Big Oh Time Efficiency* Examples

O(1) — constant

- finding a median value in a sorted array
- accessing any element in an array or ArrayList
- Push, Pop, Peek, and is Empty operations for a stack (containing n elements);
- add, remove, peek, & isEmpty methods in PriorityQueue
- Insert and Remove operations for a queue.
- finding a key in a lookup table
- finding a key in an efficient, sparsely populated hash table
- retrieving a target value in an efficient, sparsely populated hash table
- adding an element to the end of an ArrayList
- addFirst, addLast, getFirst, getLast, removeFirst, & removeLast methods in LinkedList
- put, get, contains Key, & size methods in HashMap
- add, remove, contains, & size methods in HashSet

$O(\log n)$ — logarithmic

- Binary Search in a sorted list of *n* elements
- searching a balanced binary search tree (worst case is O(n) if BST is unbalanced)
- inserting a node into a binary search tree
- add and remove methods in PriorityQueue (implemented as a heap)
- contains Key, get, & put methods in TreeMap

O(n) — linear

- traversing a List (e.g. finding max or min)
- sequential search through an array or ArrayList
- calculating the sum of *n* elements in an array, ArrayList, List, or Set
- calculating *n*-factorial with a loop
- calculating Fibonacci numbers with a loop
- traversing a tree with *n* nodes

$O(n \log n)$ — "n log n" time

- Mergesort
- Quicksort
- Heapsort
- creating a binary search tree if nodes inputted in random order leading to a balanced BST (worst case is $O(n^2)$)

$O(n^2)$ — quadratic

- Selection Sort
- Insertion Sort
- Bubble Sort
- traversing a two-dimensional array
- finding duplicates in an unsorted list of *n* elements (using nested loops)

$O(n^3)$ — cubic

• Conventional algorithm for matrix multiplication

$O(a^n)$ (where a > 1) — exponential time

- Recursive Fibonacci implementation
- Towers of Hanoi
- Generating all permutations of *n* letters
- Set partitioning
- Traveling salesman problem dynamic programming solution

O(n!) — factorial

- Traveling salesman problem brute force solution
- Determinant Expansion by Minors

Common Data Structure Operations

Data Structure	Time Complexity								Space Complexity
	Average				Worst				Worst
	Access	Search	Insertion	Deletion	Access	Search	Insertion	Deletion	
<u>Arra</u> y	Θ(1)	Θ(n)	Θ(n)	Θ(n)	0(1)	0(n)	0(n)	0(n)	0(n)
<u>Stack</u>	Θ(n)	Θ(n)	Θ(1)	Θ(1)	0(n)	0(n)	0(1)	0(1)	0(n)
<u>Queue</u>	Θ(n)	Θ(n)	Θ(1)	Θ(1)	0(n)	0(n)	0(1)	0(1)	0(n)
Singly-Linked List	Θ(n)	Θ(n)	Θ(1)	Θ(1)	0(n)	0(n)	0(1)	0(1)	0(n)
Doubly-Linked List	Θ(n)	Θ(n)	Θ(1)	Θ(1)	0(n)	0(n)	0(1)	0(1)	0(n)
Skip List	$\Theta(\log(n))$	Θ(log(n))	Θ(log(n))	Θ(log(n))	0(n)	0(n)	0(n)	0(n)	0(n log(n))
<u>Hash Table</u>	N/A	Θ(1)	Θ(1)	Θ(1)	N/A	0(n)	0(n)	0(n)	0(n)
Binary Search Tree	Θ(log(n))	Θ(log(n))	Θ(log(n))	Θ(log(n))	0(n)	0(n)	0(n)	0(n)	0(n)
Cartesian Tree	N/A	Θ(log(n))	Θ(log(n))	Θ(log(n))	N/A	0(n)	0(n)	0(n)	0(n)
B-Tree	$\Theta(\log(n))$	Θ(log(n))	Θ(log(n))	Θ(log(n))	0(log(n))	0(log(n))	O(log(n))	0(log(n))	0(n)
Red-Black Tree	$\Theta(\log(n))$	Θ(log(n))	Θ(log(n))	Θ(log(n))	0(log(n))	0(log(n))	0(log(n))	0(log(n))	0(n)
Splay Tree	N/A	Θ(log(n))	Θ(log(n))	Θ(log(n))	N/A	0(log(n))	0(log(n))	0(log(n))	0(n)
AVL Tree	$\Theta(\log(n))$	Θ(log(n))	Θ(log(n))	Θ(log(n))	0(log(n))	O(log(n))	O(log(n))	0(log(n))	0(n)
KD Tree	$\boxed{\Theta(\log(n))}$	Θ(log(n))	Θ(log(n))	Θ(log(n))	0(n)	0(n)	0(n)	0(n)	0(n)

Array Sorting Algorithms

Algorithm	Time Comp	olexity	Space Complexity	
	Best	Average	Worst	Worst
Quicksort	$\boxed{\Omega(n \ log(n))}$	$\Theta(n \log(n))$	O(n^2)	$O(\log(n))$
<u>Mergesort</u>	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\Theta(n \log(n))$	O(n log(n))	O(n)
<u>Timsort</u>	$\Omega(n)$	$\Theta(n \log(n))$	O(n log(n))	O(n)
<u>Heapsort</u>	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\Theta(n \log(n))$	O(n log(n))	O(1)
Bubble Sort	$\Omega(n)$	Θ(n^2)	O(n^2)	O(1)
Insertion Sort	$\Omega(n)$	Θ(n^2)	O(n^2)	O(1)
Selection Sort	$\Omega(n^2)$	Θ(n^2)	O(n^2)	O(1)
Tree Sort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\Theta(n \log(n))$	O(n^2)	O(n)
Shell Sort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\Theta(n(\log(n))^2)$	$\boxed{O(n(\log(n))^2)}$	O(1)
Bucket Sort	$\boxed{\Omega(n+k)}$	$\Theta(n+k)$	O(n^2)	O(n)
Radix Sort	$\Omega(nk)$	$\Theta(nk)$	O(nk)	O(n+k)
Counting Sort	$\boxed{\Omega(n+k)}$	$\Theta(n+k)$	O(n+k)	O(k)
Cubesort	$\Omega(n)$	$\Theta(n \log(n))$	O(n log(n))	O(n)

^{*} most efficiencies are best case or average case unless noted