



# Types of Big - $O(n)$

## 1. $O(1)$ - Constant time

\* Time doesn't grow with input size

\* Example.

Accessing an element by index in an array.

## 2. $O(\log n)$ - Logarithmic time

\* Increases slowly as  $n$  grows

\* Example:

— Binary Search

## 3. $O(n)$ - Linear Time.

\* Time grows directly with  $n$ .

\* Example

— Loop through an array.

## 4. $O(n \log n)$ - Linearithmic Time

\* Slightly worse than linear, but better than quadratic.

\* Example: Merge Sort, Heap Sort, Tree Sort.



## 5. $O(n^2)$ - Quadratic Time

\* Time grows with the square of  $n$ .

\* Example

— Nested loops over the data  
(like bubble sort).

## 6. $O(2^n)$ , $O(n!)$ - Exponential & Factorial time

\* Time explodes as  $n$  increases

\* Example:

— Solving traveling salesman by  
brute force ( $O(n!)$ ).