

## 20.21. WHEN SINGLE FOR $\neq O(n)$

HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES WHEN SINGLE FOR LOOP  
 $\neq O(n)$

1. LET'S SAY FOR LOOP NOT RUNNING AT  $n$   
TIMES BUT AT AMOUNT OF CONSTANT TIME.

```
for(i = 1, i ≤ 2; i++){  
    k = k + 1;  
}
```

Here  $n$  number of times means  $n$  is any number from 0, 1, 2, ....  
*which is not fixed, though  $k = k + 1$  print twice but  
it runs twice at any circumstances i.e. upper bound is fixed.  
when upper bound is fixed, then constant becomes 2 and it  
looks like  $f(n) \leq 2 \times 1$ , where  $c = 2$  and  $g(n) = 1$ .  
Hence  $O(g(n)) = O(1)$ .*

**2.LET'S SAY FOR LOOP'S UPPER BOUND GETS INCREASED.**

```
for(i = 1, i ≤  $n^2$ ; i ++){  
    k = k + 1;  
}
```

**SOLUTION**

*At n no. of inputs , loop runs upto  $n^2$  times,*

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n^2} 1 = (1 + 1 + \dots + n^2) = O(n^2)$$

**HENCE IT IS PROVED THAT SINGLE FOR LOOP DOES NOT ALWAYS GIVES COMPLEXITY  $O(n)$ .**