

Time Complexity - II

Today's Content

- Comparing two Algos
 - Using execution time
 - Using iterations & graphs
- Why Big O is needed?
 - Why lower order terms are ignored?
 - Why const. coefficients terms are neglected?
 - Issues in Big O
 - Worst Case
- Space Complexity
- TLE (Time limit Exceeded error)
 - Why TLE occurs?
 - How to approach any given problem?
 - Importance of constraints

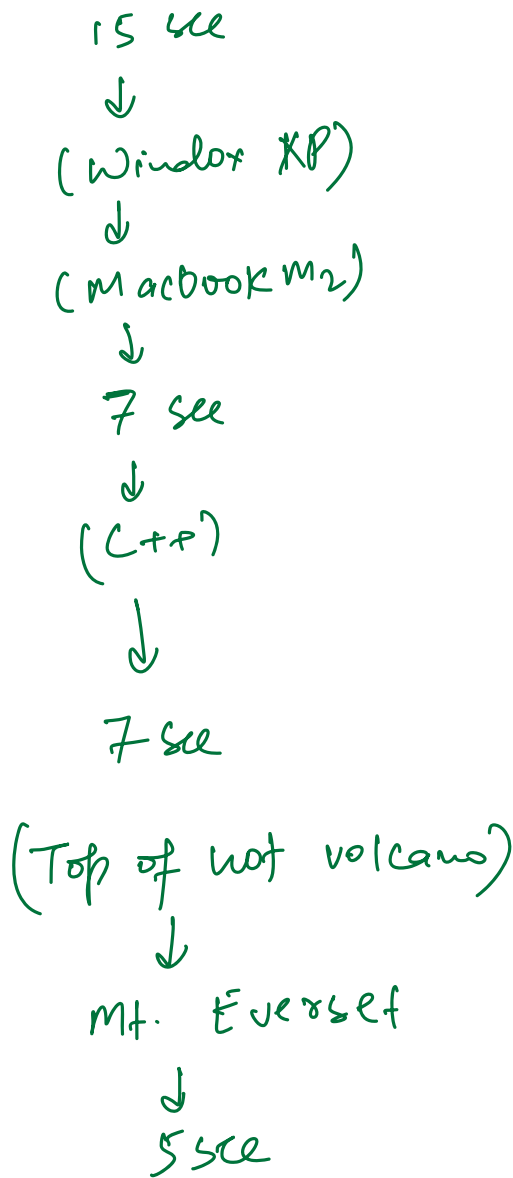
Comparing Algos using execution time

Given N elements, sort them in increasing order.

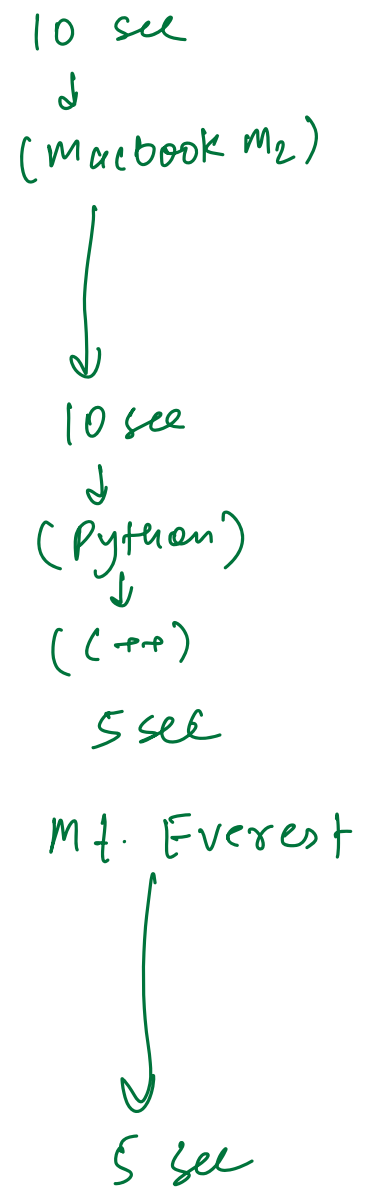
$N = 10^4$ (input size)

Algo 1 (Dilip)

Exec. Time



Algo 2 (Hrishikesh)



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

Comparing using Iterations & Graphs

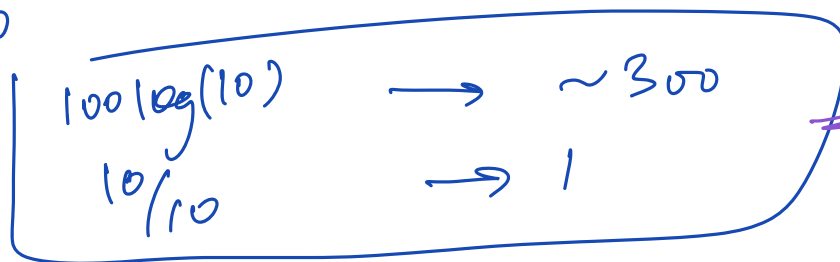
Algo 1 (Prasant)

