

\* Time complexity: ~~max~~ The amount of time taken by an algorithm to run a function depending upon length of input.

for ex:

```
for (int i=0; i<n; i++) {  
    //code. cout<<i;  
}
```

The CPU will run the for loop for  $n$  no. of times to print it.  $\therefore$  The time complexity of above code will be  $O(n)$ : means to worst case the CPU will run this loop for  $n$  no. of times.

~~ex~~ The above code if we write in this way.

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

```
    int k=n;  
    while (k>0) {  
        cout<<i+1;  
    }
```

The T.C of this will be  $O(n^2)$ .  
This is not an optimized code as use of while loop is useless. we always try to write optimized code.

\* Why to study time and space complexity?

- ① To write an optimal algorithm for any problem which leads to less utilization of CPU.
- ② To compare two algo i.e algo A & algo B which is more efficient to use.  
(H) Interviewer always ask for T.C
- ③ As Resources are limited.

Algo A  
~~more~~  
use CPU  
High Processing

Algo B  
use CPU  
less  
Processing.

$\therefore$  Algo B is faster than Algo A as it use less CPU usage.



\* space complexity: The amount of space taken by an algorithm to run a function depending upon the length of inputs.

ex:

int a = 5 // variable

int b[5] // array.

4 byte  
20 byte = 24 byte

if we create a for loop. i.e.

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

cout << i;

}

so there would be no change in S.C as inside for loop running for n no. of times doesn't create extra space to effect the space for variable & array so the

space complexity of above code is  $O(1)$ : constant space.

\* Note:

Until unless any variable or array etc don't change with the inputs. i.e. length of inputs the space complexity would remain ~~same~~ constant i.e.  $O(1)$

\* Example of change in space complexity:

consider an array with size n

∴ int n;

int \*b = new int[n];

ex: n = 2;

→ b[2] → array of 2 size.

∴ The T.C will be  $O(n)$  and S.C will be  $O(n)$

n = 1000

b[1000] array of 1000 size.

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

cout << b[i]

}

}

As the space varies with change in the value of n i.e. inputs of n.



Unit to Represent complexity:

1. Big O: Upper Bound.

↓  
The maximum amount of time taken by an algorithm to run a function. i.e. in the worst case the algorithm will be run.

2. Omega  $\Omega$ : Lower Bound.

↓  
The minimum amount of time taken by an algorithm to run a function. ~~to~~ to get an expected requirement.

3. Average case: Theta  $\Theta$ :

The average amount of time taken by an algorithm to run a function.

Let understand it with an example:

Consider an array:

1	2	3	4	5	6
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suppose we need to find 1 we will use linear search approach as 1 is present on 0th index. so the algorithm will run for 1 time. so the minimum amount time taken will be  $\Omega(1)$   
↓  
lower bound

Now if we need to find 6 all to 1's we have to look for every element i.e. from 1 to 6 i.e. 0th-5th index of an array. so max amount i.e. worse to worse the algo can take time to run is  $O(n)$   
↓  
upper bound.

we always look for worst case i.e. upper bound.

(to check every iteration)



## \* Big O: Complexities

1. Constant time:  $O(1)$  → `inta=5;` no change in time
2. Linear Time:  $O(n)$  → for single for loop running n no. of times
3. Logarithmic time:  $O(\log n)$  → if length of input i.e n divides after every execution i.e /2
4. Quadratic Time:  $O(n^2)$  → nested loop for (`<n`) {
5. Cubic Time:  $O(n^3)$  → nested loop for (`<n`) {

↓  
also nested loop

```

for (<n) {
    for (<n) {
        for (<n) {
            // ...
        }
    }
}
    
```

