4. All about common Complexities

Big(1) - Constant Time

Big(1) can also be called as O(1) or O(c)

- No matter size of array/input, accessing an array/input same amount of time.
- Example: Accessing a specific element in an array by index.

Equation for time: f(n) = C

O(n) - Linear Time

- Time grows directly proportional to the size of input.
- Example: Traversing an array of size.

Equation for time : $f(n) = a(n) + C \{Linear Equation -> y = mx = c\}$

O(n²) - Quadratic Time

- As the input grows, time taken increases quadratically.
- Example: Bubble Sort or checking all pairs in an array.

```
package com.dsa;
       public class Complex_QuadtraticTime_BubbleSort {
            static void bubbleSort() { 1 usage
                int array[] = {
                System.out.println("Before bubble sort: ");
                for(int a : array){
                    System.out.print(a + ",");
                int i,j,temp;
                boolean flag;
                for(\underline{i} = 0; \underline{i} < array.length-1; \underline{i}++){}
                    flag = false;
                    for(j = 0; j < array.length-i-1; j++){</pre>
                         if(array[j] > array[j+1]){
                             temp = array[j];
                             array[j] = array[j+1];
                             array[j+1] = temp;
                             flag = true;
                    if(!flag){
                System.out.println("\nAfter bubble sort: ");
                for(int s : array){
                    System.out.print(s + ",");
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            public static void main(String[] args) {
                bubbleSort();
```

Equation for time:

Here A, B and C are constants

$$f(n) = An^2 + Bn + C$$

As compared to An^2 , Bn + C is far smaller so ignoring constants we get :

$$f(n) = An^2$$

Again ignoring constant A we get:

$$f(n) = n^2$$

O log(n) - Logarithmic Time

- In this the algorithm cuts problem in half with each step, so the time grows logarithmically.
- Example : Binary Search

Equation for time : log(n) = K

O(n log n) - Linearithmic Time

- The algorithm divides the input into subproblems and processes each subproblem linearly.
- Example: Merge Sort, Quick Sort in average cases.

O(2ⁿ) Exponential Time Complexity

- The time grows exponentially with the size of input, meaning it doubles with each additional input.
- Recursive algorithm that solves a problem by breaking into multiple smaller sub problems.
- Example: Fibonacci Series using recursion.

O(n!) Factorial Time Complexity

- Factorial Time Complexity occurs in algorithm that involve generating all possible permutations of a set.
- Example: Brute-Force solution for the travelling salesman problem.

Overall Comparison of all Time Complexities

$$n(c) < O(\log \log n) < O(\log n) < O(\log n^{1/2}) < O(n) < O(n \log n) < O(n^2) < O(n^3) < O(n^k) < O(2^n)$$