

GUIDELINES FOR ASYMPTOTIC ANALYSIS- PART 1A

[BASED ON SOME SUB-CODES OF PROGRAMS]

TILL NOW WE HAVE LEARNT THAT:

Big – Oh or Worst Case Complexity:

$f(n) \leq cg(n)$, where c and n_0 are constants and $n \geq n_0$, then $f(n) = O(g(n))$

Big – Omega or Best Case Complexity:

$f(n) \geq cg(n)$, where c and n_0 are constants and $n \geq n_0$, then $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$

Big – Theta or Average Case Complexity:

*$c_1g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2g(n)$, where c, n_1 and n_2 are constants and $n \geq \{n_1, n_2\}$,
then $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$*

And from an algorithm the priority is to find Worst Case Time Complexity.

1. LOOPS: The running time of a loop is, at most, the running time of the statements inside the loop (including tests) multiplied by the number of iterations.

```
//executes n times  
for(i = 1; i ≤ n; i++){  
    m = m + 2; //constant time, c  
}
```

Total time = constant time $c \times n = O(n)$.

Evaluation:

We can say *outer loop executes 1 to n times = $O(n)$ for outer loop.*

Again, we can say inner loop runs or iterates *n times 1 to n =*

That is:

i = 1, i iterates 1 time, i = 2, i iterates 1 time

i = 3, i iterates 1 time, i = 4, i iterates 1 time

Similarly, up to n time i = n, i iterates 1 time.

And we know by counting technique that :

When 1 counted to n times gives $1 \times n = n$.

Hence $O(n)$.

2. NESTED LOOPS: Analyse from the inside out. Total running time is the product of the sizes of all the loops.

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//outer loop executed n times  
for(i = 1; i ≤ n; i ++){  
    //inner loop executes n times  
    for(j = 1; j ≤ n; j ++){  
        k = k + 1 ; // constant time.  
    }  
}
```

So, 1st For loop will be executed *n times*.

Or, 2nd For Loop will be executed as depending upon the first for loop as shown below:

i=1	i=2	i = 3	i = 4	i =n
j= 1 to n	j= 1 to n	j= 1 to n	j= 1 to n	j= 1 to n

Hence inner loop also executes n times:

Which gives us the Multiplication rule:

$$\text{Total Time} = c \times n \times n = cn^2 = O(n^2)$$

Evaluation:

We can say *outer loop executes 1 to n times = $O(n)$ for outer loop.*

Again, we can say inner loop
runs or iterates n times 1 to n =

$i = 1, k = \{1, 2, 3 \dots n\}$ i.e k iterates 1 time

$i = 2, k = \{\{1, 2, 3 \dots n\}, \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}\}$

i.e k iterates 2 times.

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$i = n,$

$k = \{\{1, 2, 3 \dots n\}, \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\} \dots, \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}\}$

i.e k iterates n time.

$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + n - 1 + n$ times

***By arithmetic series(Arithmetic Progression
to find general term):***

$$\Rightarrow S(n) = \frac{n}{2} ((2 \times a) + ((n - 1) \times (d)))$$

Where , a = First Term.

*$d = (T_n - T_{n-1})$ or it can be 2^{nd} term –
(minus) 1^{st} term.*

i.e. the common difference.

$T_{n-1} = \text{Second Last term} \Rightarrow n - 1.$

$T_n = \text{Last Term} \Rightarrow n.$

$n - 1 = \text{Second last term i. e. } T_{n-1}.$

$$\Rightarrow S(n) = \frac{n}{2} ((2 \times 1) + ((n - 1) \times (1)))$$

$$\Rightarrow S(n) = \frac{n}{2} (2 + n - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow S(n) = \frac{n}{2} (1 + n)$$

$$= \frac{n(n + 1)}{2} = \frac{n^2 + n}{2} = O\left(\frac{1}{2} \times n^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times n\right)$$

By Constant Rule: $O(k \times n) = O(n)$, where k is constant.

$$O\left(\frac{1}{2} \times n^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times n\right) = O(n^2 + n) = O(n^2)$$

Hence inner loop iterates dominates over outer loop i.e.

By addition rule (Outer Loop + Inner Loop):

$$O(n) + O(n^2) = O\{\max(n^2 + n)\} = O(n^2)$$

**Also, how much inner loop will be iterated
, it is depended over outer loop.**