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Time and Space Complexity

Time Complexity

Old Computer
data: 1 Million elements in
an array
Algorithm: Linear search for an
element that does not exist

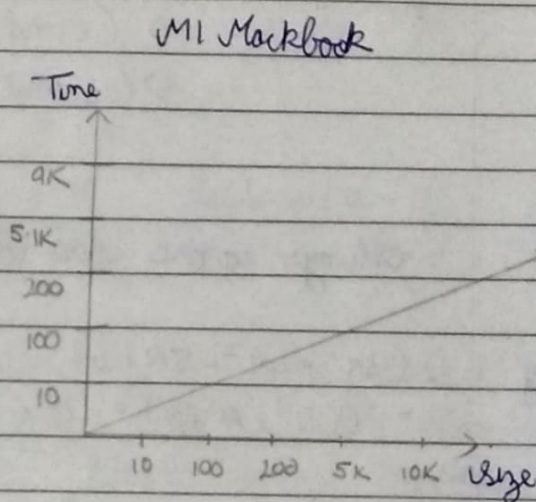
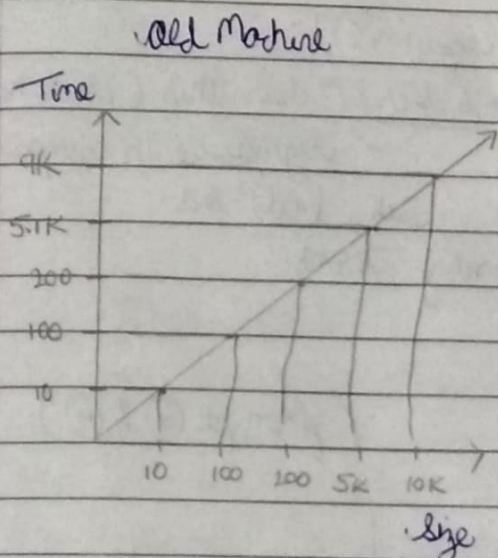
Time Taken - 10 secs

M1 MacBook (very fast)
data and algorithm
are kept same for
this also

Time Taken: - 1 sec

Both machines have same time complexity as

Time Complexity ! = Total time taken to execute

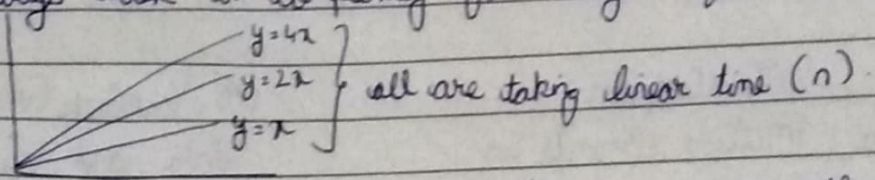


⇒ Time complexity is a function that gives us the relationship about how the time will grow as the input grows.

In the above case of old computer & M1 macbook time was growing linearly as input was growing

⇒ what do we consider when thinking about complexity??

- 1) Always look for worst case complexity?
- 2) Always look at complexity for large / infinite data
- 3)



Even the value of actual time different they are all growing linearly.

We don't care about actual time as it will be different for different machines.

This is why we ignore all constants.

- 4) $O(N^3 + \log(N))$

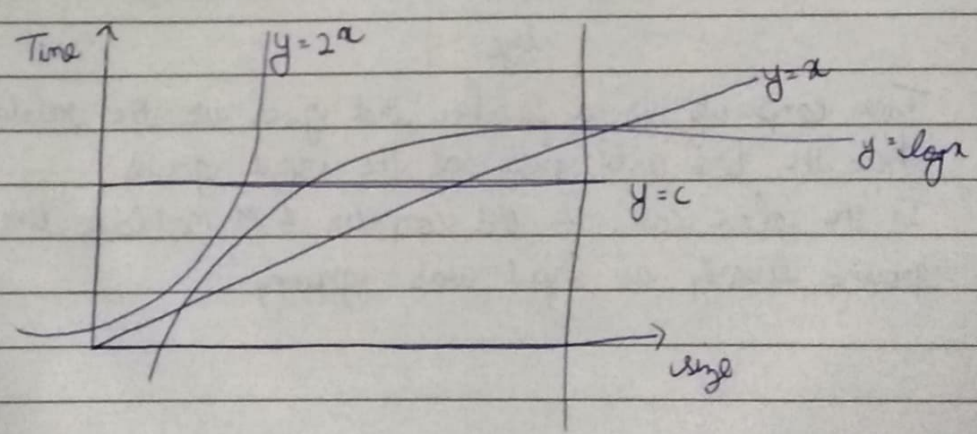
from pt ② $\Rightarrow N = 1 \text{ mil}$

$$\Rightarrow ((1 \text{ mil})^3 + \log(1 \text{ mil}))$$

$\Rightarrow ((1 \text{ mil})^3 + 6 \text{ secs}) \rightarrow$ does this 6 secs has any significance in comparison with $(1 \text{ mil})^3 \text{ secs}$.

\therefore Always ignore less dominating terms.

e.g. $O(3N^3 + 4N^2 + 5N + 6)$
 $= O(N^3 + N^2 + N) = \underline{O(N^3)}$ (from pt ③ & ④)



$$\rightarrow \text{constant} \quad O(1) < O(\log(N)) < O(N) < O(2^N)$$

⇒ Big O Notation

If you are said that time complexity is $O(N^3)$, then it means that the upper bound of your algorithm is N^3 you algorithm might take N^2 , $N \log N$ or any other time but it will never exceed N^3 time.

