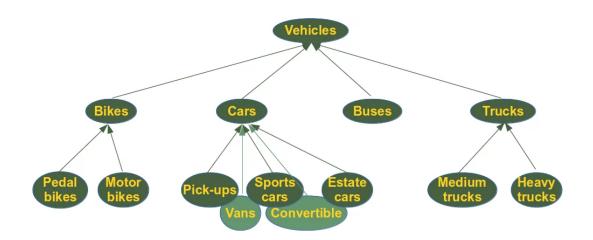
Data Science and Advanced Programming — Lecture 6c Object Oriented Programming

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1. Python Classes and Inheritance



Implementing the Class vs using the Class

Write code from two different perspectives:

- ► implementing a new object type with a class
 - define the class
 - define data attributes (WHAT IS the object)
 - define methods (HOW TO use the object)

- ▶ using the new object type in Code
 - create instances of the object type
 - ► do **operations** with them

Class definition of an object type versus instance of a class

- ► Class name is the type: class Coordinate(object)
- ► Class is defined generically
- ▶ use self to refer to some instance while defining the class (self.x - self.y)**2
- self is a parameter to methods in the class definition.
- class defines data and methods common across all instances.

- ▶ instance is one specific object coord = Coordinate(1,2)
- ► Data attribute values may vary between instances

```
c1 = Coordinate(1,2)
c2 = Coordinate(3,4)
```

- ► c1 and c2 can have different data attribute values c1.x and c2.x because they are different objects.
- Instance has the structure of the class.

Why should we use OOP and classes of objects?

- ▶ mimic real life
- ▶ group different objects part of the same type (e.g. car: age, name).

Object "car".

Age: 70y
Name
associated
with it:
"Oldtimer"





10y old plane







2y old car

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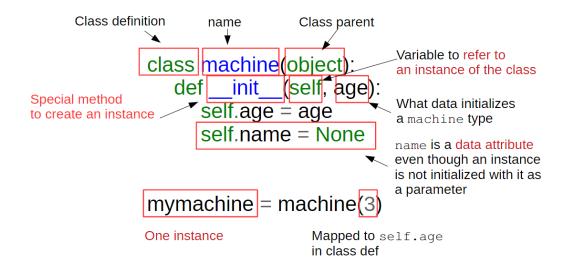


Recall: Groups of Objects have attributes

data attributes

- ▶ how can you represent your object with data?
- what it is
- ► for a *coordinate*: x and y values
- ▶ for a *car* : e.g. age, name
- procedural attributes (behavior/operations/methods)
 - ▶ how can someone interact with the object?
 - what it does/what can your object do?
 - ► for a *coordinate*: find distance between two
 - ▶ for a car: make a sound (horn)

Recall: How to define a class



Getter" and "Setter" Methods

demo/example4.py

```
class machine(object):
   def init (self, age):
       self.age = age
       self.name = None
   def get age(self):
       return self.age
                                            Getter
   def get name(self):
       return self.name
   def set age(self, newage):
       self.age = newage
                                            Setter
   def set name(self, newname=""):
       self.name = newname
   def str (self):
       return "Machine:"+str(self.name)+":"+str(self.age)
```

- getters and setters should be used outside of class to access data attributes.
- ▶ Implementing getters and setters help to prevent from introducing bugs.

Recall: An instance — not notation

► Instantiation creates an instance of an object

$$a = machine(3)$$

- ▶ Dot notation used to access attributes (data and methods) though it is better to use getters and setters to access data attributes
- ► a.age
 - ightharpoonup ightarrow access data attribute
 - ightharpoonup ightharpoonup allowed, but not recommended
- ► a.get_age()
 - ightharpoonup ightharpoonup access method
 - ightharpoonup best to use getters and setters

Information hiding

► Author of class definition may change data attribute variable names

```
class machine(object):

def __init__(self, age):

Replaced age data
attribute by years

class machine(object):

def __init__(self, age):
    self.years = age

def get_age(self):
    return self.years
```

- ► If you are accessing data attributes outside the class and class definition changes, may get errors
- outside of class, use getters and setters instead use a.get_age() NOT a.age
 - ▶ good style
 - easy to maintain code
 - prevents bugs

Python: Not so good at information hiding

- Allows you to access data from outside class definition print(a.age)
- ► Allows you to write to data from outside class definition (int ↔ str) a.age = 'infinite'
- ► Allows you to **create data attributes** for an instance from outside class definition (e.g., size)

```
a.size = "tiny"
```

 \rightarrow It's not good style to do any of these!

Default arguments

▶ Default arguments for formal parameters are used if no actual argument is given

```
def set_name(self, newname=""):
    self.name = newname
```

► Default argument used here

```
a = machine(3)
a.set_name()
print(a.get_name())
```

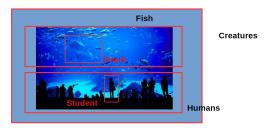
► argument passed in is used here

```
a = machine(3)
a.set_name("airbus")
print(a.get_name())
```

► Prints " "

► Prints "airbus"

Hierarchies

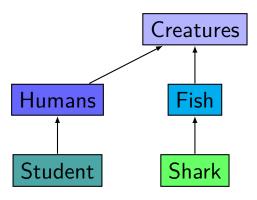


Consider everything on this picture as an Object!

- Every Creature has an age
- ► Fish and Humans are Creatures. Humans have different (data) attributes than Fish.
- ► Shark builds on Object Fish.
- Student builds on Object Human. (Student is Creature, is human, has an age, and Major field of study...)
- ► Idea of HIERARCHY.
- ► Add functionality to each of those "subgroups"

Hierarchies

- ► parent class (superclass)
- ► child class (subclass)
 - ► inherits all data and methods/ behaviors of parent class.
 - add more info.
 - ► add more behavior. (e.g. student study, while sharks do not)
 - ► override behavior. (e.g. person can speak, but say only "hello", while a student can say "hi dude" → override "speak" function)



Example of inheritance: Parent class

demo/example5.py

```
class Animal(object):
    def __init__(self, age):
        self.age = age
        self.name = None

def get_age(self):
        return self.age
    def get_name(self):
        return self.name

def set_age(self, newage):
        self.age = newage

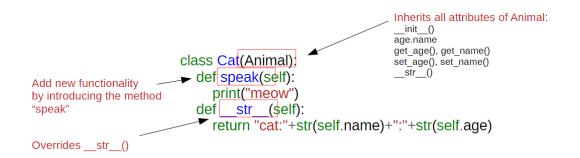
def set_name(self, newname=""):
        self.name = newname

def __str__(self):
        return "animal:"+str(self.name)+":"+str(self.age)
```

- everything is an object
- class object implements basic operations in Python, such as binding variables, etc.

