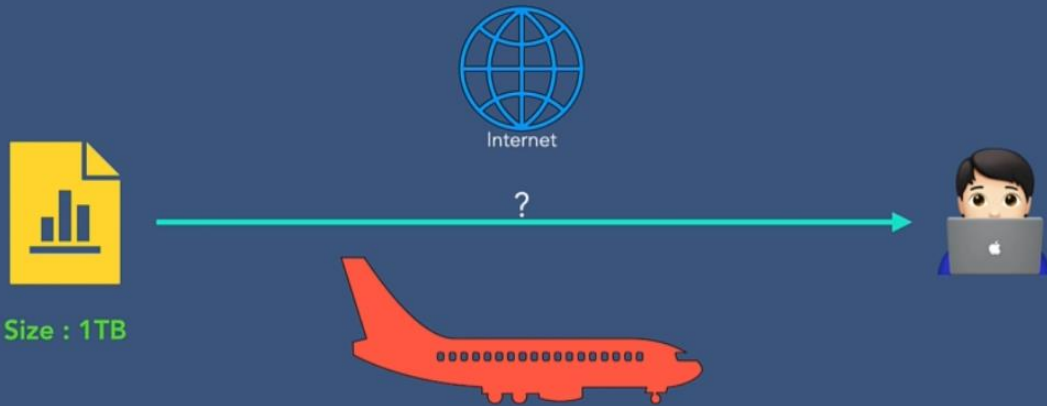


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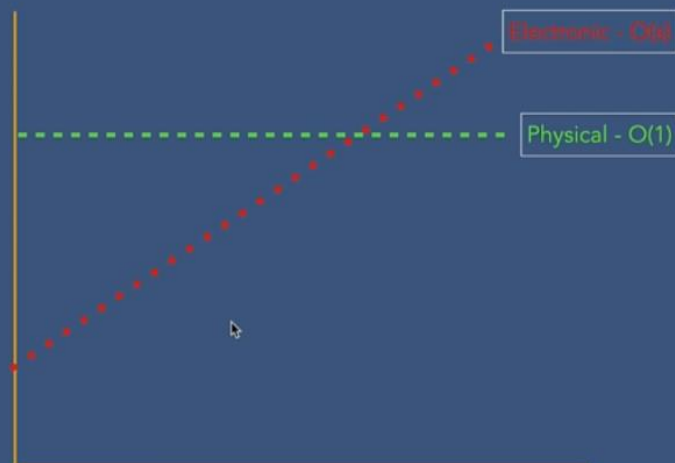
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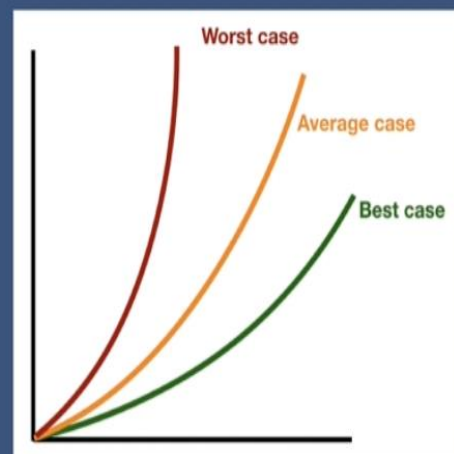
Types of Runtimes:

$O(N)$ ,  $O(N^2)$ ,  $O(2^N)$



Time complexity :  $O(wh)$

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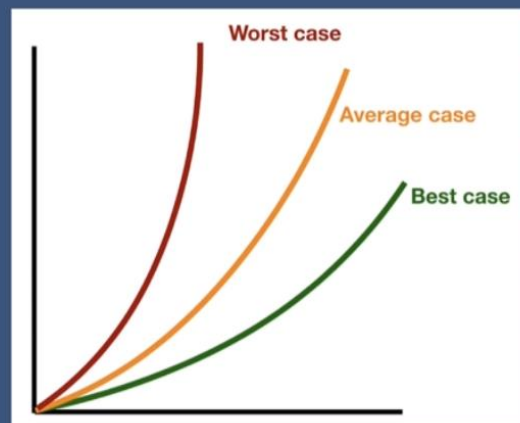
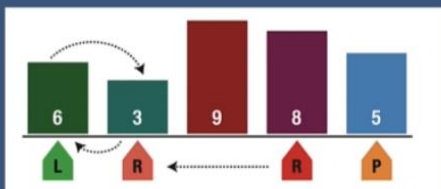
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- City traffic - 20 liters
- Highway - 10 liters
- Mixed condition - 15 liters

