

# Lab01-Preliminary

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1. What is the time complexity of the following code?

```
1 // REQUIRES: an integer k
2 // EFFECTS: return the number of times that Line 12 is executed
3 int count(int k)
4 {
5     int count = 0;
6     int n = pow(2,k); // n=2^k
7     while (n>=1)
8     {
9         int j;
10        for (j=0;j<n;j++)
11        {
12            count += 1;
13        }
14        n /= 2;
15    }
16    return count;
17 }
```

2. Given an array **nums** of  $n$  integers, are there elements  $a, b, c$  in **nums** such that  $a + b + c = 0$ ? Write a program to find all unique triplets in the array which gives the sum of zero. Give your code as the answer. **Claim that the time complexity of your program should be less than or equal to  $O(n^2)$ .**

Examples: Input array [-1, 0, 1, 2, -1, -4], the solution is [[-1, 0, 1], [-1, -1, 2]]

**Solution.** Please explain your design and fill in the following block:

```
1 // REQUIRES: an integer array a of size n
2 // EFFECTS: return a list of triplets, the sum of each triplet
   equals to 0.
3 int findTriplet(int a[], int n)
4 {
5     int res [][];
6     int i = 0
7     int j = 0
8     int k = n;
9     for (i=0;i<n;i++)
10    {
11        TODO
12    }
13    return res;
14 }
```

Explain the time complexity of your solution here.

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### 3. Equivalence Class

**Definition 1** (*o*-Notation). Let  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  be functions from the set of natural numbers to the set of nonnegative real numbers.  $f(n)$  is said to be  $o(g(n))$ , written as  $f(n) = o(g(n))$ , if

$$\forall c. \exists n_0. \forall n \geq n_0. f(n) < cg(n).$$

An equivalence relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on the set of complexity functions is defined as follows:

$$f \mathcal{R} g \text{ if and only if } f(n) = \Theta(g(n)).$$

A complexity class is an equivalence class of  $\mathcal{R}$ .

The equivalence classes can be ordered by  $\prec$  defined as:  $f \prec g$  iff  $f(n) = o(g(n))$ .

**Example:**  $1 \prec \log \log n \prec \log n \prec \sqrt{n} \prec n^{\frac{3}{4}} \prec n \prec n \log n \prec n^2 \prec 2^n \prec n! \prec 2^{n^2}$ .

Please order the following functions by  $\prec$  and give your explanation:

$$(\sqrt{2})^{\log n}, (n+1)!, ne^n, (\log n)!, n^3, n^{1/\log n}.$$