

# The CS 5 Times

## CS 5 Penguin Knocked Into Icy Waters



Claremont (AP): "Our friendly CS 5 penguin was knocked into icy waters by an evil rival," claimed a distraught HMC CS professor. Geoff and Zach are investigating the incident, which was caught on security cameras. Geoff will fly first-class to Antarctica to collect further evidence.

## True Story...



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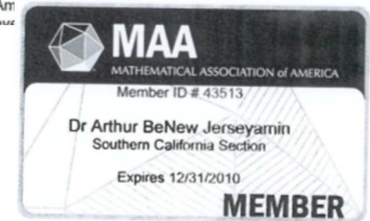
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Dear Dr Arthur BeNew Jerseyamin ,

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devoted to mathematics at the undergraduate level



That's crArizonay!



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Subject: amusing (?) typo

Dear Tina (or should that be TIndianaa?):

Yesterday I received the attached letter from MAA membership with my "new" name, "Arthur BeNew Jerseyamin". Apparently the NJ in the middle of my last name was replaced by New Jersey.

I laughed it off, but I worry that this could be a bigger problem, and thought you should know.

Art (or should that be Arkansast?)

## Sorting Algorithms!

Insertion Sort:

`insert([42, 10, 1, 6, 5])`



This is my sort of algorithm!

Through the wonders of recursion!

[1, 5, 6, 10]

`insert(42, [1, 5, 6, 10])`

[1, 5, 6, 10, 42] A new sorted list!

**Write the program (both functions) on your worksheet!**

Solution follows...

# Analyzing Algorithms!

```
def member(item, List):  
    if List == []:  
        return False  
    elif List[0] == item:  
        return True  
    else:  
        return member(item, List[1:])
```

What is the **worst-case** running time as a function of the length of the input (denoted “n”)?

It's approximately...

# Asymptotic Analysis

$3n + 42$   
 $42n + 4242$   
 $100n$

“asymptotically  
linear”



“Asymptotic”  
is a fancy  
word!

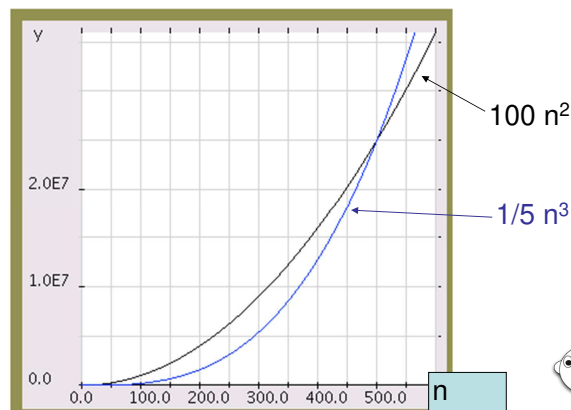
$(0.1)n^2 + n + 1$   
 $100n^2$

“asymptotically quadratic”

$n^3 - 100n^2 + 2n + 42$   
 $2n^3 + 10$   
 $1/5n^3$

“asymptotically cubic”

# Asymptotic Analysis



Those look  
like two  
awesome  
water-  
slides!



# Asymptotic Analysis

Simple (and not-quite-correct) rules:

1. Replace all additive and multiplicative constants by 1
2. Replace constant bases of exponents/logs by 2
3. Discard all but the highest power
  - $2^n$  beats  $n^k$  for any constant  $k$
  - $n^k$  beats  $n^j$  for  $k > j$
  - $n^1$  beats  $\log n$
  - $\log n$  beats 1

## Analyzing Algorithms!

Insertion Sort:

```
isort([42, 10, 1, 65, 5])
```



We're looking for the worst-case analysis!

"the magic of recursion!"

```
[1, 5, 10, 65]
```

## Analyzing Algorithms!

Insertion Sort:

```
isort([42, 10, 1, 6, 5])
```



This is amazingly cool stuff!

