

EECS2011 Fundamentals of Data Structures  
(Winter 2022)

Q&A - Week 1 Lecture

Wednesday, January 19

## Announcements

- Lecture W2 released
- Background Study on Java Generics

W3 LL

$$1 + 1 + (n+1) \cdot 4 + 6n = 10n + 6$$

# Counting the Number of Primitive Operations

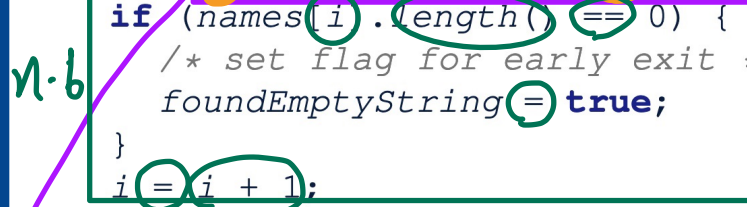
$\neg(P \wedge Q)$   
 $\equiv \neg P \vee \neg Q$

$n$   $\neg P \vee \neg Q$

$(n+1)$

```

1  boolean foundEmptyString = false;
2  int i = 0;
3  while (!foundEmptyString && i < names.length) {
4      if (names[i].length() == 0) {
5          /* set flag for early exit */
6          foundEmptyString = true;
7      }
8      i = i + 1;
9  }
    
```



When will the while loop exit?

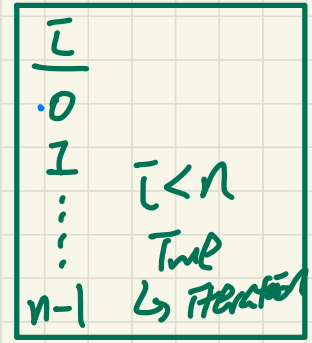
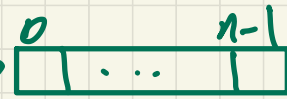
Exit when:

$\neg (!\text{foundEmptyString} \wedge i < n)$   
 $\equiv \text{foundEmptyString} \vee i \geq n$  exit condition

early exit (not worst case)

$i$  invalid index (worst case)

names



Q1. # times evaluated?  $n+1$

Q2. # times body of loop executed?  $n$

$n$   $i < n \rightarrow$  exit

Tests/Exam :

Given a fragment of code

① Count # POs.

② Approximate the asymptotic RT.  
(WZ lecture)

→ Timw/Next Week : one example on counting  
# POs from nested loop.

What if we take a less value for the  $c$  and get the  $n_0$  value higher.  
Is it okay or we have to get a  $c$  value where  $n_0$  value is lowest (where  $n_0=1$ )?  
For example taking the  $c$  value as 10 will get  $n_0$  value as 2. But if we take  $c$  value as 15 we get  $n_0$  value as 1. Will both answers be correct?

$f(n) \in O(g(n))$  if there are:

- A real constant  $c > 0$
- An integer constant  $n_0 \geq 1$

such that:

$$f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n) \text{ for } n \geq n_0$$

$$\begin{array}{|l} c = 8 \\ n_0 = 1 \end{array} \rightarrow n = 2$$

$$f(n) = 3n + 8 \quad O(n)$$

multiple ways for proving this

$$c = 8 \\ n_0 = 1$$

## Asymptotic Upper Bounds: Example (1)

$$\underline{5}n^2 + \underline{3}n \cdot \log n + \underline{2}n + \underline{5} \text{ is } O(n^2)$$

$$O(\underline{n^2})$$

$$C = |5| + |3| + |2| + |5| = \underline{\underline{15}}$$

$$n_0 = 1$$

$$f(n) \leq 15 \cdot n^2 \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

$$C = 12 \\ n_0 = 1$$

I would like to kindly ask if it would be incorrect to state that the multiplicative constant 'C' = 12? When substituting 'n' = 1, f(n) = 12.

I understand that 15 is technically a "safe" choice since it will definitely be less than  $15 * n^2$  but I'm unsure if my decision for a precise 'C' value would be incorrect?

