



# Time Complexity

## Introduction to Problem Solving I

### Additional Problems

#### Q1. Find Time Complexity - 4

✓ Solved



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What is the time complexity of the following code snippet

```
int func(int n){  
    int s = 0;  
    for(int i = 1; i*i*i <= n; i++){  
        s = s + i;  
    }  
    return s;  
}
```

$$\Rightarrow i^3 = n \Rightarrow i = (n)^{1/3}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Since 'i' starts from 1

$\Rightarrow$  Number of iterations from 1  $\rightarrow n^{1/3}$

$$= [1, \sqrt[3]{n}] = (n)^{1/3}$$

$$\therefore O((n)^{1/3})$$

#### Q2. Complexity of Single Loop

✓ Solved



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Use Hint

What is the complexity of the following code snippet?

```
int ans = 0;  
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    ans += i * i;  
}  
return ans;
```

clearly loop runs  $[0, n) = n$  times

$$\Rightarrow O(n)$$

Q3. Find Time Complexity - 9

Solved



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Use Hint

What is the time complexity of the following code snippet

```
for(int i = 1; i <= n; i++){
    for(int j = 1; j <= 3^i; j++){
        print(i + j);
    }
}
```

| i | j                    | iterations     |
|---|----------------------|----------------|
| 1 | [1, 3]               | 3              |
| 2 | [1, 3 <sup>2</sup> ] | 9              |
| 3 | [1, 3 <sup>3</sup> ] | 27             |
| ⋮ | ⋮                    | ⋮              |
| n | [1, 3 <sup>n</sup> ] | 3 <sup>n</sup> |

$$\sum \text{iterations} = 3^1 + 3^2 + 3^3 + \dots + 3^n \rightarrow \text{G.P.}$$
$$= \frac{a(r^N - 1)}{r - 1} = \frac{3(3^n - 1)}{3 - 1}$$
$$= \frac{3}{2} (3^n - 1) \Rightarrow O(3^n)$$

$a = 3$   
 $CR = 3$

Q4. Identifying O(1) Complexity

Solved



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Use Hint

If an algorithm has a time complexity of O(1), then the complexity of it is ?

$\Rightarrow$  **constant** i.e the algorithm will always run a specific number of times and does not depend on the input size

Q5. Identifying  $O(\log n)$  Complexity

Solved



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Use Hint

If for an algorithm time complexity is given by  $O(\log_2 n)$  then complexity will:

☐ constant

☐ polynomial

☐ exponential

☒ none of the mentioned

polynomials are sums of terms of the form  $ax^n$  where  $a$  is constant and  $n$  is a non negative integer.



↓  
∴ Expressions in the form of  $\log_k x$  can not be considered polynomial

Q6. Algorithm Complexity Classification

Solved



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Use Hint

If an algorithm has a time complexity of  $O(n)$ , then the complexity of it is ?

⇒ Linear

Q7. Time-Complexity-12

Solved



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If for an algorithm time complexity is given by  $O((3/2)^n)$  then complexity will:

- ☐ constant
- ☐ quadratic
- ☒ exponential
- ☐ none of the mentioned

No—an expression like  $2^x$  is not a polynomial in  $x$ .

A polynomial in  $x$  is an expression of the form  $a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ , where  $a_i$  are constants and  $n$  is a nonnegative integer. Notice that in a polynomial,  $x$  must appear only as an integer power.

However, in  $2^x$ , the exponent is  $x$  rather than a fixed integer. That makes  $2^x$  an exponential function, not a polynomial.

Q8. NESTED\_CMPL

Solved



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What is the time, space complexity of following code :

```
int a = 0, b = 0;
for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < N; j++) {
        a = a + j;
    }
}
for (k = 0; k < N; k++) {
    b = b + k;
}
```

This loop has roughly  $N^2$  iterations

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$\Rightarrow O(N * N)$  or  $O(N^2)$

$\Rightarrow$  Space :  $O(1)$

Q9. Time Complexity - M4

Solved



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Use Hint

Find the Time Complexity of the following function solve :

```
public void solve(int N) {
    for(int i = 0; i < Math.pow(2,N); i++) {
        int j = i;
        while(j > 0){
            j -= 1;
        }
    }
}
```

| i              | j                    | iterations     |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 0              | (0, 0)               | 0              |
| 1              | (0, 1]               | 1              |
| 2              | (0, 2]               | 2              |
| 3              | (0, 3]               | 3              |
| ⋮              | ⋮                    | ⋮              |
| 2 <sup>N</sup> | (0, 2 <sup>N</sup> ] | 2 <sup>N</sup> |

∑ iterations = 1 + 2 + 3 + ... + 2<sup>N</sup> ⇒ sum of first 2<sup>N</sup> natural numbers

$$= \frac{2^N (2^N + 1)}{2} = 2^{N-1} (2^N + 1) = 2^{2N-1} + 2^{N-1} \Rightarrow O(2^N)$$

Q10. Find Time Complexity

Solved



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Use Hint

What will be the time complexity of the above function where n is a positive integer?

```
public void function (int n) {
    while (n > 0) {
        n++;
        n -= 2;
    }
}
```

Can be simplified into  
 $n = n - 1;$

$n++;$   
⇒  $n = 2;$

→ say  $n = 2$

→  $n = 1 - 1 = 0$

→ exit = 1 iteration

→ say  $n = 2$

①  $n = 2 - 1 = 1$

②  $n = 1 - 1 = 0$  → exit = 2 iterations

→ Say  $n = 3$

①  $n = 3 - 1 = 2$

②  $n = 2 - 1 = 1$

③  $n = 1 - 1 = 0 \rightarrow \text{exit loop}$

→ So for  $n = N$  iterations, the loop will run  $N$  times

⇒  $O(N)$

Q11. Time Complexity-iii

Solved



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Use Hint

What is the time complexity of the following code snippet?

```
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){  
    for(int j = i - 1; j >= 0; j++){  
        ans += i + j;  
    }  
}
```

I think these two expressions gave away the trick!

→ for  $i = 0 \rightarrow$  nested loop won't run

$i = 1 \rightarrow j = 0$

$j = 1$

$\vdots$

$\infty \rightarrow$  there is no

relevant exit condition

Code will run indefinitely



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Use Hint

What is the time complexity of the following code snippet?

```
int sum = 0;
for(int i = 0; i <= N; i++){
    for(int j = i; j <= N && j > i; j++){
        sum += i;
    }
}
```

Again, I think this just gave away the trick!

→ The nested-inner loop will never run

→ it starts from  $j = i$ , but the condition  $j > i$  must also hold true to enter inside the loop!

→ Therefore, only the outer loop will run i.e  $N+1$  times

⇒  $O(N)$