

COSC 2436: Time Complexity

What is time complexity?

- Measures how many times a statement will execute.

****Time complexity is NOT the amount of time a program takes to run.**

How do we measure time complexity?

We measure time complexity using Big O Notation



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    cout << i << endl;  
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$O(n)$

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```
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    for(int j = 0; j < n; j++) {  
        cout << i + j << endl;  
    }  
}
```

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```
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    for(int j = 0; j < n; j++) {  
        cout << i + j << endl;  
    }  
}
```

$O(n^2)$

What is the time complexity of the code below?

```
for(int i = 0; i < n; i *= 2) {  
    for(int j = 0; j < n; j++) {  
        cout << i + j << endl;  
    }  
}
```


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```
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    for(int j = 0; j < n; j *= 2) {  
        cout << i + j << endl;  
    }  
}
```

$O(n \log n)$

What is the time complexity of the code below?

```
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    for(int j = 0; j < 1000; j++) {  
        cout << i + j << endl;  
    }  
}
```

What is the time complexity of the code below?

```
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    for(int j = 0; j < 1000; j++) {  
        cout << i + j << endl;  
    }  
}
```

$O(n)$

What is the time complexity of the code below?

```
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    cout << i << endl;  
}  
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}  
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    cout << j << endl;  
}
```

$O(n)$

What is the time complexity of the code below?

```
for(int i = n; i >= 0; i/=2) {  
    for(int j = n; j >= 0; j/=2) {  
        cout << j - i << endl;  
    }  
}
```

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        cout << j - i << endl;  
    }  
}
```

$O(\log n^2)$

What is the time complexity of the code below?

```
void func(int n) {  
    if (n <= 1)  
        return n;  
    return func(n-1) + func(n-1);  
}
```


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```
void func(int n) {  
    if (n <= 1)  
        return n;  
    return func(n-1) + func(n-1);  
}
```

$O(2^n)$

What is the time complexity of the code below?

```
void func(int n) {  
    if (n <= 1)  
        return n;  
    return func(n-1) + func(n-1) + func(n-1);  
}
```

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void func(int n) {  
    if (n <= 1)  
        return n;  
    return func(n-1) + func(n-1) + func(n-1);  
}
```

$O(3^n)$

What is the time complexity of these linked list class functions?

```
struct node{  
    int value;  
    node *next;  
};
```

```
class LinkedList{  
    private:  
        node *head;  
    public:  
        LinkedList();  
        node *getHead();  
        void insertAtHead(int);  
        void removeTail();  
        void removeValue(int);  
        void print();  
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        void insertAtHead(int); // O(1)  
        void removeTail(); // O(n)  
        void removeValue(int); // O(n)  
        void print(); // O(n)  
};
```