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result = a_i

i = 2;

while (i <= n) {

 result = result * result;

 i *= 2;

}

Assume that $2^{n-1} \leq n < 2^n$. The while loop is executed $n-1$ times. The for loop is executed at most $2^n - 2^{n-1} = 2^{n-1}$ times. So, the total complexity is $O(n)$

Consider another implementation:

```
public static int f(int a, int n) {
    if (n == 1) {
        return a;
    }
```

else {

 int temp = f(a, n/2);

 if (n % 2 == 0) {

 return temp * temp;

 } else {

 return a * temp * temp;

}

}

This implementation results in $\Theta(\log(n))$ complexity.

this performs

logarithmic reduction.