

# Time Complexity and Big O

- # Time Complexity is the study of efficiency of algorithms.
- If time taken to execute an algorithm grows with the size of inputs.

Ex - sorting of elements with 2 algorithms depending on no. of element n.

n	Algo 1	Algo 2
10 elements	90 ms	122 ms
70 elements	110 ms	124 ms
110 elements	180 ms	131 ms
1000 elements	2 s	800 ms

This is difficult to find which ~~element~~ algorithm is better.

- In my opinion Algo 2 is better, as the no. of elements are increasing the time is increasing.

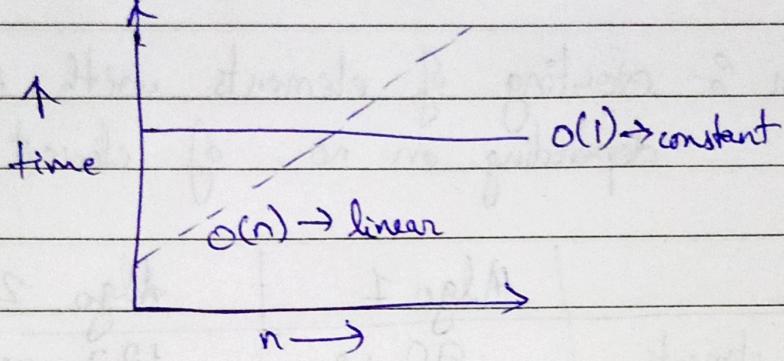
Let us assume formula for algorithms in terms of n are :-

$$\text{Algo 1} : \underbrace{k_1 n^2}_{\substack{\text{Highest order} \\ \text{term}}} + k_2 n + k_3 \Rightarrow O(n^2)$$

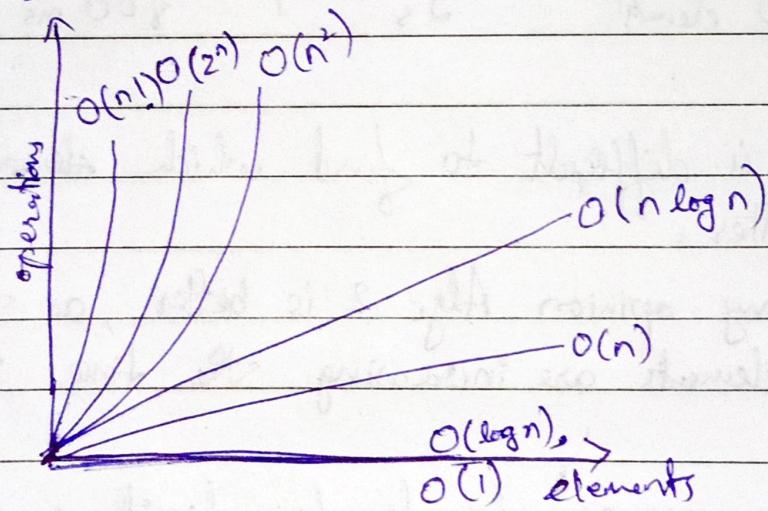
Algo 2 :-  $k_1(n^0) + k_2 \Rightarrow O(n^0)$  or  $O(1)$   
Constant

where  $n$  is size of inputs.

