

20.13. TIME COMPLEXITY CALCULATION NESTED FOR LOOP (SOME EXAMPLES BASED ON DECREMENT OPERATOR).

1. $(i--)$

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for( $i = n; i \leq 1; i--$ ){  
    for( $j = n; j \leq 1; i--$ ){  
         $k = k + 1;$   
    }  
}
```

SOLUTION

Here it run same as $i++$. i.e. n times n

$$n \geq f(n) \geq c \times 1, \text{ when } i = n$$

$$n \geq f(n) \geq 1 \text{ when } j = n$$

$$k = k + 1, \text{ i. e. } 1 \text{ time}$$

$$n \geq f(n-1) \geq 1 \text{ when } j = n$$

$$k = k + 1, \text{ i. e. } 1 \text{ time}$$

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$$n \geq f(2) \geq 1 \text{ when } j = 2$$

$$k = k + 1, \text{ i. e. } 1 \text{ time}$$

$$n \geq f(1) \geq 1 \text{ when } j = 1$$

$$k = k + 1, \text{ i. e. } 1 \text{ time}$$

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

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$$n \geq f(1) \geq 1 \text{ when } j = 1$$

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$n \geq f(1) \geq c \times 1$, when $i = 1$

$n \geq f(n) \geq 1$ when $j = n$

$k = k + 1$, i. e. 1 time

$n \geq f(n - 1) \geq 1$ when $j = n$

$k = k + 1$, i. e. 1 time

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$n \geq f(2) \geq 1$ when $j = 2$

$k = k + 1$, i. e. 1 time

$n \geq f(1) \geq 1$ when $j = 1$

$k = k + 1$, i. e. 1 time

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Though it stands like $f(n) \geq 1$, note for loop always run upto n times, hence, we are checking upto n times i. e. Big O or worst complexity. Hence it actually is $1 \leq f(n) \leq n$. Though we are using a decrement operator here.

2. (Arithmetic Progression)

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for(i = n; i >= 1; i--){  
    for(j = i; j >= 1; j--){  
        k = k + 1;  
    }  
}
```

SOLUTION

Here if we notice:

$$k = k + 1 \text{ prints } n + n - 1 + \dots + 3 + 2 + 1 = \sum_{i=n}^1 n = \sum_{i=1}^n n = n^2$$

*Hence if it is post decrement , the calculations are
is similar to post increment .*