Time Complexity - II

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Comparing Algos using execution time

Given N elements, sort them in increasing order.

$N = 10^4$ (input size)

Algo1 (Dilip)

Exec. time

15 sec
↓
(Windor XP)
↓
(Macbook M2)
↓
7 sec
↓
(C++)
↓
7 sec

(Top of hot volcano)
↓
Mt. Everset
↓
5 sec

Algo2 (Hrishikesh)

10 sec
↓
(Macbook M2)
↓
10 sec
↓
(Python)
↓
(C++)
5 sec

Mt. Everest
↓
5 sec

Exection time : Since it depends on so many external factors, we generally don't compare 2 algos using execution time.

Comparing using Iterations & Graphs

Algo1 (Prasanth)

Algo 2 (Sai)

iterations : $100\log_2(N)$

$N/10$

for N=10

$100\log(10) \rightarrow \sim 300$

$10/10 \rightarrow 1$

⇒ Algo 2 is better

for $N <= 3400$ Algo 2 is better

for $N > 3400$ Algo 1 is better

Google results : 1M+

Baby Shark : 12B+ views

Compare 100+ Algos ?

Algo1 Algo2 Algo3 . . . . .

Comparing all using graph method is tideous & time taking.

Asymptotic analysis of Algorithms

↳ Performance analysis of Algo(s) for very large inputs.

Use Big O notation

1. Calculate iterations
2. Take highest order term
3. Ignore const. coefficient

Why neglect lower-order terms ?

$N^2 + 10N$

input size	total iterations
$N = 10$	200
$N = 100$	$10^4 + 10^3$
$N = 10^3$	$10^6 + 10^4$
$N = 10^6$	

% of lower order terms

$\frac{10N}{N^2+10N} = \frac{100}{200} = 50\%$

$\frac{10^3}{10^4+10^3} = \frac{1}{11} \sim 9\%$

$\frac{10^4}{10^6+10^4} = \frac{1}{101} < 1\%$

Highly insignificant

Why ignore const. coefficients

$10N$

$N = 10^5$

$N \to 10^5$

$10N \to 10^6$

N^2

10^{10}

Claim 1 : for all inputs, we can decide which Algo is better. ✗

Claim 2 : for all inputs >= x, we can decide which Algo is better. ✓✓

final Claim : when we compare 2 Algos using Big O, Algo1 will always be better than Algo 2 for all input values above a certain point. ← threshold

→ After threshold, Big O holds.

→ Please don't worry about threshold.

Issues in Big O

iteration = $2N^2 + 4N$

$O(N^2)$

$3N^2$

$O(N^2)$

$2N^2 + 4N - 2N^2$

$4N$ is always better than N^2

$3N^2 - 2N^2$

→ If we have same Big O for 2 Algos, then Big O will fail.

↳ It can't tell which is better.

Worst Case

Qus: search of an element = K

```
bool search(arr, K) {
    for(i=0; i< N ; ++i) {        // n = array size
        if(a[i] == K)
            return true
    }
    return false
}
```

total iteration = N

O(N)

best-case scenario iteration : 1

worst-case scenario iteration = N

Manager → {Task}

5 days → Best case

30 days → Worse case

BREAK : 9:30 - 9:40 PM

Space complexity

Code → Time complexity → no. of iterations → Big O notation
Code → Space complexity → total space → Big O notation

```
def func(N) {
    int  x=0
    int  y=N
    long p=5
}
```

int → 4 Bytes
long → 8 Bytes

total = 16 Bytes → O(1)

```
def func (int a[]) {
    int m = a[0]
    for(i=1; i<a.size(); ++i) {
        m = max(m, a[i])
    }
    return m
}
```

m → 4B
i → 4B
a[] → 4×n B (n → no. of elements in a)

total space =

8 + ~~4n~~ Bytes

this is not created by the function

total space = 8B

= O(1)

```
def func ( int a[], int n ) {
    int pf[n]
    pf[0] = a[0]
    for ( i=1; i<n; ++i ) {
        pf[i] = a[i] + pf[i-1]
    }
}
```

→ 4n B

i → 4B

total space = 4n+4

O(n)

```
for ( i=0; i<n; ++i ) {
    int x;
    . . . .
}
```

⇒ O(1)

O(N) ✗

Time Limit Exceeded – TLE

Problem → (Amazon) → Hiring Challenge → 3Q (1.5 hrs)

Q → idea → code → submit → TLE (optimize)

→ better idea → code → submit → TLE

Online Editors/Compilers → 1 GHz → 10^9 instruction/sec

```
S=0 +1
for(i=0; i<n; ++i) {
    S = S+i
}
```
(+1, +1×n, +1×n; +1×n)

totalinstruction = 2+3N

total iteration = N

Approx:

1 iteration → 10 instructions

Approx2:

1 iteration → 100 instructions

1 sec → 10^9 instruction

1 sec → $[10^7 - 10^8]$ iterations

Importance of Constraints

$1 <= N <= 10^6$

int a[N][N] → $O(10^{12})$ MLE space

Algo → $O(N^2)$

iteration = $(10^6)^2 = 10^{12}$ iterations TLE

Algo → $O(N \log N)$

iterations = $10^6 \log_2 10^6$

$10^3 \approx 2^{10}$

$= 10^6 \log_2 2^{20}$

$= 10^6 \times 20 = 2 \times 10^7$ iterations ✓✓

$1 <= N <= 100$

Algo → $O(N^3)$ iterations $(100)^3 = 10^6$ ✓✓

no need to optimize further