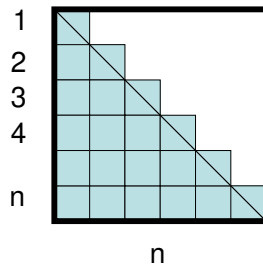
```
insert(42, [1, 5, 10, 65])  
[1, 5, 10, 42, 65] A new list!
```



Let's solve this on the board!

## This Space Property of CS 5 Black

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + (n-1) + n = ?$$



## The Alien's Life Advice

Knowing an obscure fact isn't proof of intelligence



...or even wisdom!

## Mergesort

```
msort([42, 3, 1, 5, 27, 8, 2, 7])
```



Assume—just for a moment—that the length,  $n$ , is a power of 2.

## Mergesort

```
msort([42, 3, 1, 5, 27, 8, 2, 7])
```



```
msort([42, 3, 1, 5]) / msort([27, 8, 2, 7])
```

“the magic of recursion!”

```
[1, 3, 5, 42]      [2, 7, 8, 27]
```

## Mergesort

```
msort([42, 3, 1, 5, 27, 8, 2, 7])
```



```
msort([42, 3, 1, 5]) / msort([27, 8, 2, 7])
```

```
merge([1, 3, 5, 42], [2, 7, 8, 27])
```



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## Mergesort

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msort([42, 3, 1, 5, 27, 8, 2, 7])
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msort([42, 3, 1, 5]) / msort([27, 8, 2, 7])
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merge([1, 3, 5, 42], [2, 7, 8, 27])
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## Mergesort

`msort([42, 3, 1, 5, 27, 8, 2, 7])`



`msort([42, 3, 1, 5]) / msort([27, 8, 2, 7])`

`merge([1, 3, 5, 42], [2, 7, 8, 27])`



`[1, 2`

## Mergesort

`msort([42, 3, 1, 5, 27, 8, 2, 7])`



`msort([42, 3, 1, 5]) / msort([27, 8, 2, 7])`

`merge([1, 3, 5, 42], [2, 7, 8, 27])`



`[1, 2, 3`

## Mergesort

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`merge([1, 3, 5, 42], [2, 7, 8, 27])`



`[1, 2, 3, 5`

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`[1, 2, 3, 5, 7`

## Mergesort

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[1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8]

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## Mergesort

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mssort([42, 3, 1, 5]) / mssort([27, 8, 2, 7])
```

```
merge([1, 3, 5, 42], [2, 7, 8, 27])
```



[1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 27, 42] **Done!**

Let's try it out - and let's not even make n a power of 2!



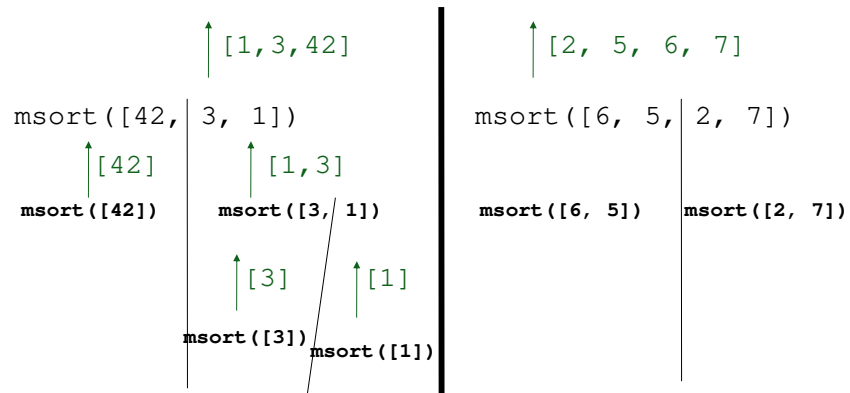
```
mssort([42, 3, 1, 6, 5, 2, 7])
```

```
mssort([42, 3, 1])
```

```
mssort([6, 5, 2, 7])
```

↑ [1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 42]

`msort([42, 3, 1, 6, 5, 2, 7])`



## How “Efficient” Is Mergesort?



## How big a deal is this?



Geoff's Super-O-Matic Supercomputer:  
100 billion steps/second

	$n^2$ algorithm	$n \log_2 n$ algorithm
$n = 10^8$	11.5+ <b>days</b>	