

RULES FOR CALCULATING TIME COMPLEXITY AND BIG-OH

Rule 00

Normally these formulas are very handy :

If $x^y = z$ then $y = \log_x z$

Also,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = \frac{n}{2} (a_1 + a_n)$$

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

$$\sum_{k=0}^m r^k = \frac{1 - r^{m+1}}{1 - r}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \text{ (for } n \geq 1)$$

Rule 0

The condition that stops a loop executes ONE MORE time than the loop itself (the last time is when it is evaluated false)

Rule 1

for (i=0; i<n; i=i+k) Anything inside the loop will run approximately **n/k** times

Rule 2

for (i=n; i>0; i=i-k) Anything inside the loop will run approximately **n/k** times

Rule 3

for (i=1; i<n; i=i*k) Anything inside the loop will run approximately **log_kn** times

Rule 4

for (i=1; i<=n; ++i)
 for (j=1; j<=i; ++j)

The above nested loop approximately runs $\frac{1}{2} n(n+1)$ times.
The variable j depends upon the value of i

Rule 5

for (i=1; i<=n; i=i*2)
 for (j=1; j<=i; ++j)

The statements in the above nested loop approximately run **2n-1** times.
The variable j depends upon the value of i

Rule 6

If the loop variables are independent then the total times a statement inside a nested loop is executed is equal to the product of the times the individual loops run

e.g. for (i=0; i<n; ++i)
 for (j=0; j<m; ++j)

A statement inside the above nested loop will run **n*m** times

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Exercises

Time Complexity and Big-Oh

Assume that basic operations and input output take single time units to complete. Calculate the time complexity function $T(n)$ and $O(n)$ for the following program fragments:

1.

```
int sum,i;
sum = 0;
for (i=0;i<n;++i)
    sum++;
```

Ans: $T(n) = 3n+3, T(n) = O(n)$

2.

```
int sum,i,j;
sum = 0;
for (i=0;i<n;++i)
{
    for (j=0;j<n;++j)
    {
        sum++;
    }
}
```

Ans: $T(n) = 3n^2+4n+3, T(n) = O(n^2)$

3.

```
int sum,i;
sum = 0;
for (i=0;i<n;i=i+2)
    sum++;
```

Ans: $T(n)=3n/2+3, T(n) = O(n)$

4.

```
int sum,i,j;
sum = 0;
for (i=0;i<n;i=i+3)
{
    for (j=0;j<n;j=j+2)
    {
        sum++;
    }
}
```

Ans: $T(n) = n^2/2 + 4n/3 + 3, T(n) = O(n^2)$

5.

```
int sum,i,j;
sum = 0;
for (i=n; i>=1; i=i-3)
{
    for (j=n;j>0;j--)
    {
        sum++;
    }
}
```

Ans: $T(n) = n^2+4n/3+3, T(n) = O(n^2)$

6.

```
int sum,i,j;
sum = 0;
for (i=1;i<n;i=i*2)
    sum++;
```

Ans: $T(n) = 3\log n + 3, T(n)=O(\log n)$

7.

```
int sum,i,j;
sum = 0;
for (i=1;i<n;i=i*2)
{
    for (j=0;j<n;++j)
    {
        sum++;
    }
}
```

Ans: $T(n) = 3n\log n + 4\log n + 3, T(n)=O(n\log n)$

8.

```
for (i=1;i<=n;++i)
{
    cout << i;
    Sum=0;
    for (j=1;j<=i;++j)
    {
        Sum++;
        cout << i;
    }
    cout << Sum;
}
```

Ans: $T(n) = 2n^2 + 9n + 2$, $T(n) = O(n^2)$

9.

```
sum = 0;
for (i=1;i<=n;i=i*2)
{
    cout << i;
    cout << sum;
    for (j=1;j<=i;++j)
    {
        cout << j;
        cout << "*";
        sum++;
    }
    sum = 0;
}
```

Ans: $T(n) = 10n + 7\log_2 n - 2$, $T(n) = O(n)$

10.

```
for (i=1;i<n;i=i*4)
{
    cout << i;
    for (j=0;j<n;j=j+2)
    {
        cout << j;
        sum++;
    }
    cout << sum;
}
```

**Ans: $T(n) = 2n\log_4 n + 6\log_4 n + 2$,
 $T(n) = O(n \log n)$**

11.

```
for (i=0;i<n;i=i+3)
{
    cout << i;
    for (j=1;j<n;j=j*3)
    {
        cout << j;
        sum++;
    }
    cout << sum;
}
```

**Ans: $T(n) = 4/3n\log_3 n + 2n + 2$,
 $T(n) = O(n \log n)$**

Question 12.

```
for (int i=1; i <= n; i = i * 2)
{
    for (j = 1; j <= i; j = j * 2)
    {
        cout<<"*";
    }
}
```

Solution:

n	i	possible values of j	Frequency of cout stmt
1	1	1	1
2	1,2	1, 1,2	1+2 =3
4	1,2,4	1, 1,2, 1,2,4	1+2+3=6
8	1,2,4,8	1, 1,2, 1,2,4, 1,2,4,8	1+2+3+4=10
16	1,2,4,8,16	1, 1,2, 1,2,4, 1,2,4,8, 1,2,4,8,16	1+2+3+4+5=15
32	1,2,4,8,16,32	1, 1,2, 1,2,4, 1,2,4,8, 1,2,4,8,16, 1,2,4,8,16,32	1+2+3+4+5+6=21
n	1,2,4,8,...,n	1, 1,2, 1,2,4, 1,2,4,8...(n)	$1+2+3+\dots+(1+\log_2 n) = \frac{(1+\log_2 n)(2+\log_2 n)}{2}$

Steps	Step Counts
int i=1	1
i <= n	$\log_2 n + 2$
i = i * 2	$\log_2 n + 1$
j = 1	$\log_2 n + 1$
j <= i	$\frac{(1+\log_2 n)(2+\log_2 n)}{2} + \log_2 n + 1$
j = j * 2	$\frac{(1+\log_2 n)(2+\log_2 n)}{2}$
Cout << "*"	$\frac{(1+\log_2 n)(2+\log_2 n)}{2}$

$T(n)$ = sum of all terms in the last column = (compute this yourself)

$$T(n) = O((\log_2 n)^2)$$

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Question 1) Find time and space complexity of the following functions in terms of Big-Oh:

(i)

```
void func(int n)
{ if (n>0)
  { func(n/k); //where k is some constant }
}
```

(ii)

```
public void code1(int n)
{
  for (int i=n; i>=0; i--)
  {
    for (int j=0; j<=999; j++)
    {
      int num = i*j;
      int* array = new int[num];
    }
  }
}
```

Question 2) While doing worst case analysis of an algorithm, I found it takes 2^{n+1} steps to complete the job, where n is the input size. Can I say it is $O(2^n)$? Why or why not?

Question 3) While doing worst case analysis of an algorithm, I found it takes 2^{2n} steps to complete the job, where n is the input size. Can I say it is $O(2^n)$? Why or why not?