

Quiz 1

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QUESTION 1: Time Complexity Analysis

Analyze the time complexity of the following algorithm in terms of Big O notation:

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```java
int sum = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {
        sum += i * j;
    }
}
```
```

ANSWER 1:

The outer loop runs  $n$  times. For each iteration  $i$  of the outer loop, the inner loop runs  $i$  times. This gives us:  $0 + 1 + 2 + \dots + (n-1)$  iterations of the inner loop, which is the sum of the first  $(n-1)$  natural numbers:  $(n-1)n/2 \approx n^2/2$ .

Therefore, the time complexity is  $O(n^2)$ .