Plan for eleven-four

- Thinking about APTs and test problems
  - How do you choose: list, string, set, dictionary
  - Experience? How do you get that?
  - Most APTs and test problems share structure:
    - There's a loop, there's a selection/decision, update

- You can often do this with a list comprehension, but you don't have to!
  - Write code you can understand, but you must be able to read code with list comprehensions and with dictionaries

SortedFreqs

- What do you return? How many elements does it contain? Can you categorize them?
  - Read problem, understand what to return
  - Then think about how to calculate/create values

- Is efficiency an issue with APTs?
  - Computers do millions of operations a second
  - Your time is important!
  - Always possible to get time-limit exceeded 😞

Customer Statistics

- What's returned? How many elements does it contain? Can you categorize them?
  - Read problem, understand what to return
  - Then think about how to calculate/create values

- How can you find names that occur more than once? Can you filter names/elements?
  - Filtering is a great use of list comprehensions!
  - Creating return values in correct order, issues?

Questions

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- RCS professor of computer science at MIT
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  - Grace Murray Hopper Award
  - National Academy
  - Co-inventor of zero-knowledge proof protocols

How do you convince someone that you know a secret without revealing the knowledge?

- Honesty and Privacy

Work on what you like, what feels right, I know of no other way to end up doing creative work

DictionaryTimings.py

- Updating (key, value) pairs in structures
  - Search through unordered list
  - Search through ordered list
  - Use dictionary

- Why is searching through ordered list fast?
  - Guess a number from 1 to 1000, first guess?
  - What is $2^{10}$? Why is this relevant? $2^{20}$?
  - Dictionary is faster! But not ordered

See DictionaryTimings.py

```python
def linear(words):
    data = []
    for w in words:
        found = False
        for elt in data:
            if elt[0] == w:
                elt[1] += 1
                found = True
                break
        if not found:
            data.append([w,1])
    return data
```

Linear search through list o' lists

- Maintain list of [string, count] pairs
  - List of lists, why can't we have list of tuples?

```plaintext
[ ['dog', 2], ['cat', 1], ['bug', 4], ['ant', 5] ]
```

- If we read string 'cat', search and update

```plaintext
[ ['dog', 2], ['cat', 2], ['bug', 4], ['ant', 5] ]
```

- If we read string 'frog', search and update

```plaintext
[ ['dog', 2], ['cat', 2], ['bug', 4], ['ant', 5], ['frog', 1] ]
```
Binary Search
- Before the first guess, there are 1024 numbers
- How many times can we divide list in half?
- $\log_2(N)$ for N element list, why?
- What must be true to use binary search?
- How is this done in Python?

Search via Dictionary
- In linear search we looked through all pairs
- In binary search we looked at log pairs
  - But have to shift lots if new element!!
- In dictionary search we look at one pair
  - one billion, 30, 1, for example
  - Note that $2^{10} = 1024$, $2^{30} = \text{million}$, $2^{30} = \text{billion}$
- Dictionary converts key to number, finds it
  - Need far more locations than keys
  - Lots of details to get good performance

See DictionaryTimings.py
- Finding value associated with key w:
  - Takes time independent of number of keys!
  ```python
def dictionary(words):
    d = {}
    for w in words:
      if w not in d:
        d[w] = 1
      else:
        d[w] += 1
    return [[w,d[w]] for w in d]
```
Running times @ $10^8$ instructions/sec

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<td>31.7 million years</td>
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This is a real focus in Compsci 201
linear is $N^2$, binary is $N \log N$, dictionary $N$

What's the best and worst case?

- If every word is the same ....
  - Does linear differ from dictionary? Why?
- Every word is different in alphabetical order
  - Does binary differ from linear? Why?
- When would dictionary be bad?
  - In practice, never, in theory, kind of the same

Practice Test Question


- Read, think, read, think, plan, think, write
  - If you're not sure, come back to question
  - We won't ask you to write too much
  - It's ok to write a lot if you can't write a little