→ 3 for nested loops

$O(n^3)$

```

for (<n) {
    for (<n) {
        // ...
    }
}
    
```

$O(n^2)$

## \* Consider

```

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

```

    for (j=0; j<n; j++) {
        // ...
    }
}
    
```

It is not nested loop for  
nested loop multiply else.  
add the complexity

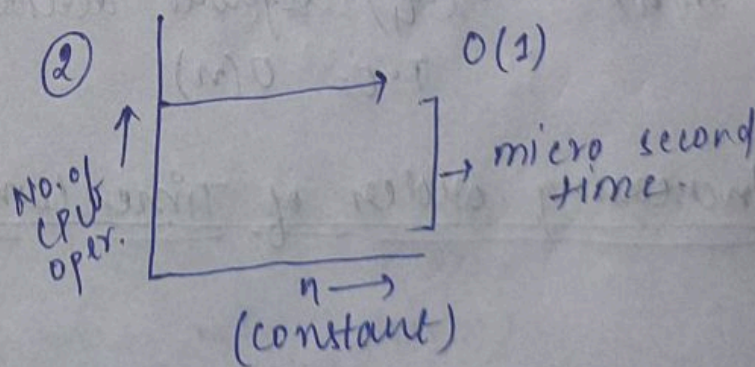
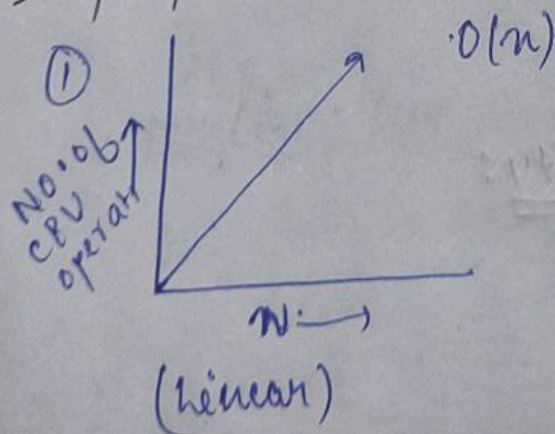
$O(n)$

$O(n) + O(n) = O(2n)$

here 2 is constant

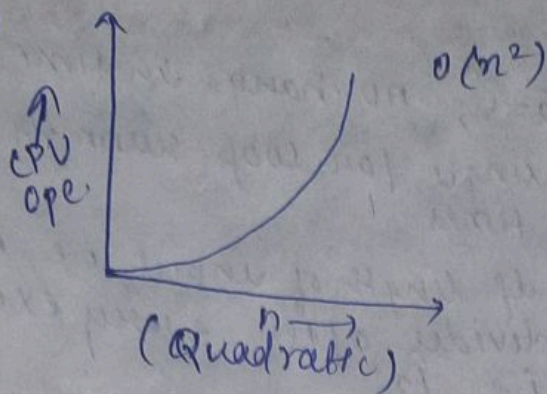
∴  $O(2n)$  can be considered  
as  $O(n)$  T.C

## \* Graphs:

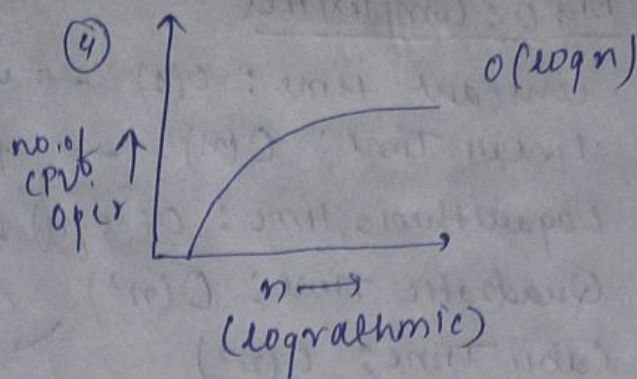




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\* Consider some examples:

①  $f(n) = 2n^2 + 3n$

It will always look for upper Bound.

$$O(2n^2) + O(3n)$$

Ignore 2 & 3

$$O(n^2) + O(n)$$

as  $n^2$  will be max or worse time the algo will run.

→ T.C is  $O(n^2)$

②  $4n^4 + 3n^3 = O(4n^4) + O(3n^3)$

Ignore 4 & 3

$$O(n^4) + O(n^3)$$

upper Bound is  $n^4$

T.C  $O(n^4)$

③  $n^2 + \log n = O(n^2) + O(\log n)$

= Upper Bound is  $n^2$

T.C =  $O(n^2)$

④  $200 = O(200) = O(1) \rightarrow$  constant T.C

T.C =  $O(1)$

⑤  $f\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) = O\left(\frac{n}{4}\right)$  ignore divide by 4

T.C =  $O(n)$

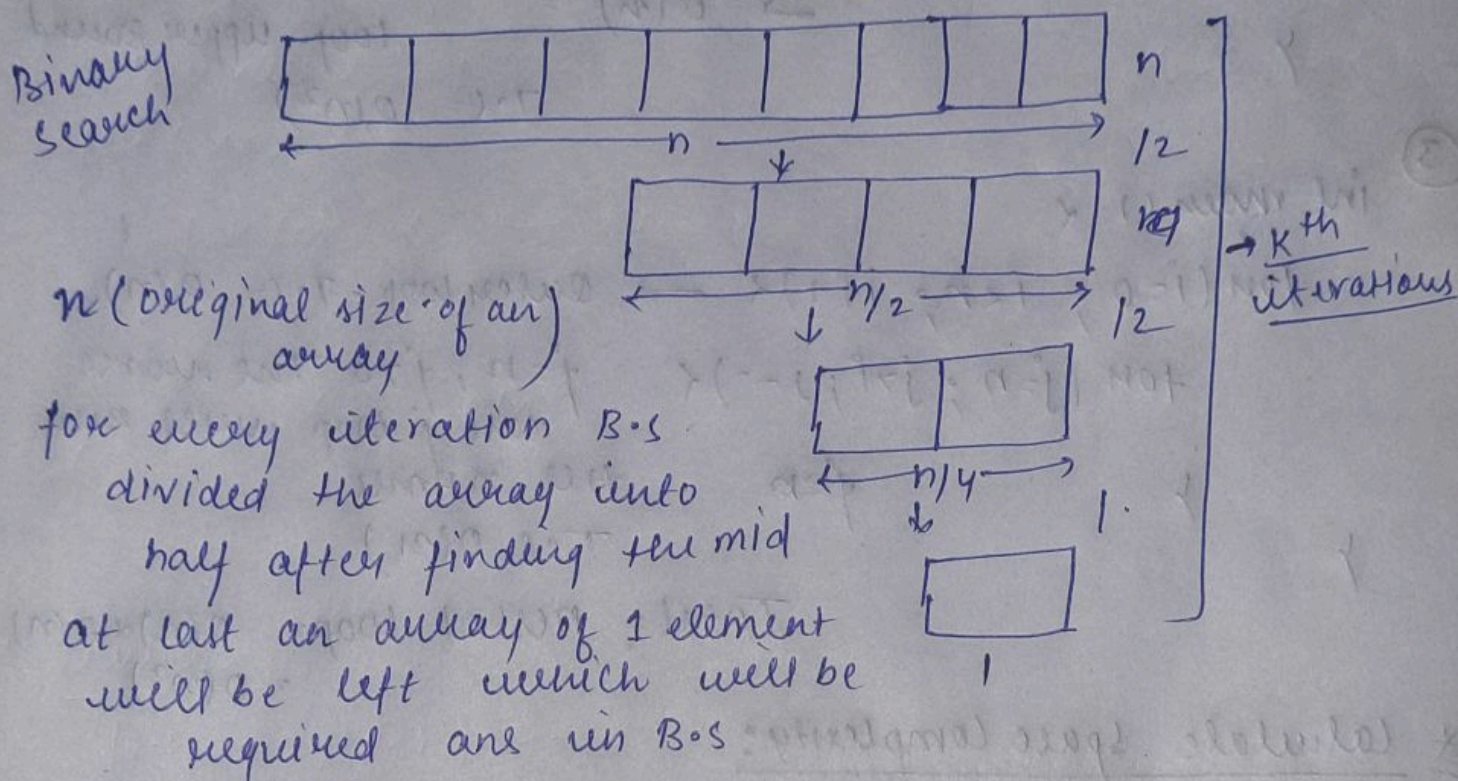
\* Increasing order of Time Complexity:



$O(1) < O(\log n) < O(\sqrt{n}) < O(n) < O(n \log n) < O(n^2) < O(n^3)$   
 $\downarrow$   
 least complex