Inheritance: Subclass "Cat"

demo/example5.py



- ▶ add new method/functionality with speak().
- ▶ instance of type cat can be called with new methods.
- ▶ instance of type Animal throws error if called with Animal's new method.
- ▶ __init__ is not missing, uses the Animal version.

Which method to use

- ► Subclass can have **methods with same name** as superclass.
- ► For an instance of a class, look for a method name in current class definition.
- ► If not found, look for method name up the hierarchy (in parent, then grandparent, and so on).
- ▶ Use first method up the hierarchy that you found with that method name.

Example of inheritance: Parent class

demo/example5.py

```
class Animal(object):
    def __init__(self, age):
        self.age = age
        self.name = None
    def get_age(self):
       return self.age
    def get_name(self):
        return self.name
    def set_age(self, newage):
        self.age = newage
    def set_name(self, newname=""):
        self.name = newname
    def str (self):
       return "animal:"+str(self.name)+":"+str(self.age)
```

Example of Inheritance — Person

demo/example6.py

```
, parent class is Animal
class Person(Animal):
    def init (self, name, age):
                                              e call Animal constructor
        Animal. init (self, age)
        self.set name(name)
                                               call Animal's method
        self.friends = []
                                              add a new data attribute
    def get friends(self):
        return self.friends
    def add friend(self, fname):
        if fname not in self.friends:
            self.friends.append(fname)
    def speak(self):
                                              new methods
        print("hello")
    def age diff(self, other):
        diff = self.age - other.age
        print(abs(diff), "vear difference")
    def str (self):
        return "person:"+str(self.name)+":"+str(self.age)
```

Example of Inheritance — Student (Subclass of Person, i.e., sub-subclass of Animal)

demo/example7.py

```
bring in methods
                                                              inherits Person and
class Student (Person):
    def init (self, name, age, major=None):
                                                             Animal attributes
        Person. init (self, name, age)
        self.major = major
                                                              adds new data
    def change major(self, major):
        self.major = major
    def speak(self):
        r = random.random()
                                                  looked up how to use the
        if r < 0.25:
                                                 Eandom class in the python does
            print ("i have homework")
                                               And on the strain was in the My unun uuca Bives back
        elif 0.25 \le r < 0.5:
            print("i need sleep")
        elif 0.5 \le r < 0.75:
             print ("i should eat")
        else:
             print ("i am watching tv")
    def str (self):
        return "student:"+str(self.name)+":"+str(self.age)+":"+str(self.major)
```

Class Variables

demo/example8.py

class variables and their values are shared between all instances of a class

► Tag used to give unique ID to each new rabbit instance

Rabbit "Getter" methods

demo/example8.py

```
class Rabbit (Animal):
    tag = 1
    def init (self, age, parent1=None, parent2=None):
                                        method on a string to pad
        Animal. init (self, age)
                                        the beginning with zeros
        self.parent1 = parent1
                                          for example, 001 not 1
        self.parent2 = parent2
        self.rid = Rabbit.tag
        Rabbit.tag += 1
    def get rid(self):
                                          getter methods specific
        return str(self.rid).zfill(3)
    def get parent1(self):
                                           for a Rabbit dass
                                            there are also getters
                                            get name and get age
        return self.parent1
    def get parent2(self):
                                             inherited from Animal
        return self.parent2
```

Working with your own types

- ▶ define + operator between two Rabbit instances
 - ► define what something like this does: r4= r1+r2 where r1 and r2 are Rabbit instances
 - ► r4 is a new Rabbit instance with age 0
 - ▶ r4 has self as one parent and other as the other parent
 - ▶ in ___init___, parent1 and parent2 are of type Rabbit

```
def __add__(self, other):
    # returning object of same type as this class
    return Rabbit(0, self, other)

recall Rabbit's __init__(self, age, parent1=None, parent2=None)
```

Special Method to Compare two Rabbits

▶ Decide that two rabbits are equal if they have the same two parents.

- ► Compare IDs of parents since IDs are unique (due to class var)
- ▶ note you can't compare objects directly
 - ► for ex. with self.parent1 == other.parent1
 - ► this calls the ___eq__ method over and over until call it on None and gives an AttributeError when it tries to do None.parent1

Object-oriented Programming

- ► Create your own collections of data.
- ► Organize information.
- Division of work.
- ► Access information in a consistent manner.
- Add layers of complexity.
- ► Like functions, classes are a mechanism for decomposition and abstraction in programming.

2. Program Efficiency

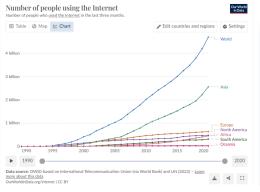
- ► Measuring orders of growth of algorithms.
- ▶ Big "O" notation.
- ► Complexity classes.

"We are drowning in information and starving for knowledge."

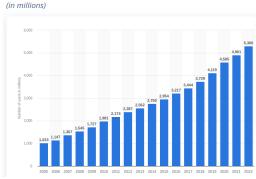
— John Naisbitt

Big Data and its availability

https://ourworldindata.org/internet



Number of internet users worldwide from 2005 to 2022



Big Data and its availability

http://www.live-counter.com/how-big-is-the-internet

Size of the internet as we speak: TBD Petabytes

- ▶ 1 Gigabyte \sim 1000 MB
- ▶ 1 Terabyte \sim 1000 GB
- ▶ 1 Petabyte \sim 1000 TB
- ▶ 1 Exabyte \sim 1000 PB
- ▶ 1 Zettabyte \sim 1000 EB
- **1 Gigabyte**: If an author writes a book of about 190 pages, more specifically, of 383,561 characters (with spaces and punctuation included) every week for 50 years this would be a billion letters or bytes.
- **1 Exabyte**: 212 million DVDs weighing 3,404 tons.
- **1 Zettabyte**: 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 bytes or characters.

