

CS302 - Data Structures

using C++

Topic: Understanding Big O Notation

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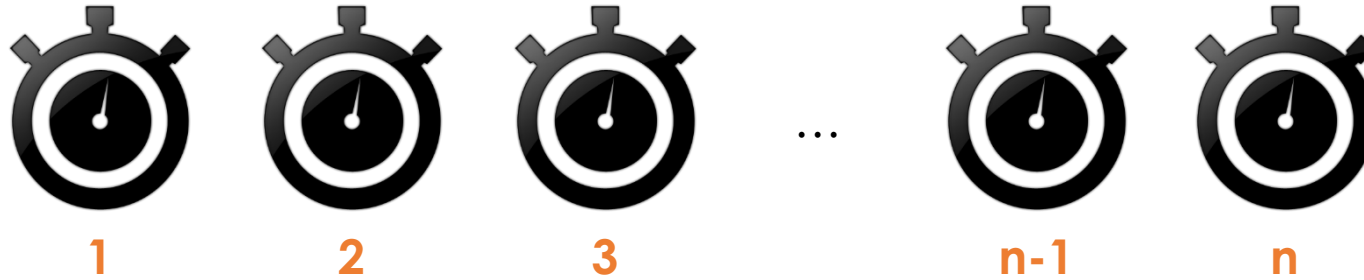
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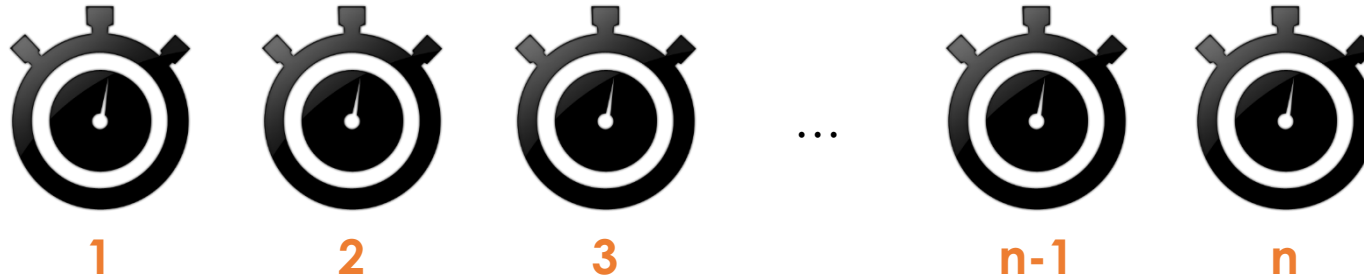
