

Problems related to Big O notation:

Question 1:

Problem:

Consider the following pseudocode function:

```
FUNCTION checkEven(number):  
    IF number MOD 2 == 0 THEN  
        RETURN True  
    ELSE  
        RETURN False  
    ENDIF  
END FUNCTION
```

What is the time complexity of the **checkEven** function?

Question 2:

Problem:

Write a function in pseudocode that sums up all the numbers in an array and analyze its complexity.

Question 3:

Problem:

Write a pseudocode function that finds the number of duplicate pairs in an array and determine its time complexity.

Question 4:

Problem:

Consider the following pseudocode:

```
FUNCTION mixedOperations(arr):  
    maxNumber <- arr[0]           // O(1)  
  
    FOR i <- 1 TO LENGTH(arr) - 1 DO    // O(n)  
        IF arr[i] > maxNumber THEN  
            maxNumber <- arr[i]  
        END IF
```

```

END FOR

FOR i <- 0 TO LENGTH(arr) - 1 DO    // O(n)
  FOR j <- 0 TO LENGTH(arr) - 1 DO  // O(n^2)
    PRINT arr[i] * arr[j]
  END FOR
END FOR
END FUNCTION

```

What is the overall time complexity of the **mixedOperations** function?

Bonus Question:

Two solutions are provided elsewhere on canvas for remove_dupes. What is the big O complexity of each?

Solution A: Assuming in total there are N nodes, the remove_dupes will have to iterate through all N nodes. At each iteration of the loop, current_data value is checked if it is in the non_duplicates list, which in the worst case takes $O(N)$ time. Since this is repeated for all N nodes, the big O complexity is $O(N^2)$

Solution B: Assuming in total there are N nodes, the worst case would be all nodes are unique. At each iteration of the loop, there are only constant time operations. Since this loop repeats N times, the big O complexity is $O(N)$.

Solutions:

P1.

The **checkEven** function performs a constant number of operations regardless of the size of the input **number**. It only performs one operation, which is checking if the number is even.

Therefore, the time complexity of this function is **$O(1)$** .

P2.

Here's the pseudocode for the function:

```
FUNCTION sumArray(arr):  
    total <- 0  
    FOR EACH number IN arr DO  
        total <- total + number  
    END FOR  
    RETURN total  
END FUNCTION
```

Analysis:

The function **sumArray** iterates over each element in the array exactly once. If **n** is the number of elements in the array, then the function performs **n** additions. Hence, the time complexity is **$O(n)$** .

P3.

Here's the pseudocode for the function:

```
FUNCTION countDuplicatePairs(arr):  
    duplicateCount <- 0  
    FOR i <- 0 TO LENGTH(arr) - 2 DO  
        FOR j <- i + 1 TO LENGTH(arr) - 1 DO  
            IF arr[i] == arr[j] THEN  
                duplicateCount <- duplicateCount + 1  
            END IF  
        END FOR  
    END FOR  
    RETURN duplicateCount  
END FUNCTION
```

Analysis:

The function **countDuplicatePairs** uses two nested loops to compare each pair of elements in the array. For an array of size **n**, the outer loop runs **n** times and the inner loop runs up to **n-1** times in the worst case, leading to a worst-case scenario of approximately **$n * (n-1) / 2$** comparisons. This simplifies to **$O(n^2)$** .

P4.

The first part of the function finds the maximum number in an array, which takes $O(n)$ time. The second part of the function prints the product of each pair of numbers in the array, which is an $O(n^2)$ operation since it involves two nested loops over the entire array.

To find the overall time complexity, we sum the complexities of each part: $O(1) + O(n) + O(n^2)$. Since Big O notation describes the **upper bound**, we take the term with the highest growth rate, which is $O(n^2)$. Therefore, the overall time complexity of the **mixedOperations** function is $O(n^2)$.