$O(n!) > O(n^n) > O(2^n)$   
 $\downarrow$   
 most complex

①  $O(\log n)$ : consider an sorted array.



$\therefore \frac{n}{2^K} = 1$      $K = K^{th}$  iteration i.e.  $K$  times divi

$n = 2^K$

$\log n = K \quad \therefore O(K) = O(\log n) = T.C \text{ for B.S}$

\* Example:

① `int main() {`

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

$\rightarrow$  T.C of this loop =  $O(n)$

`}`

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

$\rightarrow$  T.C of this loop =  $O(m)$

`}`

As it is not nested loop

$O(n) + O(m) = O(n+m)$



② `int main() {`  
`for (i=0; i<n; i++) {`  $\rightarrow O(n) = T.C$  for outer loop  
`for (j=0; j<n; j++) {`  $\rightarrow O(n) = T.C$  for inner loop.  
`}` nested loop =  $O(n) + O(n)$   
 $= O(n^2)$   
`}`  
`for (i=0; i<n; i++) {`  $\rightarrow O(n)$   $T.C = O(n^2) + O(n)$   $\rightarrow$  loop upper Bound  
`}`  $T.C = O(n^2)$

③ `int main() {`  
`for (i=0; i<n; i++) {`  $\rightarrow$  Outer loop =  $T.C = O(n)$   
`for (j=n; j>i; j--) {`  $j=n, j>0$  The worse case, j loop will run till n times  
`}`  $T.C = O(n)$   
`}` Total = nested loop =  $O(n) \times O(n) = O(n^2)$

\* Calculate Space Complexity:

- ① `int a=5;` No effect with change in length of input  
 $S.C = O(1)$
- ② `array [5]`  $S.C = O(1) \rightarrow$  No effect with size.
- ③ `int *a = new int [N]`  
change in space with  $(\uparrow)$  in length  
 $S.C = O(n)$
- ④ `int *b = new int [n^2]`  
 $S.C = O(n^2)$