This, printed on graph paper (with one letter in each mm^2 square) would be a paper measuring a billion km. The entire surface of the Earth (510 million km^2) would be covered by a layer of paper almost twice.

Other sources of Big Data

- **▶** Scientific experiments
 - ► CERN (e.g., LHC) generates ~ **25 petabytes** per year (2012).
 - ► LIGO generates \sim 1 Petabyte per year
- ► Numerical computations

▶ ..



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Efficiency of Programs

- ► Computers getting faster and faster so maybe efficient programs don't matter?
 - But data sets can be very large (growing exponentially, and faster than computer power)
- ► Thus, simple solutions may simply not scale with size in acceptable manner.
- ► How can we decide which option for program is most efficient?
 - ► → Algorithmic Complexity, Parallel programming (later in this course)
- Separate time and space efficiency of a program
 - ightharpoonup ightharpoonup trade-off between them:
 - ightharpoonup can sometimes precompute results are stored;
 - ightharpoonup ightharpoonup will focus on time efficiency

Understanding Efficiency

- ► Challenges in understanding efficiency of solution to a computational problem:
 - ► A program can be **implemented in many different ways.**
 - ► You can solve a problem using only a handful of different algorithms.
 - would like to separate choices of implementation from choices of more abstract algorithm.

How to evaluate Efficiency

- ► Measure with a time
- count the operations
- ► Abstract notation of order of growth *O*() "big O"
- \rightarrow we argue that this is the most appropriate way of assessing the impact of choices of algorithm in solving a problem, and in measuring the inherent difficulty in solving a problem.
 - \rightarrow Are there fundamental limitations when trying to solve a problem computationally?

Timing a Program

demo/example9.py

- recall that importing means to being this class into your own file
- ▶ use the time module

Timing a program is inconsistent

- ► GOAL: to evaluate different algorithms
 - ► Running time varies between algorithms. ✓
 - ► Running time varies between implementations. X
 - ► Running time varies between computers. X
 - Running time is not predictable based on small inputs. X
 - ightarrow Time varies for different inputs but cannot really express a relationship between inputs and time. $\ref{eq:condition}$

Counting operations

- Assume these steps take constant time:
 - Mathematical operations.
 - Comparisons
 - Assignments
 - accessing objects in memory
- ► Then count the number of operations executed as function of size of input.

```
def c_to_f(c):
    return c*9.0/5 + 32

def mysum(x):
    total = 0
    for i in range(x+1):
    total += i
    return total
    return total
    return total
```

mysum → 1+3x ops

Counting operations is better, but still not optimal

- ► GOAL: to evaluate different algorithms
 - ► count depends on algorithm. ✓
 - count depends on implementations. X (e.g., "for" vs."while")
 - count independent of computers.
 - ▶ no clear definition of which operations to count. X
 - ► count varies for different inputs and can come up with a relationship between inputs and the count.

Need a better way

- ► Timing and counting evaluate implementations.
- ▶ Timing evaluates machines.
- ► → Want to evaluate algorithm.
- ► → Want to evaluate scalability.
- ightharpoonup Want to evaluate in terms of **input size**.

Need a better way (II)

- ► Going to focus on idea of **counting operations** in an algorithm, but **not worry about small variations in implementation** (e.g., whether we take or 4 primitive operations to execute the steps of a loop).
- ► Going to focus on how an algorithm performs when size of problem gets arbitrarily large.
- ► Want to relate time needed to complete a computation, measured this way, against the size of the input to the problem.
- Need to decide what to measure, given that actual number of steps may depend on specifics of trial.

Need to choose which input to use to evaluate a function

- ► Want to express **efficiency in terms of size of input**, so need to decide what your input is.
- ► Could be an integer mysum(x)
- ► Could be **length of list** list_sum(L)
- ➤ You decide when multiple parameters to a function search_for_elemt(L, e)

Different inputs change how the programs run

demo/example10.py

► A function that searches for an element in a list

```
def search_for_elmt(L, e):
    for i in L:
        if i == e:
            return True
    return False
```

- ▶ When e is **first element** in the list \rightarrow **BEST CASE**.
- ▶ When e is **not in list** \rightarrow **WORST CASE**.
- When we have to look through about half of the elements in list → AVERAGE CASE.

Want to measure this behavior in a general way.

Best, average, and worst cases

Suppose you are given a list L of some length len(L)

- ▶ Best case: minimum running time over all possible inputs of a given size, len(L)
 - ► Constant for search_for_elmt.
 - ► First element in any list.
 - ► Average case: average running time over all possible inputs of a given size, len(L)
 - ► Practical measure
- Worst case: maximum running time over all possible inputs of a given size, len(L) ← We usually focus on this case
 - ▶ linear in length of list for search_for_elmt
 - must search entire list and not find it.

Orders of growth

Goals:

- We want to evaluate program's efficiency when input is very big.
- ▶ We want to express the growth of program's runtime as input size grows.
- ► We want to put an upper bound on growth-as tight as possible.
- ► We do not need to be precise: "order of" not "exact" growth.
- ► We will look at largest factors in runtime (which section of the program will take the longest to run?)
- ► Generally we want tight upper bound on growth, as function of size of input, in worst case.

Measuring the order of growth: The Big-O-notation

- ▶ Big O notation measures an upper bound on the asymptotic growth, often called order of growth.
- ► Big O or O() is used to describe worst case
 - worst case that occurs; is the bottleneck when a program runs.
 - express rate of growth of program relative to the input size.
 - Evaluates algorithm, NOT machine or implementation.

