

# Advanced Time and Space Complexity Cheat Sheet (with Examples)

## **$O(1)$ Constant Time**

Accessing an element by index:

Example:

```
arr = [10, 20, 30]
print(arr[1]) # Output: 20
```

## **$O(\log n)$ Logarithmic Time**

Binary search on sorted list:

Example:

```
def binary_search(arr, target):
    low, high = 0, len(arr) - 1
    while low <= high:
        mid = (low + high) // 2
        if arr[mid] == target:
            return mid
        elif arr[mid] < target:
            low = mid + 1
        else:
            high = mid - 1
    return -1
```

## **$O(n)$ Linear Time**

Traversing a list:

Example:

```
for item in [1, 2, 3, 4]:
    print(item)
```

## **$O(n \log n)$ Linearithmic Time**

Merge sort (simplified structure):

Example:

```
def merge_sort(arr):
    if len(arr) <= 1:
        return arr
    mid = len(arr) // 2
    left = merge_sort(arr[:mid])
    right = merge_sort(arr[mid:])
    return merge(left, right)
```

## **$O(n^2)$ Quadratic Time**

Nested loop through 2D array:

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Example:

```
for i in range(n):
    for j in range(n):
        print(i, j)
```

## $O(2^n)$ Exponential Time

Fibonacci without memoization:

Example:

```
def fib(n):
    if n <= 1:
        return n
    return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)
```

## $O(n!)$ Factorial Time

Permutations of list:

Example:

```
def permute(nums):
    if len(nums) <= 1:
        return [nums]
    res = []
    for i in range(len(nums)):
        for p in permute(nums[:i] + nums[i+1:]):
            res.append([nums[i]] + p)
    return res
```

## Space Complexity $O(1)$ , $O(n)$ , $O(\log n)$

$O(1)$ : Swap values in-place

```
a, b = 1, 2
a, b = b, a
```

$O(n)$ : Create copy of list

```
new_list = arr[:]
```

$O(\log n)$ : Binary search recursive stack

```
def bs(l, r):
    if l > r:
        return
    mid = (l + r) // 2
    bs(l, mid - 1)
    bs(mid + 1, r)
```