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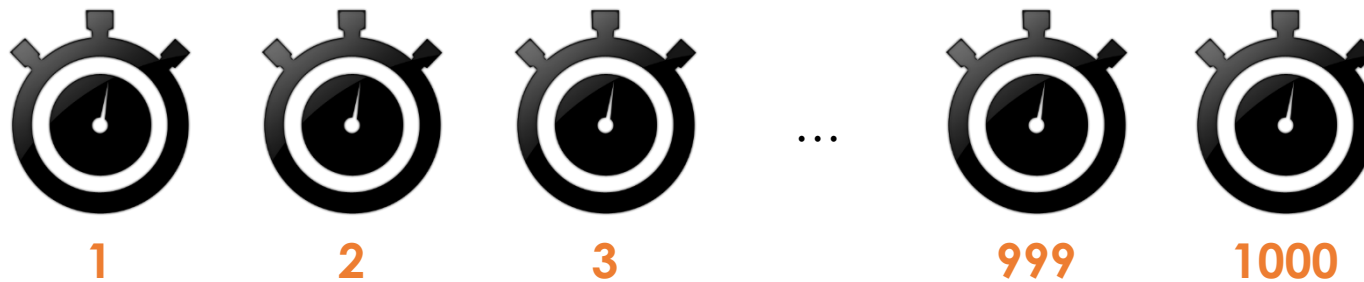
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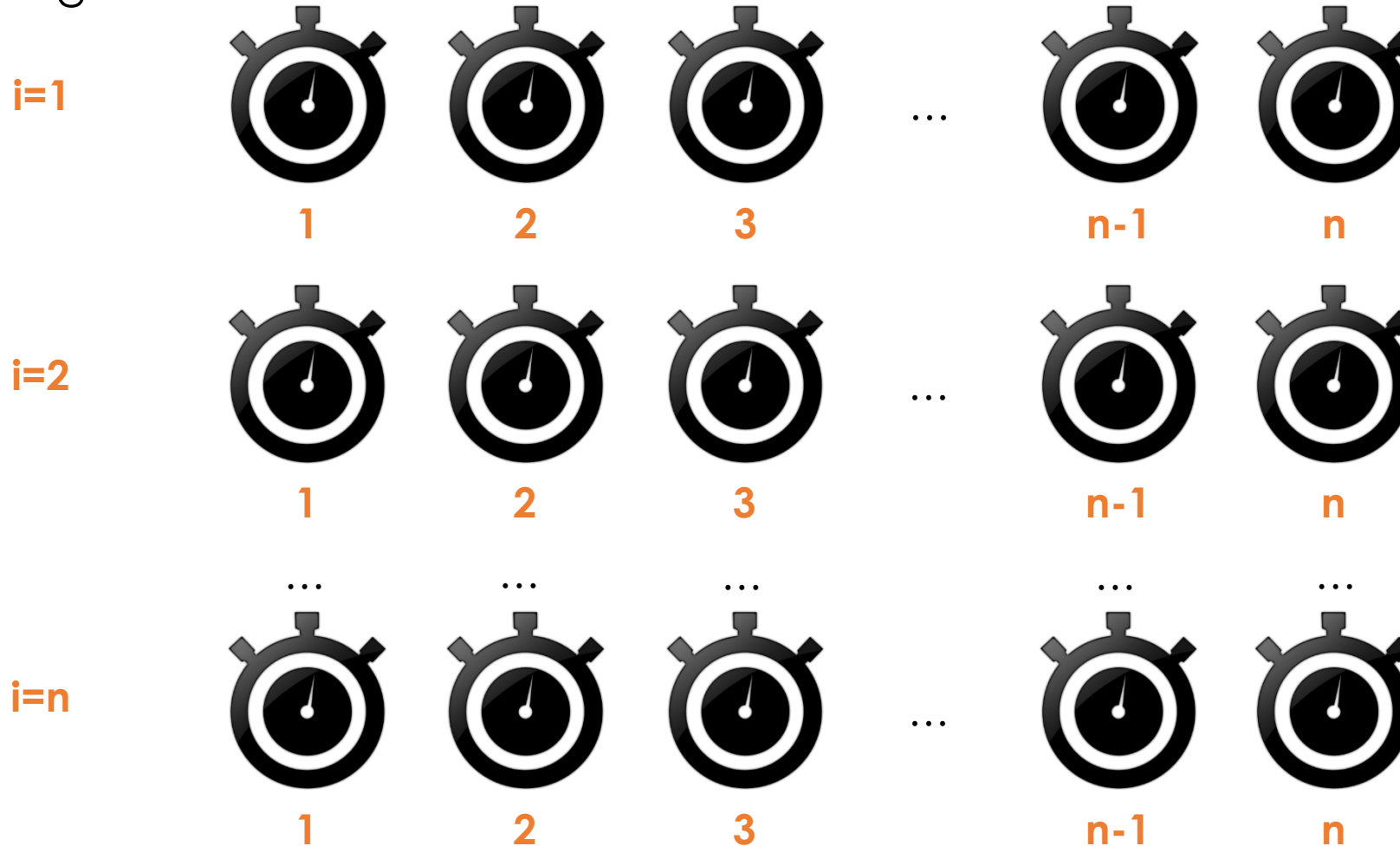
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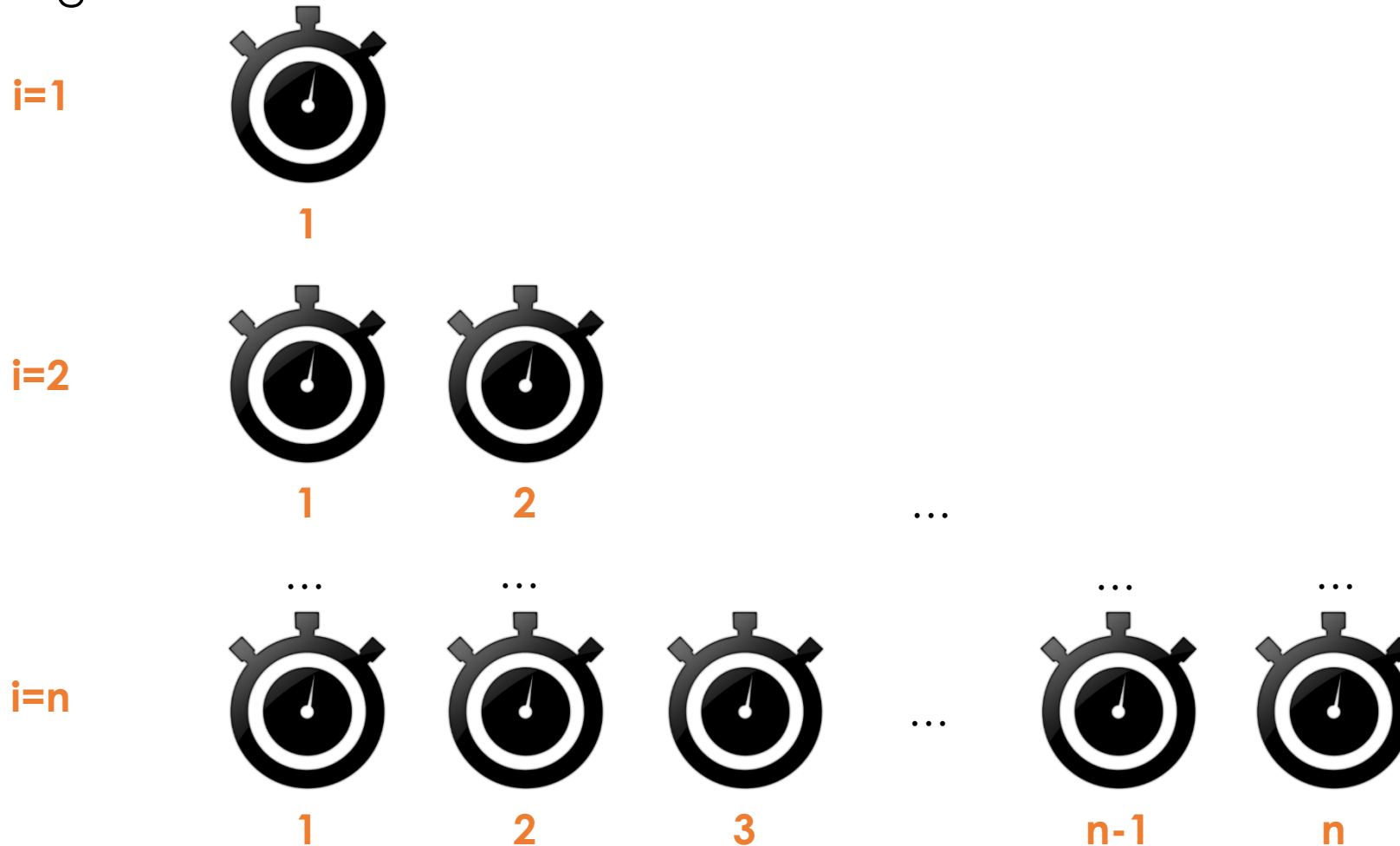
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 - Very hard to estimate

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- If problem size is always small
 - Possible to ignore algorithm's efficiency
- Weight trade-offs between
 - Algorithm's time and memory requirements
- Compare algorithms for style and efficiency

Thank you