Exact steps vs O()

```
\label{eq:continuous_def} \begin{split} \text{def fact\_iter(n):} \\ \text{"""assumes n an int >= 0"""} \\ \text{answer = 1} \\ \text{while n > 1:} \\ \text{answer *= n} \\ \text{n -= 1} \\ \text{return answer} \end{split} \qquad \begin{aligned} \text{answer = answer * n} \\ \text{temp = n - 1} \\ \text{return answer} \end{aligned}
```

- ► Computes factorial
- ▶ Number of steps: 1 + 5n + 1
- ightharpoonup worst case **asymptotic complexity**: O(n)
- ► Ignore additive constants
- ► Ignore multiplicative constants

What does O(N) measure

- ► Interested in describing how the amount of time needed grows as size of (input to) problem grows.
- ► Thus, given an expression for the number of operations needed to compute an algorithm, want to know asymptotic behavior as size of problem gets large.
- ▶ We will focus on term that grows most rapidly in a sum of terms.
- ► Will ignore multiplicative constants, since want to know how rapidly time required increases as increase size of input.

Examples

- ► Drop constants and multiplicative factors
- ► Focus on dominant terms

```
o(n^2): n^2 + 2n + 2

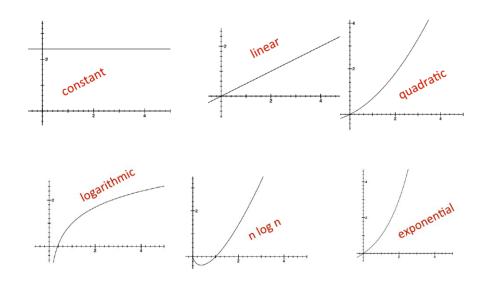
o(n^2): n^2 + 100000n + 3^{1000}

o(n): log(n) + n + 4

o(n log n): 0.0001*n*log(n) + 300n

o(3^n): 2n^{30} + 3^n
```

Some examples for growth order



Analyzing Programs and their algorithmic complexity

- ► Combine complexity classes
- ► Analyze statements inside functions
- ► Apply some rules, focus on dominant term
- ► Law of addition for O():
- ► Used with **sequential** statements
- ightharpoonup O(f(n)) + O(g(n)) is O(f(n) + g(n))
- ► for example,

```
for i in range(n):

print('a')

for j in range(n*n):

print('b')
```

▶ is $O(n) + O(n^*n) = O(n + n^2) = O(n^2)$ because of dominant term.

Analyzing Programs and their algorithmic complexity (II)

demo/example12.py

- ► Combine complexity classes
 - ► Analyze statements inside functions
 - ► Apply some rules, focus on dominant term
- ► Law of Multiplication for *O*():
 - ► Used with **nested** statements/loops
 - $ightharpoonup O(f(n))^* O(g(n))$ is $O(f(n)^* g(n))$
 - ► for example,

```
for i in range(n):

for j in range(n):

print('a')

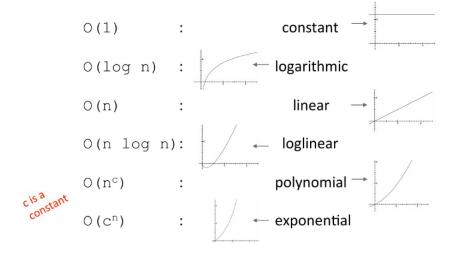
o(n)*O(n) O(n)
```

▶ -This is $O(n)^*O(n) = O(n^*n) = O(n^2)$ because the outer loop goes n times and the inner loop goes n times for every outer loop iter.

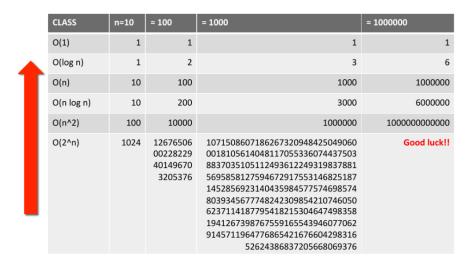
Typical complexity classes

- \triangleright O(1) denotes constant running time.
- $ightharpoonup O(\log n)$ denotes logarithmic running time.
- ightharpoonup O(n) denotes linear running time.
- $ightharpoonup O(n \log n)$ denotes log-linear running time.
- $ightharpoonup O(n^c)$ denotes polynomial running time (c is a constant).
- \triangleright $O(c^n)$ denotes exponential running time (c is a constant being raised to a power based on size of input).

Complexity classes — ordered

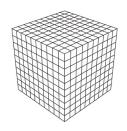


Complexity Growth



Exponential Complexity Example – The Curse of Dimensionality

Number of parameters (the dimension)	Number of model runs (at 10 points per dimension)	Time for parameter study (at 1 second per run)
1	10	10 sec
2	100	~ 1.6 min
3	1,000	~ 16 min
4	10,000	~ 2.7 hours
5	100,000	~ 1.1 days
6	1,000,000	~ 1.6 weeks
20	1e20	3 trillion years (240x age of the universe)



Linear complexity — e.g. linear search

demo/example13.py

- Simple iterative loop algorithms are typically linear in complexity.
- ► Example: Linear search on an unsorted list.

```
def linear_search(L, e):
    found = False
    for i in range(len(L)):
        if e == L[i]:
            found = True
    return found

def linear_search(L, e):
    found = False
        speed up a little by
        returning True here,
        returning True doesn't
        returning true here,
        returning true he
```

- Must look through all elements to decide it's not there
- ightharpoonup O(len(L)) for the loop * O(1) to test if e == L[i] (assumes we can retrieve element of list in constant time)
- O(1+4n+1) = O(4n+2) = O(n)
- ▶ Overall complexity is O(n) where n is len (L)

Linear search on sorted List

demo/example14.py

```
def search(L, e):
    for i in range(len(L)):
        if L[i] == e:
            return True
        if L[i] > e:
            return False
    return False
```

- Must only look until reach a number greater than e
- ► O(len(L)) for the loop* O(1) to test if e == Len[i]
- ▶ Overall complexity is O(n) where n is len(L) (worst case we need to look at the entire list).
- ► NOTE: order of growth is same, though runtime may differ for two search methods.

Linear Complexity

demo/example15.py

- ► Searching a list in sequence to see if an element is present.
- ► Add characters of a string, assumed to be composed of decimal digits.

```
def addDigits(s):
    val = 0
    for c in s:
       val += int(c)
    return val
```

Linear Complexity (II)

► Complexity often depends on number of iterations.

```
def fact_iter(n):
    prod = 1
    for i in range(1, n+1):
        prod*=i
    return prod
```

► Number of times around loop is *n*

- ▶ Number of operations inside loop is a constant (in this case, 3-set i, multiply, set prod).
- O(1+3n+1) = O(3n+2) = O(n).
- ▶ Overall just O(n).