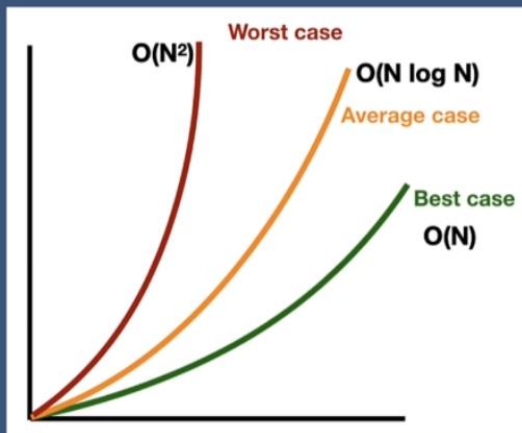
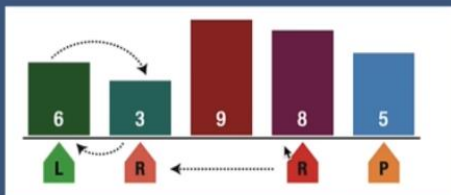
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# Big O Notations

- **Big O** : It is a complexity that is going to be less or equal to the worst case.
- **Big -  $\Omega$  (Big-Omega)** : It is a complexity that is going to be at least more than the best case.
- **Big Theta (Big -  $\Theta$ )** : It is a complexity that is within bounds of the worst and the best cases.



Big O -  $O(N)$

Big  $\Omega$  -  $\Omega(1)$

Big  $\Theta$  -  $\Theta(n/2)$

# Runtime Complexities

Complexity	Name	Sample
$O(1)$	Constant	Accessing a specific element in array
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$O(\log N)$	Logarithmic	Find an element in sorted array
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## $O(1)$ - Constant time

```
int[] array = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
array[0] // It takes constant time to access first element
```

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## $O(1)$ - Constant time



random card



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$O(N)$  - Linear time

```
int[] custArray = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
for (int i = 0; i < custArray.length; i++) {
    System.out.println(custArray[i]);
}
//linear time since it is visiting every element of array
```

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$O(N)$  - Linear time

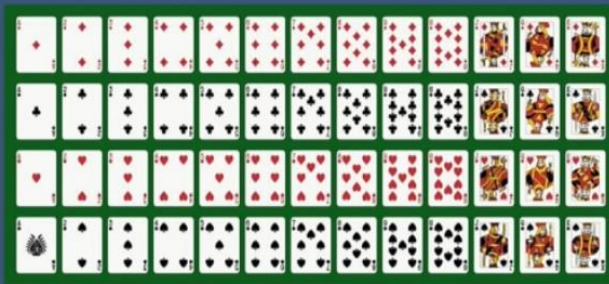




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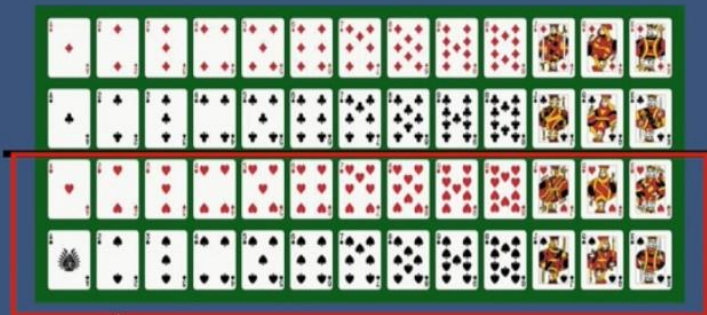
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## $O(\log N)$ - Logarithmic time

Binary search

```
search 9 within [1,5,8,9,11,13,15,19,21]
compare 9 to 11 - smaller
search 9 within [1,5,8,9]
compare 9 to 8 - bigger
search 9 within [9]
compare 9 to 9
return
```

```
N = 16
N = 8 /* divide by 2 */
N = 4 /* divide by 2 */
N = 2 /* divide by 2 */
N = 1 /* divide by 2 */
```

$$2^k = N \rightarrow \log_2 N = k$$

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## $O(N^2)$ - Quadratic time

```
int[] custArray = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
for (int i = 0; i < custArray.length; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < custArray.length; j++) {
        System.out.println(custArray[i]);
    }
}
```