# Graph for  $O(1)$  and  $O(n)$



# Big - O - Complexity chart



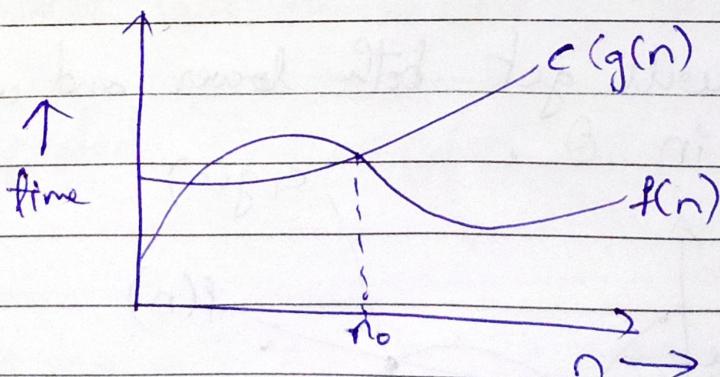
# Asymptotic Notations

- It is used to compare a algorithm with other.  
*It is*
- Types :-
  - ① Big Oh ( $O$ )
  - ② Big Omega ( $\Omega$ )
  - ③ Big Theta ( $\Theta$ )

## I. Big oh ( $O$ ) :-

- If  $f(n)$  describes the running time of an algorithm ;  $f(n)$  is  $O(g(n))$  if and only if there exist positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $0 \leq f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n) \quad \forall n \geq n_0$ .  
*Complexity from upper bound*
- When we calculate Big  $O$ , if  $f(n) = O(n^3)$  then it is  $O(n^4)$  and  $O(n^5)$ , but we have to take minimum power.

## Graphical Example for Big Oh ( $O$ )

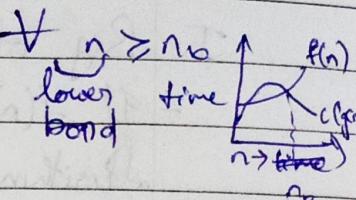


## II. Big Omega ( $\Omega$ )

- Reverse the  $c g(n) \leq f(n)$  of  $O$ .

- Let  $f(n)$  define the running time of an algorithm  $f(n)$  is said to be  $\Omega(g(n))$  if and only if there exists positive constant  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that

$$0 \leq c g(n) \leq f(n)$$



## III. Big Theta ( $\Theta$ )

- A fun  $f(n)$  is said to be  $\Theta(g(n))$  if there exist  $c_1, c_2$  & a constant  $n_0$  such that

$$0 \leq f(n) \leq c_1 g(n)$$

$\forall n > n_0$

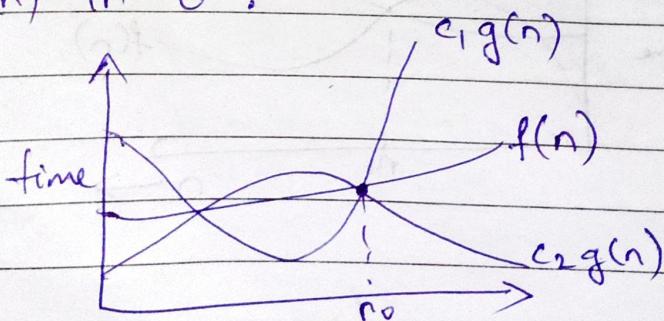
$$0 \leq c_2 g(n) \leq f(n)$$

$\forall n > n_0$

$\Downarrow$

$$0 \leq c_2 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_1 g_1(n)$$

- We will get both lower and upper bound for  $f(n)$  in  $\Theta$ .



If  $\Theta \rightarrow O \rightarrow \Omega$

- Try to give answer in big  $\Theta$ , for time complexity
- Better picture.

# Increasing order of Common runtimes

$$1 \underset{\text{Better}}{\cancel{\leq}} \log n < n < n \log n < n^2 < n^3 < 2^n \underset{\text{Common}}{\cancel{<}} n^n$$

↑  
Worst



## Best, Worst and Expected Case

Algo 1  
(Search  
a in  
arr)

Sorted array  
(arr)

2	7	9	15	30
a				

size(arr) = 5

If finding  $a=2$  is best case.

Similarly finding  $a=30$  is worst case.

Best Case  $\rightarrow O(1)$  [ $T_n = k$ ]

Worst Case  $\rightarrow O(n)$  [ $T_n = nk$ ]

Average / Expected Case  $= O\left(\frac{\sum \text{all possible runtime}}{\text{total no. of possibility}}$

(Ex) Avg case of T =  $\frac{k + 2k + 3k + \dots + nk + nk}{n+1}$

element not  
present.

