

■ Complexity & Data Types Cheat Sheet

Time Complexity by Input Size

■ If $n \leq 10^3$ (1000)

- $O(n^2)$ or even $O(n^3)$ may be acceptable.
- Example: brute force, nested loops.

■ If $n \leq 10^4$ (10,000)

- $O(n^2)$ might still pass (~10 ops, borderline).
- Prefer $O(n \log n)$ or better.

■ If $n \leq 10^5$ (100,000)

- $O(n^2)$ is too slow (~10¹⁰ ops).
- You need $O(n \log n)$ or faster.

■ If $n \leq 10^6$ (1 million)

- $O(n \log n)$ is OK.
- $O(n^2)$ is impossible.

■ If $n \leq 10^7$ (100 million)

- Only $O(n)$ or $O(\log n)$ will run.

■ If $n \sim 10^8$ or more

- Only $O(\log n)$, $O(1)$, or math-based solutions are possible.

Data Types Cheat Sheet

- -2^{31} to $2^{31}-1 \rightarrow$ int in Java (32-bit)
- -2^{63} to $2^{63}-1 \rightarrow$ long in Java (64-bit)
- Bigger than that \rightarrow BigInteger

■ Quick Rules:

1. Check max $n \rightarrow$ decide algorithm complexity.
2. Check value ranges \rightarrow choose correct data type.
3. Think scalability \rightarrow avoid nested loops for $n \geq 10^4$.