

Algorithm Time Complexities Summary

Algorithm	Best Case	Average Case	Worst Case	Notes
Huffman	$O(n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	Greedy heap
DFS (Adj List)	$O(V + E)$	$O(V + E)$	$O(V + E)$	Graph traversal
DFS (Adj Matrix)	$O(V^2)$	$O(V^2)$	$O(V^2)$	Graph traversal
BFS (Adj List)	$O(V + E)$	$O(V + E)$	$O(V + E)$	Level-order traversal
BFS (Adj Matrix)	$O(V^2)$	$O(V^2)$	$O(V^2)$	Level-order traversal
Cycle Detection	$O(V + E)$	$O(V + E)$	$O(V + E)$	DFS or Kahn's algo
Prim (Matrix)	$O(V^2)$	$O(V^2)$	$O(V^2)$	Simple implementation
Prim (Heap)	$O(E \log V)$	$O(E \log V)$	$O(E \log V)$	Binary heap version
Kruskal	$O(E \log V)$	$O(E \log V)$	$O(E \log V)$	Sort edges + Union-Find
Dijkstra (PQ, List)	$O(E + V \log V)$	$O(E \log V)$	$O(E \log V)$	Priority queue (binary heap)
Dijkstra (Simple)	$O(V^2)$	$O(V^2)$	$O(V^2)$	No heap version
Bellman–Ford (List)	$O(E)$	$O(VE)$	$O(VE)$	Edge relaxation $V-1$ times
Bellman–Ford (Matrix)	$O(V^2)$	$O(V^3)$	$O(V^3)$	Dense graph
Radix Sort	$O(nk)$	$O(nk)$	$O(nk)$	$k =$ number of digits
Bucket Sort	$O(n + k)$	$O(n + k)$	$O(n^2)$	Depends on distribution
Counting Sort	$O(n + k)$	$O(n + k)$	$O(n + k)$	Range-based linear sort
Naïve String Match	$O(n - m + 1)$	$O(nm)$	$O(nm)$	Brute force substring search
Rabin–Karp	$O(n + m)$	$O(n + m)$	$O(nm)$	Hashing-based search
KMP	$O(n + m)$	$O(n + m)$	$O(n + m)$	Prefix table-based linear search