**How much overhead is incurred by a function call?**

Explaination:   
overhead: regular costs

incur: if you incur costs, you have to pay them

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**process :** 进程

**bijection**: one-on-one(一一对应关系)

**arbitrary constants**: (P97):   
"Arbitrary constants" typically refer to constants that are chosen without specific rules or constraints in a mathematical or computational context. These constants can take on any value within a given range or set, depending on the problem or scenario.

**significand //**[n.]The significand[1] (also coefficient,[1] sometimes argument, or more ambiguously mantissa,[2] fraction,[3][4][nb 1] or characteristic[5][2]) is the first (left) part of a number in scientific notation or related concepts in floating-point representation.In 1.5x2^5, 1.5 is the significand.