

Big O Notation

Time complexity of an algorithm

"How much time it takes to run a function as the size of the input grows."

Runtime

Const

array1 = [, , , , ]

array
number of elements

n=5

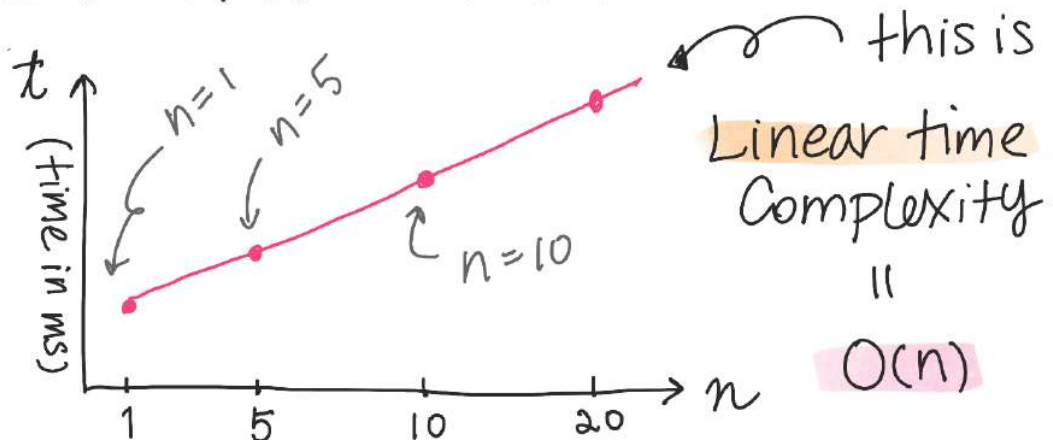
Let's see if there is a needle in the haystack!

```
js
const numNeedles = (haystack, needle) => {
  let count = 0
  for (let i = 0; haystack.length; i++) {
    if (haystack[i] === needle) count += 1
  }
  return count
}
```



How long does it take to execute when the number of elements (n) is:

execution time grows linearly as array size increases!



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JS Let's see if we have some function that doesn't actually loop the array:

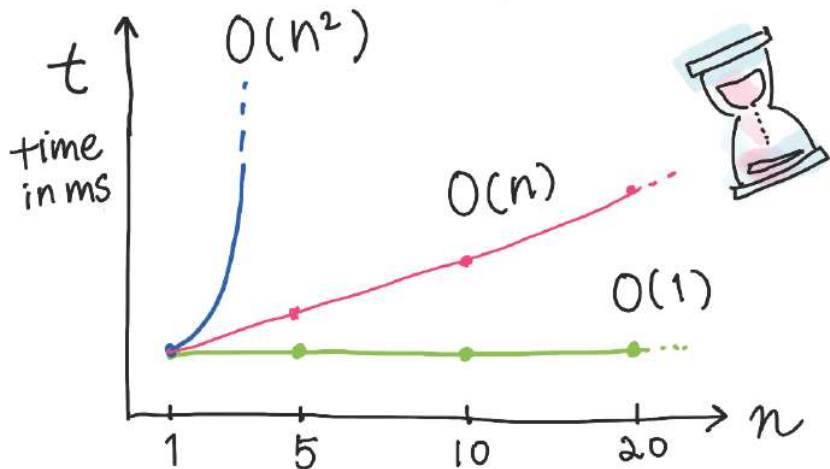
```
const alwaysTrueNoMatterWhat = (haystack) => {
  return true;
}
```

$n=5$
 $n=10$
 $n=20$
 \vdots

↖ Array size has no effect on the runtime

☆ Constant time

||
 $O(1)$



☆ Quadratic time = $O(n^2)$

Const

array2 = [, , , , ] ;

↖ $n=5$, however the runtime is proportional to n^2

JS Const hasDuplicates = (arr) => {

for (let i = 0; i < arr.length; i++)

let item = arr[i];

if (arr.slice(i+1).indexOf(item) !== -1) {

return true;

return false;

}

① Loop thru the array

② Another array lookup w/ indexOf method