

**1.4.6** Give the order of growth (as a function of  $N$ ) of the running times of each of the following code fragments:

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a.  int sum = 0;
    for (int n = N; n > 0; n /= 2)
        for(int i = 0; i < n; i++)
            sum++;
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b.  int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 1; i < N; i *= 2)
        for (int j = 0; j < i; j++)
            sum++;
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c.  int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 1; i < N; i *= 2)
        for (int j = 0; j < N; j++)
            sum++;
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Soln

1.  $O(N)$ . For part a, notice how the inner loop dominates because a very large value of  $N$ , say  $\infty$ , the inner loop runtime would be  $O(N)$ . The outer loop executes that  $n = N, N/2, N/4, N/8, \dots, 1$ . By the first case, it is  $N$  which is the largest it will ever be, so it is  $O(N)$  order of growth.
2.  $O(N)$ . Note that the times the inner loop is executed are the same as in the previous question (only in reverse order). So here, the last case would result in  $O(N)$  growth.
3.  $N \log N$ . Pay close attention to the 2nd loop. It is  $j < N$  not  $j < i$ . This means that for every run,  $O(n)$  complexity for inner loop. However, the outer loop is executed  $\log N$  times since the number of indices seen is halved each time. Therefore, the complexity is  $O(n \log n)$ .