

Big O notation is a formal expression of an algorithm's complexity in relation to the growth of the input size. Hence, it is used to rank algorithms based on their performance with large inputs.

| Rating | Notation | Name | Desc | Use Case | Explanation |
|-----------|---------------|--------------|---|-----------------------|--|
| Excellent | $O(1)$ | Constant | Executes in same time regardless of size of dataset | Hashing Algorithm | Extracting data from an item in an array |
| Good | $O(\log n)$ | Logarithmic | Halves dataset each pass | Binary Search | |
| Neutral | $O(n)$ | Linear | with growing dataset | Linear Search | A single loop through an array |
| Fair | $O(n \log n)$ | Linearithmic | Divides dataset | Merge Sort | |
| Poor | $O(n^2)$ | Polynomial | Performance proportional to size of the data set | Bubble Sort | Nested loop iterating through a 2D array |
| Terrible | $O(2^n)$ | Exponential | Doubles with each addition to dataset in each pass | Fibonacci number calc | Recursive function with 2 calls |

| Algorithm | | Time Complexity | | |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | Best | Average | Worst |
| Searching | Binary Array | $O(1)$ | $O(\log n)$ | $O(\log n)$ |
| | Binary Tree | $O(1)$ | $O(\log n)$ | $O(n)$ |
| | Linear | $O(1)$ | $O(n)$ | $O(n)$ |
| | Breadth/Depth Firist | $O(1)$ | $O(V + E)$ | $O(V^2)$ |
| Sorting | Quick | $O(n \log n)$ | $O(n \log n)$ | $O(n^2)$ |
| | Merge | $O(n \log n)$ | $O(n \log n)$ | $O(n \log n)$ |
| | Insertion | $O(n)$ | $O(n^2)$ | $O(n^2)$ |
| | Bubble | $O(n)$ | $O(n^2)$ | $O(n^2)$ |