Nested Loops — quadratic complexity

- ► Simple loops are linear in complexity.
- ▶ What about loops that have loops within them?
- ► Example: determine if one list is subset of second, i.e., every element of first, appears in second (assume no duplicates).

```
def isSubset(L1, L2):
    for e1 in L1:
        matched = False
        for e2 in L2:
            if e1 == e2:
                 matched = True
                 break
        if not matched:
            return False
    return True
```

Quadratic Complexity (II)

```
def isSubset(L1, L2):
    for e1 in L1:
        matched = False
        for e2 in L2:
            if e1 == e2:
                 matched = True
                 break
        if not matched:
            return False
    return True
```

- ▶ outer loop executed len(L1) times
- each iteration will execute inner loop up to len(L2) times, with constant number of operations
- ► O(len(L1)*len(L2))
- ▶ worst case when L1 and L2 same length, none of elements of L1 in L2
- \triangleright O(len(L1)²)

Quadratic Complexity (III)

demo/example17.py

Find intersection of two lists, return a list with each element appearing only once!

```
def intersect(L1, L2):
    tmp = []
    for e1 in L1:
        for e2 in L2:
            if e1 == e2:
                 tmp.append(e1)
    res = []
    for e in tmp:
        if not(e in res):
            res.append(e)
    return res
```

Quadratic Complexity (IV)

demo/example17.py

```
def intersect(L1, L2):
    tmp = []
    for e1 in L1:
        for e2 in L2:
            if e1 == e2:
                 tmp.append(e1)
    res = []
    for e in tmp:
        if not(e in res):
            res.append(e)
    return res
```

- ▶ first nested loop takes len(L1)*len(L2) steps
- second loop takes at most len(L1) steps
- determining if element in list might take len(L1) steps
- if we assume lists are of roughly same length, then O(len(L1)²)

O() for nested loops

```
def g(n):
    """ assume n >= 0 """
    x = 0
    for i in range(n):
        for j in range(n):
            x+=1
    return x
```

- ightharpoonup Computes n^2 very inefficiently.
- ► When dealing with nested loops, look at the ranges.
- ► Nested loops, each iterating *n* times.
- $ightharpoonup O\left(n^2\right)$

Logarithmic Complexity — Bisection example

- ► Complexity grows as log of size of one of its inputs
 - example:
 - ► Bisection search
 - ▶ binary search of a list
- ► Bisection search: suppose we want to know if a particular element is present in a list
- ► Saw that we could just "walk down" the list, checking each element
 - ► Complexity was linear in length of the list
 - ► Suppose we know that the list is ordered from smallest to largest
 - ► Saw that sequential search was still linear in complexity
 - ► Can we do better?

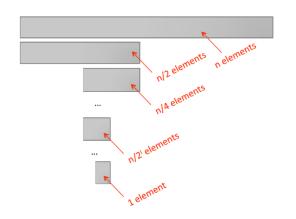
Yes we can — Bisection search

- pick an index, i, that divides list in half
- 2. ask if L[i] == e
- if not, ask if L[i] is larger or smaller that e
- 4. Depending on answer, search left or right half of L for e



- ► A new version of a **divide-and-conquer** algorithm
 - ▶ Break into smaller version of problem (smaller list), plus some simple operations
 - ► Answer to smaller version is answer to original problem.

Complexity Analysis of Bisection



► finish looking through list when

$$1 = n/2^i$$

so $i = \log n$

► complexity of recursion is $O(\log n)$ — where n is len(L)

Bisection Code

demo/example17.py

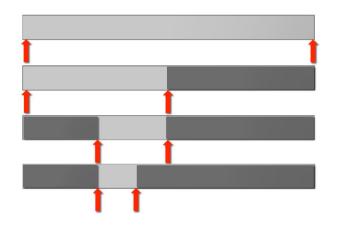
```
constant
def bisect search1(L, e):
    if L == []:
        return False
                          constant
    elif len(L) == 1:
                           0(2)
        return L[0] == e
                               constant
    else:
                               0(2)
        half = len(L)//2
                                                  NOT constant
        if L[half] > e:
            return bisect_search1( L[:half], e)
                                                    NOT constant
        else:
            return bisect_search1(| L[half:], e)
```

Complexity of first Bisection Method

Implementation 1 — bisect_search1 (demo/example17.py)

- \triangleright $O(\log n)$ bisection search calls
 - ▶ On each recursive call, size of range to be searched is cut in half
 - ▶ If original range is of size n, in worst case down to range of size 1 when $n/(2^N k) = 1$; or when $k = \log n$
- ightharpoonup O(n) for each bisection search call to copy list
 - ► This is the cost to set up each call, so do this for each level of recursion
- $O(\log n) * O(n) \to O(n \log n)$
- ▶ If we are really careful, note that length of list to be copied is also halved on each recursive call.
 - ▶ Turns out that total cost to copy is O(n) and this dominates the log n cost due to the recursive calls.

An alternative Bisection algorithm



- still reduce size of problem by factor of two on each step but just keep track of low and high portion of list to be searched
- ► avoid copying the list
- complexity of recursion is again O(log n) - where n is len(L)

Bisection (II) Code

demo/example18.py

```
def bisect search2(L, e):
    def bisect_search_helper(L, e, low, high):
        if high == low:
            return L[low] == e
        mid = (low + high)//2
        if L[mid] == e:
                                                       constant other
            return True
                                                        than recursive call
        elif L[mid] > e:
            if low == mid: #nothing left to search
                return False
            else:
                return bisect search helper(L, e, low, mid - 1)
        else:
                                                      constant other call
            return bisect search helper(L, e, mid + 1, high)
    if len(L) == 0:
        return False
    else:
        return bisect search helper(L, e, 0, len(L) - 1)
```

Algorithmic Complexity — Bisect II

demo/example18.py

- ▶ Implementation 2 bisect_search2 and its helper
 - \triangleright $O(\log n)$ bisection search calls
 - On each recursive call, size of range to be searched is cut in half if original range is of size n, in worst case down to range of size 1 when $n/(2^k) = 1$; or when $k = \log n$
- Pass list and indices as parameters
 - ▶ list never copied, just re-passed as a pointer
 - ▶ Thus O(1) work on each recursive call
 - $\triangleright \ O(\log n)^* O(1) \to O(\log n)$

Exponential Complexity

- ▶ Recursive functions where more than one recursive call for each size of problem
 - ► Towers of Hanoi
- ► Many important problems are inherently exponential
 - ► Unfortunately, as cost can be high will lead us to consider approximate solutions as may provide reasonable answer more quickly.

