

# DSA – Seminar 2 – Complexity (Algorithm Analysis)

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## 1. TRUE or FALSE?

- $n^2 \in O(n^3)$  – True
- $n^3 \in O(n^2)$  – False
- $2^{n+1} \in \Theta(2^n)$  – True
- $2^{2n} \in \Theta(2^n)$  - False
- $n^2 \in \Theta(n^3)$  – False
- $2^n \in O(n!)$  - True
- $\log_{10} n \in \Theta(\log_2 n)$  - True
- $O(n) + \Theta(n^2) = \Theta(n^2)$  - True  
 $\Theta(n) + O(n^2) = O(n^2)$  – True also  $\Theta(n) + O(n^2) = \Omega(n)$
- $O(n) + O(n^2) = O(n^2)$  – True
- $O(n) + \Theta(n) = O(n)$  – True, but  $\Theta(n)$  should be used
- $(n+m)^2 \in O(n^2 + m^2)$  – True - because  $(n+m)^2 < 3*(n^2+m^2)$
- $3^n \in O(2^n)$  – False
- $\log_2 3^n \in O(\log_2 2^n)$  – True

## 2. Complexity of search and sorting algorithms

Algorithm	Time Complexity				Extra Space Complexity
	Best C.	Worst C.	Average C.	Total	
Linear Search	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(n)$	$O(n)$	$\Theta(1)$
Binary Search	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(\log_2 n)$	$\Theta(\log_2 n)$	$O(\log_2 n)$	$\Theta(1)$
Selection Sort	$\Theta(n^2)$	$\Theta(n^2)$	$\Theta(n^2)$	$\Theta(n^2)$	$\Theta(1)$ – in place
Insertion Sort	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(n^2)$	$\Theta(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$\Theta(1)$ – in place
Bubble Sort	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(n^2)$	$\Theta(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$\Theta(1)$ – in place
Quick Sort	$\Theta(n \log_2 n)$	$\Theta(n^2)$	$\Theta(n \log_2 n)$	$O(n^2)$	$\Theta(1)$ – in place
Merge Sort	$\Theta(n \log_2 n)$	$\Theta(n \log_2 n)$	$\Theta(n \log_2 n)$	$\Theta(n \log_2 n)$	$\Theta(n)$ - out of place

## 3. Analyze the time complexity of the following two subalgorithms:

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subalgorithm s1(n) is:
  for i ← 1, n execute
    j ← n
    while j ≠ 0 execute
      j ← ⌊ $\frac{j}{2}$ ⌋
    end-while
  end-for
end-subalgorithm
  
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- The *for* loop is repeated  $n$  times.
- The *while* loop is repeated  $\log_2 n$  times, independent of the value of  $i$ . (how many times can we divide  $n$  to get to 0)
- $T(n) \in \Theta(n * \log_2 n)$

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subalgorithm s2( $n$ ) is:
    for  $i \leftarrow 1, n$  execute
         $j \leftarrow i$ 
        while  $j \neq 0$  execute
             $j \leftarrow \left\lfloor \frac{j}{2} \right\rfloor$ 
        end-while
    end-for
end-subalgorithm

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- The *for* loop is repeated  $n$  times.
- The *while* loop is repeated  $\log_2 i$  times.
- $T(n) = \log_2 1 + \log_2 2 + \log_2 3 + \dots + \log_2 n = \log_2 n! \Rightarrow n \log_2 n$  (Stirling's approximation)
- $T(n) \in \Theta(n * \log_2 n)$

4. Analyze the time complexity of the following two subalgorithms:

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subalgorithm s3( $x, n, a$ ) is:
     $\text{found} \leftarrow \text{false}$ 
    for  $i \leftarrow 1, n$  execute
        if  $x_i = a$  then
             $\text{found} \leftarrow \text{true}$ 
        end-if
    end-for
end-subalgorithm

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$BC: \theta(n)$   
 $WC: \theta(n)$ 
 $\} \Rightarrow \Theta(n)$

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subalgorithm s4( $x, n, a$ ) is:
     $\text{found} \leftarrow \text{false}$ 
     $i \leftarrow 1$ 
    while  $\text{found} = \text{false}$  and  $i \leq n$  execute
        if  $x_i = a$  then
             $\text{found} \leftarrow \text{true}$ 
        end-if
         $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
    end-while
end-subalgorithm

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$BC: \Theta(1)$   
 $WC: \Theta(n)$

