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Q. How do we compare two algorithms that solve the same problem but have different time and space complexities?

① Analyzing time complexity:-

- Asymptotic Notations:- Determine O, Θ, Ω notations both algorithms to understand worst-case, best-case, Average case.

- Input size:- Consider how each algorithm performs as input size increases. An algorithm with a better time complexity may outperform the other as input size grows larger.

② Analyzing space complexity:-

- Memory usage:- Determine space complexity for each algorithm. This includes not just extra space used but also space required to store input & output.

Trade-offs:- Analyze how space requirements grow with input size. An algorithm with better space might be more suitable for memory-constrained environments.

→ lets compare two sorting algorithms:-
merge sort & Insertion sort.

→ Merge sort:-

Time complexity:-

Worst-case O(n log n)
Average-case O(n log n)
Best-case :- O(n log n)

space complexity:- O(n)

→ Insertion sort:-

Time complexity:-

Worst case:- $O(n^2)$
Average case:- $O(n^2)$
Best case:- O(n)
Space complexity:- O(1)