Towers of Hanoi

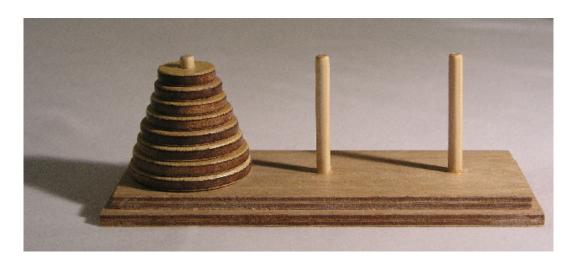
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tower_of_Hanoi

- ▶ The Tower of Hanoi is a mathematical game or puzzle.
- ► It consists of three rods and a number of disks of different sizes, which can slide onto any rod.
- ► The puzzle starts with the disks in a neat stack in ascending order of size on one rod, the smallest at the top.
- ► The objective of the puzzle is to move the entire stack to another rod, obeying the following simple rules:
 - 1. Only one disk can be moved at a time.
 - 2. Each move consists of taking the upper disk from one of the stacks and placing it on top of another stack or on an empty rod.
 - 3. No larger disk may be placed on top of a smaller disk.
 - 4. With 3 disks, the puzzle can be solved in 7 moves.

The minimal number of moves required to solve a Tower of Hanoi puzzle is $2^n - 1$, where n is the number of disks.

Towers of Hanoi

Let's watch the animation at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tower_of_Hanoi



Iterative solution

- ► A simple solution for the toy puzzle is to alternate moves between the smallest piece and a non-smallest piece.
- ▶ When moving the smallest piece, always move it to the next position in the same direction (to the right if the starting number of pieces is even, to the left if the starting number of pieces is odd).
- ▶ If there is no tower position in the chosen direction, move the piece to the opposite end, but then continue to move in the correct direction.
- ► For example, if you started with three pieces, you would move the smallest piece to the opposite end, then continue in the left direction after that.
- ▶ When the turn is to move the non-smallest piece, there is only one legal move.
- ▶ Doing this will complete the puzzle in the fewest moves.

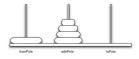
Code

demo/example20.py

```
def moveTower(height,fromPole, toPole, withPole):
    if height >= 1:
        moveTower(height-1,fromPole,withPole,toPole)
        moveDisk(fromPole,toPole)
        moveTower(height-1,withPole,toPole,fromPole)

def moveDisk(fp,tp):
    print("moving disk from",fp,"to",tp)

no_of_disks = 5
moveTower(no_of_disks,"A","B","C")
```



Towers of Hanoi — Complexity

Let t_n denote time to solve tower

$$t_{n} = 2t_{n-1} + 1$$

$$= 2(2t_{n-2} + 1) + 1$$

$$= 4t_{n-2} + 2 + 1$$

$$= 4(2t_{n-3} + 1) + 2 + 1$$

$$= 8t_{n-3} + 4 + 2 + 1$$

$$= 2^{k}t_{n-k} + 2^{k-1} + \dots + 4 + 2 + 1$$

$$= 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} + \dots + 4 + 2 + 1$$

$$= 2^{n} - 1$$

Geometric growth

$$a = 2^{n-1} + \dots + 2 + 1$$

$$2a = 2^{n} + 2^{n-1} + \dots + 2$$

$$a = 2^{n} - 1$$

so order of growth is $O(2^n)$

Example: Exponential Complexity

- ► Given a set of integers (with no repeats), want to generate the collection of all possible subsets called the power set.
- \blacktriangleright {1, 2, 3, 4} would generate

$$\{\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,3\}, \{1,4\}, \{2,3\}, \{2,4\}, \{3,4\}, \{1,2,3\}, \{1,2,4\}, \{1,3,4\}, \{2,3,4\}, \{1,2,3,4\}$$

► Order doesn't matter — same set as well

$$\begin{array}{l} \cdot \{\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\}, \{3\}, \{1,3\}, \{2,3\}, \{1,2,3\}, \{4\}, \{1,4\}, \\ \{2,4\}, \{1,2,4\}, \{3,4\}, \{1,3,4\}, \{2,3,4\}, \{1,2,3,4\} \end{array}$$

Power Set Concept — Recursively

- ▶ We want to generate the **power set of integers from 1 to** *n*
- ▶ Assume we can generate power set of integers from 1 to n-1.
- ▶ Then all of those subsets belong to bigger power set (choosing not include *n*); and all of those subsets with *n* added to each of them also belong to the bigger power set (choosing to include n).
- ► {}, {1}, {2}, {1,2}, {3}, {1,3}, {2,3}, {1,2,3}, {4}, {1,4}, {2,4}, {1,2,4}, {3,4}, {1,3,4}, {2,3,4}, {1,2,3,4}
- ▶ Nice recursive description!

Exponential Complexity

demo/example21.py

```
def genSubsets(L):
   res = []
    if len(L) == 0:
       return [[]] ##list of empty sets
    smaller = genSubsets(L[:-1]) #all subsets without last element
    extra = L[-1:]
   new = []
   for small in smaller:
        new.append(small + extra) #for all smaller sol, add one with last el.
   return smaller + new
Ltest = [1,2,3,4,5]
print(genSubsets(Ltest))
```

Exponential Complexity (II)

```
def genSubsets(L):
    res = []
    if len(L) == 0:
        return [[]]
    smaller = genSubsets(L[:-1])
    extra = L[-1:]
    new = []
    for small in smaller:
        new.append(small + extra)
    return smaller + new
```

- ► assuming append is constant time
- time includes time to solve smaller problem, plus time needed to make a copy of all elements in smaller problem

Exponential Complexity (III)

```
def genSubsets(L):
    res = []
    if len(L) == 0:
        return [[]]
    smaller = genSubsets(L[:-1])
    extra = L[-1:]
    new = []
    for small in smaller:
        new.append(small + extra)
    return smaller + new
```

- but important to think about size of smaller
- ▶ know that for a set of size k there are 2^k cases
- ▶ how can we deduce overall complexity?