$\therefore k$  is time to search one element

$$\text{Avg case, } T_c = \frac{k \left[ (1+2+3+\dots+n) + n \right]}{n+1}$$

$$= k \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n \right]$$

$$= k \left[ \frac{(n^2+n)}{2} + n \right] \xrightarrow{n+1} \text{Non dominating term (Graph)}$$

$$= \frac{k n(n+1)}{2(n+1)}$$

$$= \frac{k n}{2} \Rightarrow k'n$$

$$\text{Avg case} = O(n)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Average case is generally not asked, and difficult.

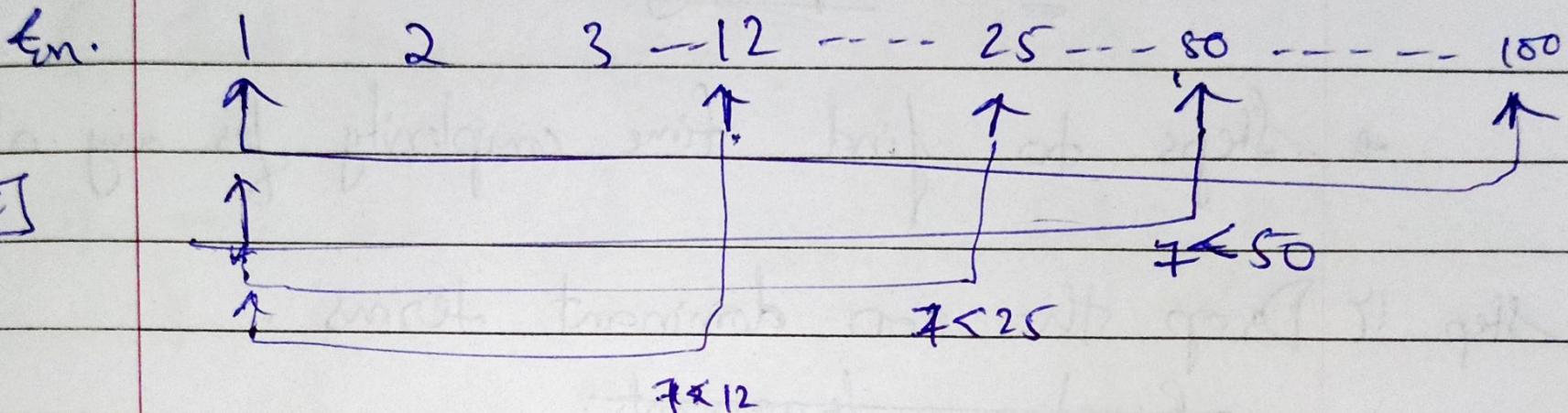
Algo 2

2	7	8	15	30
↑				↑

(Binary search)

Finding a in ~~this~~ first & last term, if not find goes to mid (In even any of 2 can be taken), then compare then do the same.

with first array [lower --- mid] & mid > a  
or with second array [mid+1 --- upper]  
mid < a



(first element  
is 9)

Best Case  $\rightarrow O(1)$

Worst Case  $\rightarrow \log(n)$

Dividing  
elements

$$2 \rightarrow 1$$

$$8 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$$

$$16 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$$

$n \log n$

$2 \rightarrow 1 \quad \log_2 2 = 1$

$8 \rightarrow 3 \quad \log_2 8 = 3$

$16 \rightarrow 4 \quad \log_2 16 = 4$

## # Space Complexity .

- Space is equally important with time for algorithm.

Ex. Creating an array of size  $n \rightarrow O(n)$  space.

- If a fn calls itself recursively  $n$  times its space complexity is  $O(n)$

- Memory allocation

- We cannot calculate complexity in seconds as not everyone's computer equally powerful.
- Asymptotic analysis is the measure of how time (run time) grows with input.