Mathematically

$$f(N) = O(g(N))$$

$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(N)}{g(N)} < \infty$	means it should be a finite answer.
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eg

$$O(N^3) = \frac{O(6N^3 + 3N + 5)}{g(N)}$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6N^3 + 3N + 5}{N^3}$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6 + \frac{3}{N^2} + \frac{5}{N^3}}{1} = \frac{6 + 0 + 0}{1}$$

$$= 6 < \infty \quad \text{finite value}$$

⇒ Big Omega Notation

If you are said that time complexity is $\Omega(N^3)$, then it means the lower bound of your algorithm is N^3 , it will atleast take N^3 time complexity it can take N^4 , N^5 or any other time complexity but it never be less than N^3 .

Mathematically

$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(N)}{g(N)} > 0$

⇒ Theta Notation

It simply means combining both upper and lower bound.
Mathematically

$$0 < \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(N)}{g(N)} < \infty$$

⇒ Little O Notations

This is also giving upper bound but loose upper bound not strict.

Big O

$$f = O(g)$$

$$f \leq g$$

little o
(Stronger statement)

$$f = o(g)$$

$$f < g \text{ (strictly)}$$

Mathematically

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(N)}{g(N)} = 0$$

eg $f = N^2$ $g = N^3$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N^2}{N^3} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} = 0$$

⇒ Little omega Notation

Loose lower bound

Big Ω

$$f = \Omega(g)$$

$$f \geq g$$

little ω

$$f = \omega(g)$$

$$f > g$$

Mathematically

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(N)}{g(N)} = \infty$$

eg $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N^3}{N^2} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} N = \infty$

Space Complexity

Space Complexity = Input Space + Auxiliary Space

Auxiliary Space is the extra space or temporary space used by an algorithm.

Q)
$$\begin{aligned} &\text{for}(i=1; i \leq W; i++) \{ \\ &\quad \text{for}(j=1; j \leq K; j++) \{ \\ &\quad \quad // \text{Some operation that take time } t \\ &\quad \} \\ &\} \\ &i = i + K \end{aligned}$$

} first time complexity

(Solⁿ) Inner loop is running K times and performing t work in each iteration.

$O(Kt)$ time for inner loop

Time Complexity of Outer loop = $O(Kt * \text{times outer loop is running})$

$$i = 1, 1+K, 1+2K, 1+3K, 1+4K, \dots, 1+2K$$

$$1+2K \leq N$$

$$x = \frac{W-1}{K}$$

$x \rightarrow$ No of times outer loop is running

$$TC = O\left(Kt * \frac{W-1}{K}\right) = O(t * (N-1))$$

$$\therefore TC = O(t * N) \quad (\text{ignoring the constant})$$

Q) Some common loops

1)
$$\begin{aligned} &\text{for}(\text{int } i=0; i < n; i=i+c) \{ \\ &\quad // \text{Some const work} \\ &\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n=10, c=2 & \quad TC = O(N/c) \\ 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 & \quad = \underline{\underline{O(n)}} \\ \frac{10}{2} = 5 & \end{aligned}$$

2) $\text{for}(i=n, i>0; i=i-c)\{$
 $\quad // \text{some const work}$
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$n=10 \quad c=2$	$n=11, c=2$
$i=10, 8, 6, 4, 2$	$i=11, 9, 7, 5, 3, 1$

$\therefore TC = O(n/c + 1)$
 $TC = O(n)$

3) $\text{for}(i=1; i \leq n; i=i*c)\{$
 $\quad O(1) \text{ work}$
 $\}$

$n=32, c=2$	$n=33, c=2$
$i=1, 2, 4, 8, 16$	$i=1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32$

$1, c, c^2, c^3, \dots, c^{k-1}$
 $c^{k-1} \leq n$

$k-1 \leq \log n$
 $k \leq \log n + 1$
 $TC = O(\log n)$

4) $\text{for}(i=n, i>1, i=i/c)\{$
 $\quad O(1) \text{ work}$
 $\}$

$n=32, c=2$	$TC = O(\log(n))$
$32, 16, 8, 4, 2$	

5) $\text{for}(c=2; i \leq n, i = \text{Math.pow}(i, c))\{$
 $\quad O(1) \text{ work}$
 $\}$

$2, 2^c, (2^c)^c, \dots, 2^{c^{k-1}}$
 $2, 2^c, 2^{c^2}, \dots, 2^{c^{k-1}}$
 $2^{c^{k-1}} \leq n$

$c^{k-1} \leq \log_2 n \Rightarrow k-1 \leq \log_2 \log_2 n$

$\therefore TC = O(\log \log(n))$
 $k \leq \log_c \log_2 n + 1$

6)

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for (i=0; i < n; i++) {
    for (j=1; j < n; j=j*2) {
        O(1) work
    }
}
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TC = $O(n * \log n)$
 TC = $O(n \log n)$

Space Complexity

1)

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int arrSum (int arr[], int n) {
    int sum = 0;
    int i;
    for (int i=0; i < n; i++) {
        sum += arr[i];
    }
}
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Auxiliary space = $O(1)$
 I/p space = $O(n)$
 Space complexity = $O(n) + O(1) = O(n)$

2)

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int fib (int n) {
    int f[n+1];
    f[0] = 0;
    f[1] = 1;
    for (int i=2; i <= n; i++) {
        f[i] = f[i-1] + f[i-2];
    }
    return f[n];
}
```

Auxiliary space = $O(n)$
 I/p space = $O(1)$
 SC = $O(n) + O(1) = O(n)$

3)

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int fib (int n) {
    if (n == 0 || n == 1)
        return n;
    int a = 0, b = 1;
    for (int i=2; i <= n; i++) {
        c = a + b;
        a = b;
        b = c;
    }
    return c;
}
```

Auxiliary space = $O(1)$
 I/p space = $O(1)$
 SC = $O(1)$