Exponential Complexity (IV)

- \blacktriangleright let t_n denote time to solve problem of size n
- ightharpoonup let s_n denote size of solution for problem of size n

$$ightharpoonup t_n = t_{n-1} + s_{n-1} + c$$
 (where c is some constant number of operations)

$$t_n = t_{n-1} + 2^{n-1} + c$$

 $= t_{n-2} + 2^{n-2} + c + 2^{n-1} + c$
 $= t_{n-k} + 2^{n-k} + \ldots + 2^{n-1} + kc$ Thus computing power set is $O(2^n)$
 $= t_0 + 2^0 + \ldots + 2^{n-1} + nc$
 $= 1 + 2^n + nc$

Analyze Iterative Fibonacci for Complexity

demo/example22.py, demo/example21.py

```
def fib iter(n):
                                    Best case:
    if n == 0:
         return 0
                                     O(1)
    elif n == 1:
                                    Worst case:
         return 1
    else:
                                     O(1) + O(n) + O(1) \rightarrow O(n)
         fib i = 0
         fib ii = 1
         for i in range(n-1):
             tmp = fib i
             fib i = fib ii
             fib ii = tmp + fib ii
         return fib ii
                           0(7)
                F_0 = 0, \quad F_1 = 1,
                F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}, for n > 1.
```

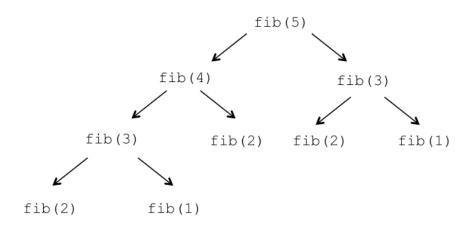
Analyze Recursive Fibonacci for Complexity

demo/example23.py

```
def fib recur(n):
    """ assumes n an int >= 0 """
    if n == 0:
        return 0
    elif n == 1:
        return 1
    else:
        return fib recur(n-1) + fib recur(n-2)
Worst case:
 O(2^n)
```

Analyze recursive Fibonacci for Complexity (II)

- ightharpoonup Actually can do a bit better than 2^n since tree of cases thins out to right.
- ► But complexity is still exponential.



Complexity of some Python functions

Lists: n is len(L)

- ▶ index 0(1)
- ▶ store 0(1)
- ► length 0(1)
- ▶ append 0(1)
- ightharpoonup == -0(n)
- ightharpoonup remove O(n)
- ► copy O(n)
- ▶ reverse O(n)
- ▶ iteration O(n)
- ightharpoonup in list O(n)

Dictionaries: n is len(L) Worst case:

- ▶ index O(n)
- ▶ store O(n)
- ► length O(n)
- ightharpoonup delete O(n)
- ▶ iteration O(n)

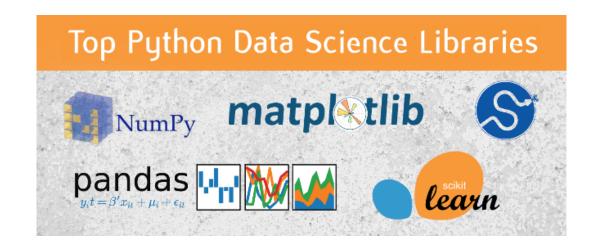
Average case:

- ► index 0(1)
- ► store 0(1)
- ► delete 0(1)
- ▶ iteration O(n)

3. Some useful Libraries in Python

- 1. Numpy
- 2. Scipy
- 3. Matplotlib
- 4. Pandas
- 5. JAX

NumPy, SciPy, Matplotlib, Pandas, JAX...

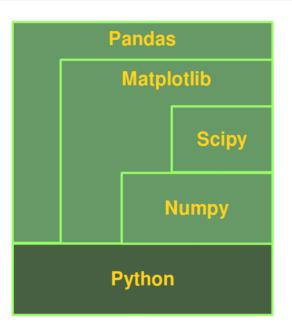


Python and Libraries

If we use Python in combination with its modules

- ► NumPy
- ► SciPy
- ► Matplotlib
- ▶ Pandas
- ► JAX

it belongs to the top numerical programming languages.



Do not re-invent the wheel — NumPy

NumPy is a package for linear algebra and advanced mathematics in Python.

It provides a *fast* implementation of multidimensional numerical arrays (C/FORTRAN like), vectors, matrices, tensors and operations on them.

Use it if: you long for MATLAB core features.

See also: http://www.numpy.org/

Do not re-invent the wheel — SciPy

"SciPy is open-source software for mathematics, science, and engineering. [...] The SciPy library provides many user-friendly and efficient numerical routines such as routines for numerical integration and optimization."

One of its main aim is to provide a reimplementation of the MATLAB toolboxes.

Use it if: you long for MATLAB toolbox features.

See also: http://www.scipy.org/

Do not re-invent the wheel — Matplotlib

matplotlib "is a python 2D plotting library which produces publication quality figures in a variety of hardcopy formats and interactive environments across platforms. matplotlib can be used in python scripts, the python and ipython shell (ala MATLAB® or Mathematica®), web application servers, and six graphical user interface toolkits."

Pandas

Pandas is a Python data analysis library, that provides optimized routines for analyzing 2D, 3D, 4D data.

"Pandas [...] enables you to carry out your entire data analysis workflow in Python without having to switch to a more domain specific language like R."

Use it if: you need features from *R*, plyr, reshape2.

