

23. BREAK - LOOP CONTROL STATEMENT

EXAMPLE 1

```
for(int i = 1; i ≤ n; i ++){  
    for(int j = 1; j ≤ n; j ++){  
        if (j ==  $\frac{n}{2}$ ) {  
            break;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

SOLUTION

At each $\frac{n}{2}$ loop statement will break, hence the inner loop will run $\frac{n}{2} - 1$ times and outer loop runs n times.
hence

$$\text{total runtime} = \frac{n^2 - 2n}{2} = O(n^2)$$

EXAMPLE 2

```
for(int i = 1; i ≤ n; i ++){  
    for(int j = 1; j ≤ n; j ++){  
        print(" * ");  
        break;  
    }  
}
```

SOLUTION

The inner loop executes only 1 time at each n time of outer loop, hence it run $1 \times n = n$ times gives $O(n)$ complexity.

EXAMPLE 3

```
for(int i = 1; i ≤ n; i ++){  
    for(int j = 1; j ≤ n; j ++){  
        if(j = 5){  
            break;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

SOLUTION

The inner loop executes only 4 time at each n time of outer loop, hence it run $4 \times n = 4n$ times gives $O(n)$ complexity.

EXAMPLE 4

```
for(int i = 1; i ≤ n; i++){  
    for(int j = 1; j ≤ n; j++){  
        if( $j = \frac{i}{2}$ ){  
            break;  
        }  
        print("Hello")  
    }  
}
```

SOLUTION

The inner most statement executes like =

when $i = 1, j = \frac{1}{2} = 0$, so no break and j runs from 1 to n.

and inner most statement prints 1 to n. n times

when $i = 2, j = \frac{2}{2} = 1,$

so no print of inner most statement , as break statement, executes .

when $i = 3, j = \frac{3}{2} = 1,$

so no print of inner most statement , as break statement, executes .

when $i = 4, j = \frac{4}{2} = 1,$

print of inner most statement , executes 1 time .

It looks like:

$n + 0 + 0 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 2 + 3 + 3 + \dots + k$ times

$n + 0 + 0 + \frac{2}{2} + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{4}{2} + \frac{5}{2} + \frac{6}{2} + \frac{7}{2} + \dots + \frac{n}{2}$ times

$n + 0 + 0 + \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{i}{2}$

$$\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{i}{2} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{i}{2} - \sum_{i=1}^1 \frac{i}{2}$$

$$\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{i}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{i}{2} = \frac{n^2 + n}{4} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{i}{2} = \frac{n^2 + n - 2}{4}$$

Hence if we exclude $n =$ then the approximate time the loop will run

$$= \left(\left\lfloor \frac{n^2 + n - 2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \right), \text{ note this will give near value or exact}$$

number of times the inner most statement will get printed .

Or if we proceed according to iteration:

we get a series like: $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{2} + \frac{3}{2} + \dots + \frac{n}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n^2 + n}{4}$$

There fore in both the ways approach is correct .

And Time complexity is : $O(n^2)$.

.....