#### Loop Detection for Lower Runtime Bounds

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 $\overline{\ell}$ : Base Term

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$$\begin{array}{c} il(x,ys) \\ {x/s(x)} \\ {x/s(x)} \\ {x'} \\ {ys/cons(x,ys)} \\ il(s(x),ys) \\ \rightarrow il(x,cons(x,ys)) \end{array}$$

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$O(n^2)$	5	10	3	-	-	-	-	-
$\mathcal{O}(n^3)$	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
$\mathcal{O}(n^{>3})$	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
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