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$O(N^2)$  - Quadratic time



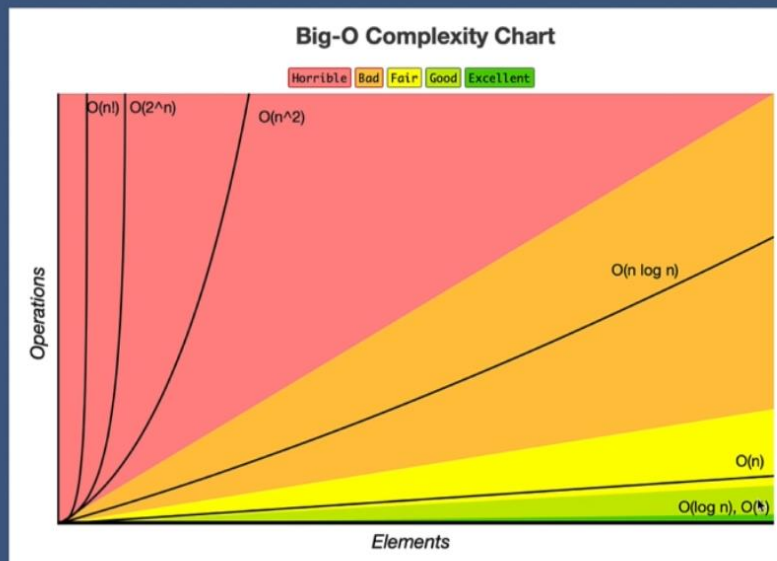
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$O(2^N)$  - Exponential time

```
public int fibonacci(int n) {  
    if (n==0 || n==1) {  
        return n;  
    }  
    return fibonacci(n-1) + fibonacci(n-2);  
}
```

# Runtime Complexities



# Space Complexity

an array of size  $n$

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$O(n)$

# Space Complexity

```
static int sum(int n) {  
    if (n <= 0) {  
        return 0;  
    }  
    return n + sum(n-1);  
}
```

```
1 sum(3)  
2   → sum(2)  
3     → sum(1)  
4       → sum(0)
```

Space complexity :  $O(n)$

# Space Complexity

```
static int pairSumSequence(int n) {  
    var sum = 0;  
    for (int i = 0; i <= n; i++) {  
        sum = sum + pairSum(i, i+1);  
    }  
    return sum;  
}  
  
static int pairSum(int a, int b) {  
    return a + b;  
}
```

Space complexity :  $O(1)$

# Drop Constants and Non Dominant Terms

## Drop Constant

$$O(2N) \longrightarrow O(N)$$

## Drop Non Dominant Terms

$$O(N^2+N) \longrightarrow O(N^2)$$

$$O(N+\log N) \longrightarrow O(N)$$

$$O(2 \cdot 2^N + 1000N^{100}) \longrightarrow O(2^N)$$

# Drop Constants and Non Dominant Terms

- It is very possible that  $O(N)$  code is faster than  $O(1)$  code for specific inputs
- Different computers with different architectures have different constant factors.



Fast computer  
Fast memory access  
Lower constant



Slow computer  
Slow memory access  
Higher constant

- Different algorithms with the same basic idea and computational complexity might have slightly different constants

Example:  $a \cdot (b - c)$  vs  $a \cdot b - a \cdot c$

- As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , constant factors are not really a big deal

## Add vs Multiply

```
for (a=0; arrayA.length; a++) {
    System.out.println(arrayA[a]);
}

for (b=0; arrayB.length; b++) {
    System.out.println(arrayB[b]);
}
```

Add the Runtimes:  $O(A + B)$

```
for (a=0; arrayA.length; a++) {
    for (b=0; arrayB.length; b++) {
        System.out.println(arrayB[b] + arrayA[a]);
    }
}
```

Multiply the Runtimes:  $O(A * B)$

- If your algorithm is in the form "do this, then when you are all done, do that" then you add the runtimes.
- If your algorithm is in the form "do this for each time you do that" then you multiply the runtimes.

