

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

### EXAMPLE 1

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for(i = 1; i ≤ n; i ++){  
    for(j = 1; j ≤ n; j ++){  
        for(k = 1; k ≤ n; k ++){  
            c = c + 1;  
        }  
    }  
}
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### ANSWER

The loop runs like:

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

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*And j runs upto n times produces:*

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*And i runs upto n times produces:*

$$T(n^2) = \sum n^2 = (n^2 + n^2 + \dots + n \text{ times}) = n \times n^2 = n^3$$

*Hence the above loop runs up to  $n^3$  times and  $c = c + 1$ , prints  $n^3$  times  $\Rightarrow O(n^3)$ .*