

# Computational Complexity

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Foreshadowing: In  $2n^2 - n$ , does anybody care about the  $-n$  when  $n$  is large?

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$$20000 - 100 \qquad 2000000 - 1000$$

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Grand total:

$$\sum_{j=1}^n 2(j-1) = 2 \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \underset{w}{j} = 2 \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = n^2 - n$$

$w = j-1$

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Grand total:

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$$\underline{Ax = b}$$

$$A = LU$$

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same cost as  $B \cdot b$   
 $\hookrightarrow n \times n$

$$A^{-1}b$$

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One matrix-vector multiplication:  $2n^2 - 2$  operations!

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & * & \dots & * \\ a_{21} & * & \dots & * \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{n1} & * & \dots & * \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-\frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} = l$$

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↳ n-1 times

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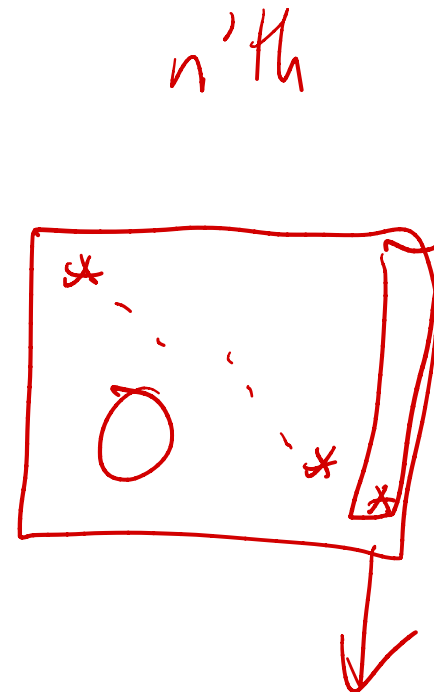
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$$\sum_{j=1}^n (j-1) = 0 + 1 + \dots + n-1$$

$$j-1 = n-n+1$$

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