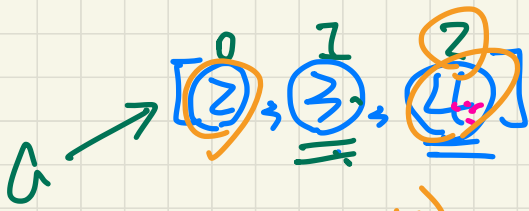
# Problem on Recursion

<https://codingbat.com/prob/p145416>

Given an array of ints, is it possible to choose a group of some of the ints, such that the group sums to the given target? This is a classic backtracking recursion problem. Once you understand the recursive backtracking strategy in this problem, you can use the same pattern for many problems to search a space of choices. Rather than looking at the whole array, our convention is to consider the part of the array starting at index **start** and continuing to the end of the array. The caller can specify the whole array simply by passing start as 0. No loops are needed -- the recursive calls progress down the array.

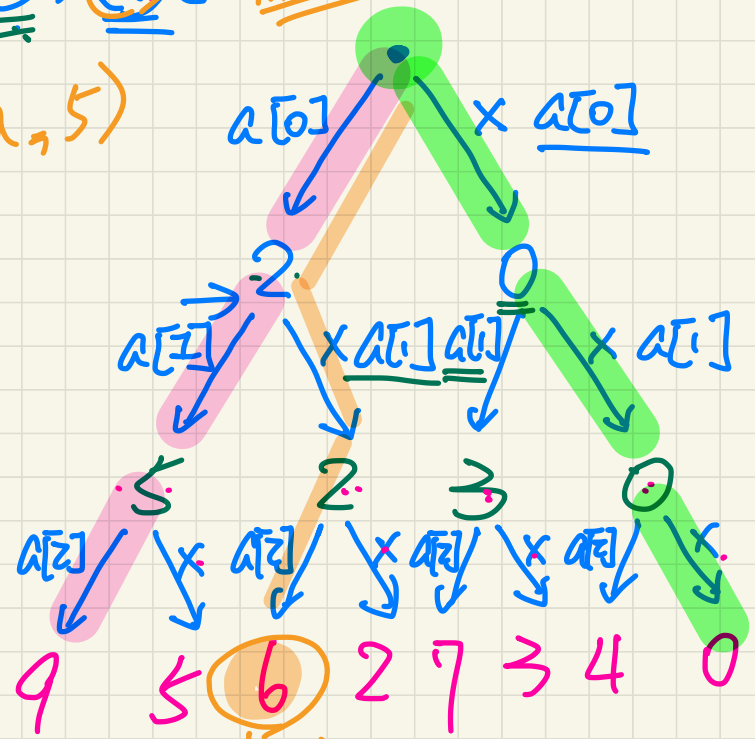
```
groupSum(0, [2, 4, 8], 10) → true  
groupSum(0, [2, 4, 8], 14) → true  
groupSum(0, [2, 4, 8], 9) → false
```

$[2, 4, 8]$  How many possible groups of numbers  
can be chosen?  
↓  
include  
exclude



index == 3

graph(1, a, 5)



{a[0], a[2]}



## Problem on Recursion

<https://codingbat.com/prob/p199368>

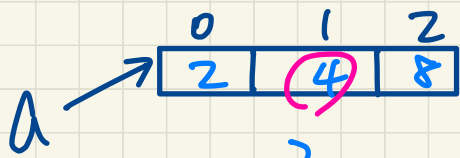
Given an array of ints, is it possible to choose a group of some of the ints, beginning at the start index, such that the group sums to the given target? However, with the additional constraint that all 6's must be chosen. (No loops needed.)

`groupSum6(0, [5, 6, 2], 8) → true`

`groupSum6(0, [5, 6, 2], 9) → false`

`groupSum6(0, [5, 6, 2], 7) → false`

Can you adapt the solution to groupSum for this problem?



$a.length == 3$

$gS(0, a, 10)$

$gSH(\underline{0}, a, \underline{0}, \underline{10})$

$\checkmark a[0]$       $\parallel$       $\times a[0]$

$gSH(1, a, \underline{2}, 10)$

$gSH(1, a, \underline{0}, 10)$

$\checkmark a[1]$

$\times a[1]$

$\checkmark a[1]$

$\times a[1]$

$gSH(2, a, \underline{6}, 10)$

$gSH(2, a, \underline{2}, 10)$

$gSH(2, a, \underline{4}, 10)$

$gSH(2, a, \underline{0}, 10)$

$\hookrightarrow$  Exercise. Complete tracing.