

Scenario	Big O Notation
Operation takes same amount of time (regardless of the number of elements)	$O(1)$ Constant
Iterating through a collection (for loop, while loop)	$O(n)$ Linear
Looping through same collection $\times 2$ (nested)	$O(n^2)$ Quadratic
Fibonacci series - recursion $O$ (branch depth)	$2^n$ Exponential
Searching sorted array (i.e. binary tree)	$O(\log n)$ Logarithmic
Sorting	$O(n \log n)$ Quasilinear

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## **Remember Don't Misunderstand Below:**

Add Runtimes:

```
O(n + m)
for (int n: arrayN)
{
    print(n)
}
for (int m: arrayM) {
    print(m)
}
```

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Multiply Runtimes:

```
for(int n:arrayN){
    for(int m:arrayM){
        print(n+" "+m)
    }
}
```

**This will be O(n\*m) and not O(n<sup>2</sup>)**