## How to measure the codes using Big O?

No	Description	Complexity
Rule 1	Any assignment statements and if statements that are executed once regardless of the size of the problem	$O(1)$
Rule 2	A simple "for" loop from 0 to n (with no internal loops)	$O(n)$
Rule 3	A nested loop of the same type takes quadratic time complexity	$O(n^2)$
Rule 4	A loop, in which the controlling parameter is divided by two at each step	$O(\log n)$
Rule 5	When dealing with multiple statements, just add them up	

sampleArray    5    4    10    ...    8    11    68    87    ...

```
Public static void findBiggestNumber([ ] sampleArray) {
    var biggestNumber = sampleArray[0]; ..... O(1)
    for (index=1; sampleArray.length; index++) { ..... O(n) }
        if (sampleArray[index] > biggestNumber) { ..... O(1) }
            biggestNumber = sampleArray[index]; ..... O(1)
        }
    }
    System.out.println(biggestNumber); ..... O(1)
}
```

Time complexity :  $O(1) + O(n) + O(1) = O(n)$

# How to measure Recursive Algorithm?

sampleArray    5    4    10    ...    8    11    68    87    10

```
public int findMaxNumRec(int [] sampleArray, int n):
    if (n == 1) {
        return sampleArray[0];
    }
    return max(sampleArray[n-1], findMaxNumRec(sampleArray, n-1));
```

Explanation:

A =    11    4    12    7       n = 4

findMaxNumRec(A,4) → max(A[4-1],12) → max(7,12)=12

findMaxNumRec(A,3) → max(A[3-1],11) → max(12,11)=12

findMaxNumRec(A,2) → max(A[2-1],11) → max(4,11)=11

findMaxNumRec(A,1) → A[0]=11

# How to measure Recursive Algorithm?

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```
public int findMaxNumRec(int [] sampleArray, int n): .....→ M(n)
    if (n == 1) { .....→ O(1)
        return sampleArray[0]; .....→ O(1)
    }
    return max(sampleArray[n-1], findMaxNumRec(sampleArray, n-1));.....→ M(n-1)
```

$$M(n)=O(1)+M(n-1)$$

$$M(1)=O(1)$$

$$M(n-1)=O(1)+M((n-1)-1)$$

$$M(n-2)=O(1)+M((n-2)-1)$$



$$M(n)=1+M(n-1)$$

$$=1+(1+M((n-1)-1))$$

$$=2+M(n-2)$$

$$=2+1+M((n-2)-1)$$

$$=3+M(n-3)$$

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$$=a+M(n-a)$$

$$=n-1+M(n-(n-1))$$

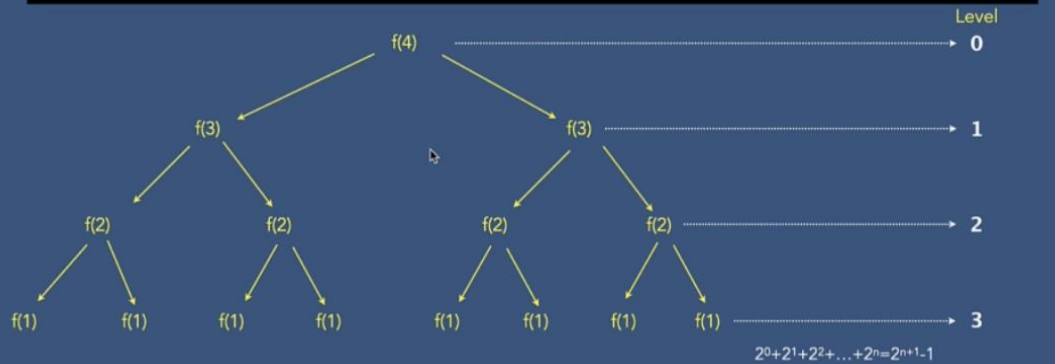
$$=n-1+1$$

$$=n$$



## How to measure Recursive Algorithm with multiple calls?

```
public int f(int n):
    if (n <= 1) {
        return 1; }
    return f(n-1) + f(n-1);
```



N	Level	Node#	Also can be expressed..	or..
4	0	1		$2^0$
3	1	2	2 * previous level = 2	$2^1$
2	2	4	2 * previous level = $2 * 2^1 = 2^2$	$2^2$
1	3	8	2 * previous level = $2 * 2^2 = 2^3$	$2^3$

$2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{n-1} = 2^n - 1$

$2^n - 1 \rightarrow O(2^n)$

$O(\text{branches}^{\text{depth}})$