AC: there are  $n+1$  possible cases (element is found on one of the  $n$  positions and the case when element is not found. We suppose that all of these cases have equal probability – even if this might not always be the case in real life).

$$T(n) = \sum_{I \in D} P(I) * E(I) = \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{2}{n+1} + \dots + \frac{n}{n+1} + \frac{n}{n+1} = \frac{n * (n+1)}{2 * (n+1)} + \frac{n}{n+1} \in \Theta(n)$$

Total Complexity:  $O(n)$

5. Analyze the time complexity of the following algorithm ( $x$  is an array, with elements  $x_i \leq n$ ):

**Subalgorithm s5( $x$ ,  $n$ ) is:**

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    k ← 0
    for i ← 1, n execute
        for j ← 1,  $x_i$  execute
            k ← k +  $x_j$ 
        end-for
    end-for
end-subalgorithm

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a. if every  $x_i > 0$

When we have for loops (and the loop variable changes by 1), computing the complexity can be done by writing the for loop as a sum (limits of the sum are limits of the for and the content of the sum if the number of instructions in the for loop).

$$T(x, n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{x_i} 1 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = s \text{ (sum of all elements)}$$

$$T(n) \in \Theta(s)$$

b. if  $x_i$  can be 0

- Does the complexity change if we allow values of 0 in the array?

Think about an array  $x$  defined in the following way:

$$\text{Let } x_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i \text{ is a perfect square} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

In this case:  $s = \sqrt{n}$ , but the complexity is  $\Theta(n)$ , because of the first for loop which will be executed  $n$  times, no matter what.

$$T(x, n) \in \Theta(\max\{n, s\}) = \Theta(n + s)$$

6. Consider the following problems and find an algorithm (having the required time complexity) to solve them :
- Given an arbitrary array with numbers  $x_1 \dots x_n$ , determine whether there are 2 equal elements in the array. Show that this can be done with  $\Theta(n \log_2 n)$  time complexity.
  - Given an arbitrary array with numbers  $x_1 \dots x_n$ , determine whether there are two numbers whose sum is  $k$  (for some given  $k$ ). Show that this can be done with  $\Theta(n \log_2 n)$  time complexity. What happens if  $k$  is even and  $k/2$  is in the array (once or multiple times)?
  - Given an ordered array  $x_1 \dots x_n$ , in which the elements are distinct integers, determine whether there is a position such that  $A[i] = i$ . Show that this can be done with  $O(\log_2 n)$  complexity.
7. Analyze the time complexity of the following algorithm:

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subalgorithm s6(n) is:
  for  $i \leftarrow 1, n$  execute
    @elementary operation
  end-for
   $i \leftarrow 1$ 
   $k \leftarrow \text{true}$ 
  while  $i \leq n - 1$  and  $k$  execute
     $j \leftarrow i$ 
     $k_1 \leftarrow \text{true}$ 
    while  $j \leq n$  and  $k_1$  execute
      @ elementary operation ( $k_1$  can be modified)
       $j \leftarrow j + 1$ 
    end-while
     $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
    @elementary operation ( $k$  can be modified)
  end-while
end-subalgorithm

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Best Case:  $k, k_1$  can become false after one iteration, but we still have the for loop from the beginning =>  $\Theta(n)$

Worst Case:  $k, k_1$  never becomes false, the while loops will behave as 2 for loops, going from 1 to  $n-1$  and  $i$  to  $n$ .

$$T(n) = n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i}^n 1 = n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (n - i + 1) = n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} 1 =$$

$$n + n * (n - 1) - \frac{n * (n - 1)}{2} + n - 1 \in \Theta(n^2)$$

Average case:

Let's consider first the inner while loop (the one with  $j$  and  $k_1$ ). The number of operations depends on  $i$ , but let's assume that  $i$  is fixed (like a parameter). The while loop is executed until  $k_1$  becomes false (or  $j$  becomes greater than  $n$ ). This can mean 1, 2, ...,  $n-i+1$  iterations =>

Probability:  $\frac{1}{n-i+1}$

$$\frac{1}{n-i+1} + \frac{2}{n-i+1} + \dots + \frac{n-i+1}{n-i+1} = \frac{(n-i+1) * (n-i+2)}{2(n-i+1)} = \frac{(n-i+2)}{2}$$

So this is the average number of operations of the inner while for a fixed  $i$ .