Simple Examples

Let's have a look at the Jupyter Notebook

Lecture_5b.ipynb

Numpy Example: Poisson equation

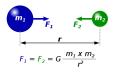
► Consider

$$\nabla^2 u = \Delta u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = f, \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \text{ Domain}$$

▶ with boundary condition

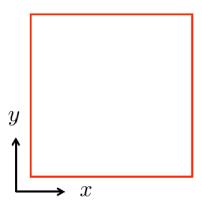
$$u = g, \mathbf{x} \in \partial \Omega$$
Boundary of domain

- ► Model useful in: heat conduction, electromagnetism, astrophysics (gravity), fluid dynamics, ...
- ► Simplest example of an elliptic Partial Differential Equation (PDE)



Numpy Example: Poisson equation

- ► Consider $\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = f$
- ▶ on the square domain

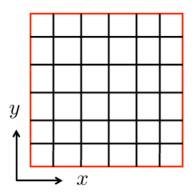


Example: Poisson equation (III)

► Finite differences

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = f$$

► discretize square domain



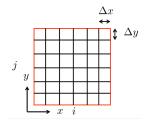
Example: Poisson equation (IV)

Finite differences

$$\nabla^{2} u = \frac{\partial^{2} u}{\partial x^{2}} + \frac{\partial^{2} u}{\partial y^{2}} = f$$

$$\nabla^{2} u \approx \frac{u(x_{i+1}, y_{j}) - 2u(x_{i}, y_{j}) + u(x_{i-1}, y_{j})}{\Delta x^{2}} + \frac{u(x_{i}, y_{j+1}) - 2u(x_{i}, y_{j}) + u(x_{i}, y_{j-1})}{\Delta y^{2}} = f(u(x_{i}, y_{j})).$$

discretize square domain

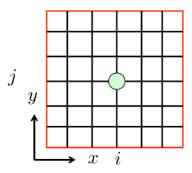


Example: Poisson equation (V)

► Finite differences

$$\nabla^2 u \approx \frac{u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{u_{i,j+1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j-1}}{\Delta y^2} = f_{i,j}$$

► discretize square domain



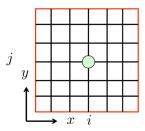
Jacobi-Method

► Jacobi-method

$$u_{i,j}^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2(\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2)} \left[\left(u_{i+1,j}^n + u_{i-1,j}^n \right) \Delta y^2 + \left(u_{i,j+1}^n + u_{i,j-1}^n \right) \Delta x^2 - f_{i,j} \Delta x^2 \Delta y^2 \right]$$

► Discretized square domain

iterate ...



Poisson Equation

```
u_{i,j}^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2(\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2)} \left[ \left( u_{i+1,j}^n + u_{i-1,j}^n \right) \Delta y^2 + \left( u_{i,j+1}^n + u_{i,j-1}^n \right) \Delta x^2 - f_{i,j} \Delta x^2 \Delta y^2 \right]
def update(u,dx,dy):
      [nx,ny] = u.shape
      dx2 = dx**2
      dy2 = dy**2
      u \text{ old} = np.copy(u)
      for i in range(1,nx-1):
            for j in range(1, ny-1):
                  u[i,j] = ((u old[i+1,j] + u old[i-1,j])*dy2 
                                  + (u \text{ old}[i , j+1] + u \text{ old}[i , j-1])*dx2) \setminus
                              /(2*(dx2 + dy2))
```

Poisson Equation

Compare implementations (vectorized):

 $u_{i,j}^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2(\Delta x^2 + \Delta v^2)} \left[\left(u_{i+1,j}^n + u_{i-1,j}^n \right) \Delta y^2 + \left(u_{i,j+1}^n + u_{i,j-1}^n \right) \Delta x^2 - f_{i,j} \Delta x^2 \Delta y^2 \right]$

Nonlinear equations & optimization.

- ► Our course heavily relies on solving large systems of nonlinear equations or (un-)constrained optimization problems.
- ightharpoonup In Python, you have plenty of options, e.g.:
- ► SciPy.org
- ► PyOpt.org
- ► IPOPT (https://www.coin-or.org/lpopt; https://github.com/xuy/pyipopt)

Constrained optimization with SciPy

The minimize function also provides an interface to several constrained minimization algorithm.

As an example, the Sequential Least SQuares Programming optimization algorithm (SLSQP) will be considered here.

This algorithm allows to deal with constrained minimization problems of the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \min F(x) \\ \text{subject to } C_j(X) &= 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, \text{ MEQ} \\ C_j(x) &\geq 0, \quad j = \text{ MEQ } +1, \dots, M \\ XL &\leq x \leq XU, I = 1, \dots, N. \end{aligned}$$

Constrained optimization — example

As an example, let us consider the problem of optimizing the function:

$$f(x,y) = 2xy + 2x \cdot x^2 \cdot 2y^2$$

subject to an equality and an inequality constraints defined as:

$$x^3 - y = 0$$
$$y - 1 > 0$$

Root finding (nonlinear equations)

- ► Finding a root of a set of non-linear equations can be achieve using the root function.
- Several methods are available, amongst which hybr (the default) and 1m which respectively use the hybrid method of Powell and the LevenbergMarquardt method from MINPACK.
- ► Consider a set of non-linear equations

$$x_0 \cos(x_1) = 4,$$

 $x_0 x_1 - x_1 = 5.$

Example for Nonlinear Equations

```
import numpy as np
from scipy.optimize import root
def func2(x):
 f = [x[0] * np.cos(x[1]) - 4, x[1]*x[0] - x[1] - 5]
 df = np.array([[np.cos(x[1]), -x[0] * np.sin(x[1])], [x[1], x[0] - 1]])
 return f, df
sol = root(func2, [1, 1], jac=True, method='lm')
solution = sol.x
print("the solution of this nonlinear set of equations is: ", solution)
```

Want more?

PyPI is the index of Python software packages. It currently indexes 506,250 packages, so the choice is really vast. Almost all packages can be installed with a single command by running pip install packagename.



How to tackle a complete project in python

- ► The examples so far were **quite compact** and composed to convey programming constructs in a gentle pedagogical way.
- Now, the idea is to solve a more comprehensive real-world problem by programming.
- ▶ The problem solving process in this example gets quite involved.
- ► How to proceed:
 - 1. Problem Statement
 - 2. Derivation of the Algorithm
 - 3. Program Development and Testing
 - 4. Verification
 - 5. Visualization

Questions for today?

