

# Time and Space Complexity

## Time complexity

Amount of time taken by an algorithm to run as a function of length of input

CPU time consumed by an algorithm

or  
how much CPU works on that algorithm as a function of input

e.g.

```
cin >> N;
for (int i=0; i<N; i++)
{
    _____
    _____
}
```

⇒ taking input from user N  
loop is run by CPU till N times  
so if we increase value of N  
no. of operations performed will be increased  
by CPU

Time taken or no. of operation =  $f(N)$   
i.e.  $T \propto N \therefore T.C : O(N)$

Amount of time

↳ actual Time (x)

↳ CPU operation

## Need for Time & space complexity

- Resources are limited
- Measure algorithm to make efficient program

## Space Complexity

Amount of space taken by the algorithm to run as a function of length of input

so as we increase length of input how much more space algorithm will take

e.g. ①

```
int a = 1; // variable
int b[5]; // array
```

} amount of space = 24 bytes (x)  
since T.C is a  $f(\text{input})$   
S.C is also a  $f(\text{input})$

if there is no change in the  
value of a and b by increasing the no. of input  
so it won't be considered in space complexity

∴ S.C =  $O(1)$   
constant space

eg 2

```
int n; cin >> n;
int *b = new int[n];
```

// print array b

```
for (int i=0; i<n; i++)
{
    cout << b[i];
}
```

so here if we increase value n  
size of array increases

n=2; b[2]

n=2000; b[2000]

$\therefore S.C = O(n)$

## Unit to Represent complexity

1. Big O: upper bound  $\rightarrow$  algo's upper bound  $\rightarrow$  maximum amount of time taken by an algorithm

2. Theta  $\theta$ : Average case  $\rightarrow$

3. Omega  $\omega$ : Lower bound  $\rightarrow$  algo's lower bound  $\rightarrow$  minimum amount of time taken by an algorithm

for eg

Linear search;

1	2	3	4	5	6
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To find 1 it is in first position

**Best case**

$O(1) \Rightarrow$  minimum time to find the element so it represents

6 it is last position in array

**Worst case**

$O(n) \Rightarrow$  maximum time to find the element

So Big O is better representation as it represents worst case complexity as it will help to understand complexity of algorithm and how it perform in its worst case

## Big O: Complexities

1. Constant time:  $O(1)$  does not depend upon value of N or user input

2. Linear time:  $O(n)$  directly proportional to value of N or user input

```
for (i=0; i<N; i++)
{
    cond^n;
}
```

3. Logarithmic time:  $O(\log N)$

4. Quadratic time:  $O(N^2) \propto$  square of value of N eg  
worst complexity  $i \rightarrow N$   
 $j \rightarrow N$

Nested for loop  $1 < i < N$   
 $1 < j < N$

```
for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
    for (j=0; j<N; j++) {
        //
    }
}
```

5. Cubic time:  $O(N^3) \rightarrow$  eg 3 nested for loops one inside another  
worst complexity  $i \rightarrow N$   
 $j \rightarrow N$   
 $k \rightarrow N$



## Binary search -!

prerequisite condition - 1 sorted array

Here we start search from middle of an array by dividing array into 2 equal halves

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

To find 6, step 1  $\frac{0+6}{2} = 3$

step 2 Data [3] = 4,  $4 < 6$

so search in right half

step 3  $\frac{4+6}{2} = 5$ , Data [5] = 6

5	6	7
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$$6 = 6$$

∴ element found

So at starting search space is  $\rightarrow N$   
then  $\rightarrow \frac{N}{2}$   
 $\rightarrow \frac{N}{4}$   
 $\vdots$   
 $\rightarrow 1$

$K \rightarrow$  no of times to divide the array  
i.e. no of operations

$\left(\frac{N}{2^K}\right) = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow N = 2^K$   
applying log on both sides  
 $\log_2 N = \log_2 2^K$  [ $\because \log_a a = 1$ ]  
 $K = \log_2 N$

## Examples

①

for (int i=0; i<n; i++)  
{  
  cout << "Hi \n";  
}

$\rightarrow O(N)$

for (int i=0; i<m; i++)  
{  
  cout << "Hi2 \n";  
}

$\rightarrow O(M)$

Note

if there are no nested complexities  
then complexities get added

Total complexity

$$O(N) + O(M)$$

$$= O(N+M)$$

for (int i=0; i<n; i++){  
  for (int i=0; i<n; i++){  
    cout << "HiL \n";  
  }  
}

$\rightarrow O(n^2)$

for (int i=0; i<n; i++){  
  cout << "Hi2 \n";  
}

$\rightarrow O(n)$

Total complexity

$$= O(n^2) + O(n)$$

but we always take upper bound

$$\therefore T.C = O(n^2)$$

⑧ `for (int i=0; i<n; i++) {`  $\rightarrow$  ⑧  
     `for (int j=n; j>i; j--) {`  $\rightarrow$  at  $i=0$   
         `cout << "HI \n";` no. of operation  $\rightarrow N$   
     `}` upper bound of inner loop - ⑧  
   `}` it is nested loop  
      $\therefore$  Complexity =  $O(N^2)$

### examples of space complexity

- ① `int a = 5;`  $\rightarrow O(1)$
- ② `arr[5];`  $\rightarrow O(1)$
- ③ `int *a = new int[N];`  $\rightarrow O(N)$
- ④ `int *b = new int[N^2];`  $\rightarrow O(N^2)$