## Time Complexity

\* Steps to find time complexity for any algorithm

Step 1) Drop the non dominant terms.

~~Break in fragments~~

Like ignore declaring time (variables).

Step 2) Drop the constant term.

$$T_n = \cancel{\Theta(n)} + \cancel{(\text{const})} \xrightarrow{\text{Step 1}} O(n)$$

Step 3) Break the code into fragments :-  
take time for every fragments.

for nested for , time complexity  $O(n^2)$

initializing  $\frac{1}{2}k_1$ ,

for ( $i=0$  ;  $i \leq n$  ;  $i++$ )

for ( $j=0$  ;  $j \leq n$  ;  $j++$ )

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{for } i \\ \text{code} \end{array} \right\} k_1$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{for } j \\ \text{code} \end{array} \right\} k_2$

$$T_n = \cancel{k_1} + (k_2 n) n \Rightarrow O(n^2)$$

Q. Find time complexity of func1

i) void func1 ( int array[ ] , int length )  
{

    int sum = 0 ;

    int product = 1 ;

    for ( int i=0 ; i < length ; i++ )

    {

        sum += array[i] ;

    }

    for ( int i=0 ; i < length ; i++ )

    {

        product \*= array[i] ;

    }

}

}  $t_1 = k_1 n$

}  $t_2 = k_2 n$

}  $t_3 = k_3 n$

$$T_n = k_1 + k_2 n + k_3 n$$

$$= kn$$

$$= O(n)$$

$$= O(\text{length})$$

ii) int function (int n)

{

int i;  
if ( $n \leq 0$ )

{

return 0;

}

else

{

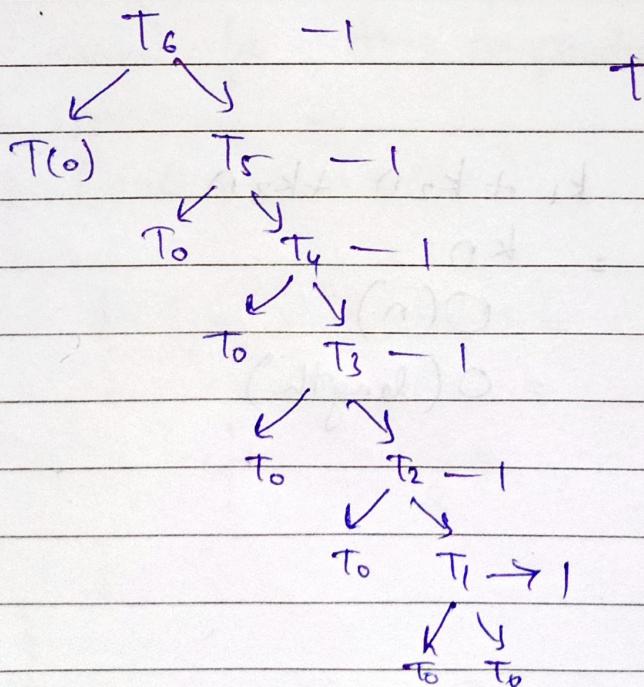
i = random (n-1); // It takes 1 unit of  
time. [0, n]

cout << "this".

return function('i') + function(n-1-i);

}

}



$$T_6 = 6$$

$$T_n = n(1) = n$$

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iii) int isPrime (int n) {
    if (n==1) {
        return 0;
    }
    for (int i=2 ; i*i < n ; i++) {
        if (n % i == 0)
            return 0;
    }
    return 1;
}

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} Negligible time neglected

$$\left. \begin{array}{l}
 \text{Start } i=2 \\
 i=3 \\
 \vdots \\
 i=[\sqrt{n}]
 \end{array} \right\} i^2 = n-1$$

$\circlearrowleft \sqrt{n}-x$

$$T_n = O(\sqrt{n})$$