Let's see now the external while loop. This while loop runs until  $k$  becomes false or  $j$  becomes equal to  $n$ . This means 1, 2, ...,  $n-1$  iterations => Probability:  $\frac{1}{n-1}$

Remember, formula for average case was:

$$\sum_{I \in D} P(I) * E(I)$$

$E(I)$  – number of instructions for input  $I$  – is made of two parts:

- The average number of instructions of the inner while loop (marked with green), but now with the value of  $i$  is no longer fixed (we will know that  $i$  is 1, 2, 3, ...,  $n-1$ )
- The number of times the instructions in the first while loop, but not in the second (marked with blue) are executed.

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while i <= n - 1 and k execute
  j <- i
  k1 <- true
  while j <= n and k1 execute
    @ elementary operation (k1 can be modified)
    j <- j + 1
  end-while
  i <- i + 1
  @elementary operation (k can be modified)
end-while

```

$$T(n) = \frac{1}{n-1} * \frac{n-1+2}{2} + \frac{2}{n-1} * \frac{n-2+2}{2} + \dots + \frac{n-1}{n-1} * \frac{n-(n-1)+2}{2} =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2 * (n-1)} * \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i * (n-i+2) \\
&= (\text{do the multiplication in the sum and split in 3 different sums}) ... \\
&= \frac{1}{2 * (n-1)} * \left( \frac{n * (n-1) * n}{2} - \frac{(n-1) * n * (2n-1)}{6} + 2 * \frac{(n-1) * n}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} * \left( \frac{n^2}{2} - \frac{2 * n^2 - n}{6} + n \right) = \frac{1}{2} * \left( \frac{3n^2 - 2n^2 + 7n}{6} \right) \in \Theta(n^2)
\end{aligned}$$

Total complexity:  $O(n^2)$

8. Analyze the time complexity of the following recursive algorithm:

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subalgorithm p(x,s,d) is:
  if s < d then
    m ← [(s+d)/2]
    for i ← s, d-1, execute
      @elementary operation
    end-for
    for i ← 1,2 execute
      p(x, s, m)
    end-for
  end-if
end-subalgorithm

```

Initial call for the subalgorithm:  $p(x, 1, n)$

- In case of recursive algorithms, the first step of the complexity computation is to write the recurrence relation.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 2 * T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n, & \text{if } n > 1 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n$$

Assume:  $n = 2^k$

$$\begin{aligned}
T(2^k) &= 2 * T(2^{k-1}) + 2^k \\
2 * T(2^{k-1}) &= 2^2 * T(2^{k-2}) + 2^k \\
2^2 * T(2^{k-2}) &= 2^3 * T(2^{k-3}) + 2^k \\
&\vdots \\
2^{k-1} * T(2) &= 2^k * T(1) + 2^k
\end{aligned}$$

Add them up (many terms will simplify, because they appear on the left hand side of one equation and right hand side of another equation):

$$T(2^k) = 2^k * T(1) + k * 2^k = k * 2^k = n * \log_2 n \rightarrow T(n) \in \Theta(n \log_2 n)$$

9. Analyze the time complexity of the following algorithm:

**Subalgorithm s7(n) is:**

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s ← 0
for i ← 1, n2 execute
    j ← i
    while j ≠ 0 execute
        s ← s + j
        j ← j - 1
    end-while
end-for
end-subalgorithm

```

While loops can be written as sum as well, if the loop variable changes by 1 in every iteration.

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n^2} \sum_{j=1}^i 1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n^2} i = \frac{n^2 * (n^2 + 1)}{2} \in \Theta(n^4)$$

10. Analyze the time complexity of the following algorithm:

**Subalgorithm s8(n) is:**

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s ← 0
for i ← 1, n2 execute
    j ← i
    while j ≠ 0 execute
        s ← s + j - 10 * [j/10]
        j ← [j/10]
    end-while
end-for
end-subalgorithm

```

- The *while* loop is repeated  $\log_{10} i$  times (but we report logarithmic complexities in base 2)
- So we will have:  $\log_2 1 + \log_2 2 + \log_2 3 + \dots + \log_2 n^2 = \log_2 (n^2)!$
- Striling's approximation tells us that:  $\log_2 x! = x * \log_2 x$
- $\log_2 (n^2)! = n^2 * \log_2 n^2 = 2 * n^2 * \log_2 n$  – constants are ignored
- $T(n) \in \Theta(n^2 \log_2 n)$