Algo 2 (Sai)

iteration: $100 \log_2(N)$

$N/10$

for $N=10$



\Rightarrow Algo 2 is better

for $N \leq 3900$

Algo 2 is better

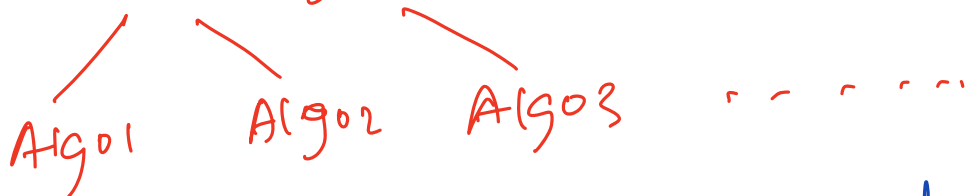
for $N > 3900$

Algo 1 is better

Google results: 1M+

Baby Shark: 12B+ views

Compare 100+ Algos?



Comparing all using graph method is tedious & time taking.

Asymptotic analysis of Algorithms

↳ Performance analysis of Algos 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
 $N=10$

total iterations
200

$$\% \text{ of lower order term} \\ \frac{10N}{N^2 + 10N} = \frac{100}{200} = 50\%$$

$N=100$

$$10^4 + 10^3$$

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

$N=10^3$

$$10^6 + 10^4$$

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

$N=10^6$

Highly insignificant

Why ignore const. coefficients

$10N$

$$N=10^5$$

$$N \rightarrow 10^5 \\ 10N \rightarrow 10^6$$

$$N^2 \\ 10^{10}$$

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

Claim 2: for all inputs $\geq x$, we can decide which Algo is better. \checkmark

Final Claim: when we compare 2 Algos using Big O, Algo 1 will always be better than Algo 2 for all input values above a certain point. \Leftarrow threshold

→ After threshold, Big O holds.

→ Please don't worry about threshold.

Issues in Big O

iteration = $2N^2 + 4N$
 $O(N^2)$

$3N^2$
 $O(N^2)$

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

$3N^2 - 2N^2$

is always better than N^2

→ If we have same Big O for 2 Algos,
then Big O will fail.
↳ It can't tell which is better.

Worst Case

Ques: search of an element = K

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

total iterations = N
O(N)

best-case scenario iteration = 1

worst-case scenario iteration = N

Manager → { Task }

5 days
↙
Best case

30 days
↘
Worst case

BREAK : 9:30 - 9:40 PM

Space Complexity

Code $\begin{cases} \nearrow \text{Time Complexity} \\ \searrow \text{Space Complexity} \end{cases}$

\nearrow no. of iterations
 \hookrightarrow Big O notation

\hookrightarrow total space \rightarrow Big O notation

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

int \rightarrow 4 Bytes
long \rightarrow 8 Bytes

total = 16 Bytes $\rightarrow O(1)$

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

m \rightarrow 4B

i \rightarrow 4B

a[] $\rightarrow 4 \times n$ B \nearrow no. of element in a

total space =

8 + ~~4n~~ Bytes
 \downarrow

this is not created
by the function

total space = 8B

$= O(1)$

```
def func (int a[], int n) {
```

```
    int pf[n]  $\xrightarrow{\text{purple}} 4n \text{ B}$ 
```

```
    pf[0] = a[0]
```

```
    for (i=1; i<n; ++i) {  $i \rightarrow 4 \text{ B}$ 
```

```
        pf[i] = a[i] + pf[i-1]
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

total space =

$4n + 4$

$O(n)$

```
for (i=0; i<n; ++i) {
```

```
    int x;
```

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    . . .
```

```
}
```

\Rightarrow

$O(1)$

$O(N)$ ~~X~~

Time Limit Exceeded - TLE

Proshant \rightarrow (Amazon) \rightarrow Hiring Challenge \rightarrow 3Q (1.5 hrs)

$\xrightarrow{\text{optimize}}$

Q \rightarrow idea \rightarrow code \rightarrow submit \rightarrow TLE

\rightarrow better idea \rightarrow code \rightarrow submit \rightarrow TLE

Online Editors/Compilers $\rightarrow 1 \text{ GHz} \rightarrow 10^9 \text{ instruction/sec}$

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

total instruction = $2 + 3N$

total iteration = N

Approx 1:

1 iteration $\rightarrow 10$ instructions

Approx 2:

1 iteration $\rightarrow 100$ instructions

1 sec $\rightarrow 10^9$ instructions

1 sec $\rightarrow [10^7 - 10^8]$ iterations

Importance of Constraints

$1 \leq N \leq 10^6$

int a[1000000] $\rightarrow O(10^{12})$
MLE space

Algo $\rightarrow O(N^2)$

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

Algo $\rightarrow O(N \log N)$

$$\text{iteration} = 10^6 \log_2 10^6$$

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

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

$$= 10^6 \times 20 = 2 \times 10^7 \text{ iterations}$$

$$1 \leq N \leq 100$$

Algo $\rightarrow O(N^3)$

$$\text{iteration } (100)^3 = 10^6$$

no need to optimize further