

# 20.17. TIME COMPLEXITY CALCULATION NESTED FOR LOOP (MORE THAN TWO LOOP).

## EXAMPLE 3

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for( $i = 0; i \leq n; i++$ ){  
    for( $j = 0; j \leq i; j++$ ){  
        for( $k = 0; k \leq j; k++$ ){  
             $c = c + 1;$   
        }  
    }  
}
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## ANSWER

The loop runs like:

$$f(1) \leq n, \text{ when } i = 1$$

$$f(1) \leq 1, \text{ when } j = 1, i = 1$$

$$f(1) \leq 1, \text{ when } k = 1, j = 1$$

$$c = c + 1 - - - - - \rightarrow (1)$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^1 1 = 1 \text{ time}$$

$$f(2) \leq n, \text{ when } i = 2$$

$$f(1) \leq 2, \text{ when } j = 1, i = 2$$

$$f(1) \leq 1, \text{ when } k = 1, j = 1$$

$$c = c + 1 - - - - - \rightarrow (1)$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^1 1 = 1 \text{ time}$$

$$f(2) \leq 2, \text{ when } j = 2, i = 2$$

$$f(1) \leq 2, \text{ when } k = 1, j = 2$$

$$c = c + 1 - - - - - \rightarrow (1)$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^1 1 = 1 \text{ time}$$

$$f(2) \leq 2, \text{ when } k = 2, j = 2$$

$$c = c + 1 - - - - - \rightarrow (1)$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^1 1 = 1 \text{ time}$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^1 1 + \sum_{i=1}^1 1 + \sum_{i=1}^1 1 = 3 \text{ time}$$

$$f(3) \leq n, \text{ when } i = 3$$

$$f(1) \leq 3, \text{ when } j = 1, i = 3$$

$$f(1) \leq 1, \text{ when } k = 1, j = 1$$

$$c = c + 1 - - - - - \rightarrow (1)$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^1 1 = 1 \text{ time}$$

$$f(2) \leq 3, \text{ when } j = 2, i = 3$$

$$f(1) \leq 2, \text{ when } k = 1, j = 2$$

$$c = c + 1 - - - - - \rightarrow (1)$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^1 1 = 1 \text{ time}$$

$$f(2) \leq 2, \text{ when } k = 2, j = 2$$

$$c = c + 1 - - - - - \rightarrow (1)$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^1 1 = 1 \text{ time}$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^1 1 + \sum_{i=1}^1 1 = 2 \text{ times}$$

$$f(3) \leq 3, \text{ when } j = 3, i = 3$$

$$f(1) \leq 3, \text{ when } k = 1, j = 3$$

$$c = c + 1 - - - - - \rightarrow (1)$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^1 1 = 1 \text{ time}$$

$$f(2) \leq 3, \text{ when } k = 2, j = 3$$

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$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^1 1 = 1 \text{ time}$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^1 1 + \sum_{i=1}^1 1 + \sum_{i=1}^1 1 = 3 \text{ times}$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^1 1 + \sum_{i=1}^2 1 + \sum_{i=1}^3 1 = 1 + 2 + 3 = 5$$

Hence if we analyse, when

$$i = 1, j = 1, k \text{ runs} = \sum_{n=1}^n n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = 1$$

$$i = 2, j = 2, k \text{ runs} = \sum_{n=1}^n n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = 3$$

$$i = 3, j = 3, k \text{ runs} = \sum_{n=1}^n n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = 5$$

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$$i = n, j = n, k \text{ runs} = \sum_{n=1}^n n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Hence k runs:

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

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

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

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

We know  $\sum_{i=1}^n n^2 = \frac{2n^3 + 3n^2 + n}{6}$

Hence,  $\frac{1}{2} \times \left( \frac{2n^3 + 3n^2 + n}{6} \right) = \frac{(2n^3 + 3n^2 + n)}{12}$

Again,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n n = \frac{1}{2} \times \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{n^2 + n}{2} = \frac{n^2 + n}{4}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{n^2}{2} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n}{2} = \frac{(2n^3 + 3n^2 + n)}{12} + \frac{n^2 + n}{4}$$

$$\frac{2n^3 + 3n^2 + n + 3n^2 + 3n}{12} = \frac{2n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n}{12}$$

$$= \frac{n^3 + 3n^2 + 2n}{6}$$

$$= O\left(\frac{(n^3 + 3n^2 + 2n)}{6}\right) = O(n^3)$$

We can rewrite the above equation as:

$$\frac{n^3 + 3n^2 + 2n}{6} = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{6}$$