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Analysis of Common Loops: While Loop in Python

Loops are essential constructs in programming that allow us to repeat a block of code multiple times. Python offers several types of loops, and one of the most versatile is the **while** loop. The **while** loop continues to execute a block of code as long as a given condition remains true. In this article, we will analyze and demonstrate the use of the **while** loop for subtraction, multiplication, exponentiation, and nested loops in Python.

Addition using a While Loop

Let's begin by examining how to utilize a **while** loop for addition. The following code demonstrates a simple implementation of adding two numbers using a **while** loop:

Python

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```
1 def add(a, b):
2     result = a
3     while b > 0:
4         result += 1
5         print(result)
6         b -= 1
7
8
9 # Example usage
10 a = 10
11 b = 7
12 add(a,b)
```

Output

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In the code above, we define a function called **add** that takes two numbers, **a** and **b**, as parameters. We initialize the variable **result** with the value of **a**. The **while** loop executes **b** times, incrementing the **result** by 1 on each iteration while decrementing **b** by 1. Finally, the function returns the added value.

Time complexity analysis :

Addition using a While Loop:

• Time Complexity: O(b)

• Similar to multiplication, the **while** loop executes **b** times, where **b** is the value being added. Thus, the time complexity is linear and proportional to **b**.

Subtraction using a While Loop

Let's start by examining how to use a **while** loop for subtraction. The following code demonstrates a simple implementation of subtracting two numbers using a **while** loop:

Python

```
1 # code
2 def subtract(a, b):
3     result = a
4     while result >= b:
5         print(result)
6         result -= b
7
8
9 # Example usage
10 a = 15
11 b = 7
12 subtract(a, b)
```

Output

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In the code above, we define a function called **subtract** that takes two numbers, **a** and **b**, as parameters. We initialize the variable **result** with the value of **a**. The **while** loop continues subtracting **b** from **result** until **result** becomes less than **b**. Finally, the function returns the subtracted value.

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Time complexity analysis :

Subtraction using a While Loop:

- Time Complexity: $O(a / b)$
- In the worst case scenario, the number of iterations required to subtract **b** from **a** using a **while** loop is **a / b**. This assumes that **a** is significantly larger than **b**. The time complexity is linear and depends on the magnitude of **a** and **b**.

Multiplication using a While Loop

Now let's explore how to perform multiplication using a **while** loop. The following code demonstrates a basic implementation of multiplying two numbers using a **while** loop:

Python

```
1 def multiply(n, c):
2     result = 1
3     while result < n:
4         print(result)
5         result *= c
6
7
8 # Example usage
9 n =32
10 c = 2
11 multiply(n, c)
```

Output

1
2
4
8
16

In the code above, we define a function called **multiply** that takes two numbers, n and 1, as parameters. We initialize the variable **result** with 0. The **while** loop executes upto result value not greater than n , multiply result with c Finally, the function prints the value of multiplication.

Time complexity analysis :

Multiplication using a While Loop:

1. Let's say the number of iteration be K so the value be : $1,C,C^2,C^3,C^K-1$
2. $C^K-1 < n$

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3. $K < \log n + 1$

4. Growth of order is $O(\log n)$

• Time Complexity: $O(\log n)$

Exponentiation using a While Loop

Next, let's see how to perform exponentiation using a **while** loop. The following code demonstrates a basic implementation of calculating the exponentiation of a number using a **while** loop:

Python

```
1 def exponentfun(n, c):
2     result = 2
3     while result < n:
4         print(result)
5         result =result** c
6
7
8 # Example usage
9 base = 2
10 exponent = 32
11 exponentfun(exponent, base)
```

Output

2
4
16

In the code above, we define a function called **exponentfun** that takes two numbers, **base** and **exponent**, as parameters. We initialize the variable **result** with 2. The **while** loop executes **exponent** times, multiplying the **result** by **base** on each iteration while result is not greater than n or exponent, Finally, the function returns the exponentiated value.

Time Complexity Analysis:

Exponentiation using a While Loop:

1. Time Complexity: $O(\log \log n)$

2. if this function iterates K time then values comes up to be $2, 2^C, (2^C)^C \dots ((2^C)^{2\dots})^C \dots$

3. $2^{CK-1} < n$

4. $C^{K-1} < \log_2 n$

5. $k < \log \log n + 1$

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6. $T=O(\log\log n)$

- Time Complexity: $O(\log\log n)$

Nested While Loops

Python allows the usage of nested loops, including nested **while** loops. A nested loop is a loop within another loop. This type of loop structure can be useful for handling complex scenarios that require multiple iterations. Here's an example of a nested **while** loop:

```
n = int(input())

i = 0
while i <= 5:
    j = 1
    while j <= n:
        j += 1
    i += 1
```

Some constant work is done in the nested loop.

```
j = 1
while j <= n:
    j += 1
```

1. Time complexity of given nested loop $O(N)$
2. In case of nested loop we do multiply time complexity of of both loops
3. $T=O(n)*O(N)=O(N^2)$

Nested While Loops:

- Time Complexity: $O(N^2)$

Conclusion

The **while** loop is a powerful construct in Python that allows us to repeat a block of code as long as a specific condition remains true. In this article, we explored the use of **while** loops for subtraction, multiplication, exponentiation, and nested loops. By leveraging the flexibility of the **while** loop, you can implement various algorithms and handle different scenarios efficiently. Keep in mind that while using **while** loops, it's essential to ensure the condition eventually becomes false to avoid infinite loops.

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