

Assignment 1 | 18th January 2021

Question 1)

What is the time, space complexity of following code:

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int a = 0, b = 0;

for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
{
    a = a + 1;
}

for (j = 0; j < M; j++)
{
    b = b + j;
}
```

Answer:- $\text{Max}(O(n), O(m))$ -If N is greater then $O(n)$ else $O(m)$.

Explanation:- Time complexity of a loop is considered as $O(n)$ if the loop variables is incremented/ decremented by a constant amount.

Question 2)

What does it mean when we say that an algorithm X is asymptotically more efficient than Y?

- a) X will be a better choice for all inputs
- b) X will be a better choice for all inputs except possibly small inputs
- c) X will be a better choice for all inputs except possibly large inputs
- d) Y will be a better choice for small inputs

Answer:- B X will be a better choice for all inputs except possibly small inputs.

In asymptotic analysis we consider growth of algorithm in terms of input size. An algorithm X is said to be asymptotically better than Y if X takes smaller time than y for all input sizes n larger than a value n_0 where $n_0 > 0$.

