



# Time & Space Complexity

## What is Time Complexity?

Time complexity measures how efficient an algorithm is as the input size increases.

It's not the same as the actual time taken to run a program.

Time Complexity != Execution Time

### Time Complexity $\neq$ Time Taken

time taken of some code depend on where it will run, what are CPU Configuration

**Time Complexity** = Speed Efficiency  $\Rightarrow$  When Input Size Grows

## Examples

### Linear vs Binary Search

The image shows two columns of handwritten text on a dark background, separated by a vertical line. The left column is titled 'Linear Search' and shows an array [2, 1, 3, 5, 4, 7] with 'search(5)' written below it. The right column is titled 'Binary Search' and shows an array [1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 15] with 'search(15)' written below it. Under 'search(15)', the array [9, 10, 15] is written, with the number 10 circled in red and a red bracket underneath it.

Search Type	Array	Search Value
Linear Search	[2, 1, 3, 5, 4, 7]	search(5)
Binary Search	[1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 15]	search(15)

### Time & Space Complexity

#### Linear Search

[2, 1, 3, 5, 4, 7]  
search(5)  
n elements  
{ n times }  
n=100  
loop runs = 100 times

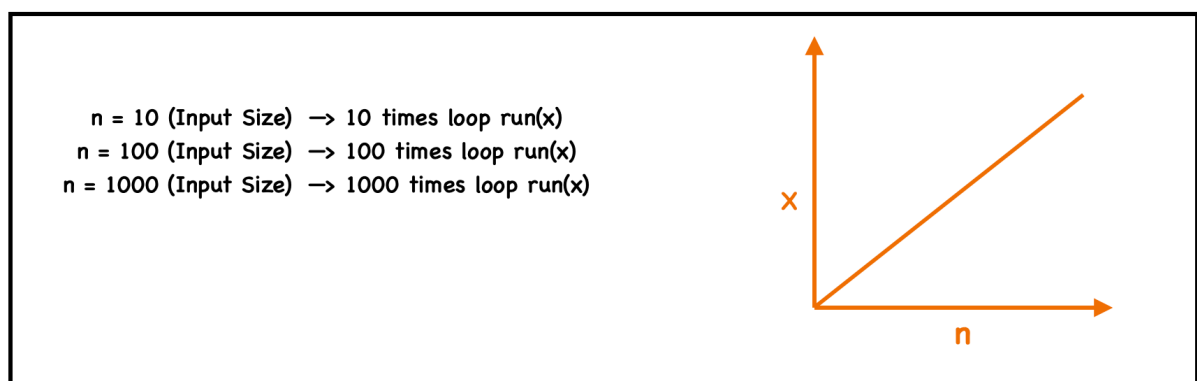
#### Binary Search

[1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 15]  
search(15)  
100, 50, 25, 12, 6, 3, 1  
n=100  
loop runs = 7 times

- when input size grows (increases) → how my Algorithm behave that is known as Efficient or not

## Linear Search

- **Best Case:** Element at 1st index → 1 operation
- **Average Case:** Element at  $n/2$  index →  $n/2$  operations
- **Worst Case:** Element not found →  $n$  operations
- **Time Complexity:**  $O(n)$
- **Requirement:** Can work on unsorted arrays
- in linear search if array elements are  $n$  elements ⇒  $n$  times iteration happen



## Binary Search

- **Best Case:** Middle element matched  $\rightarrow$  1 operation
- **Average Case:**  $\log_2(n)$  operations
- **Worst Case:**  $\log_2(n)$  operations
- **Time Complexity:**  $O(\log n)$
- **Requirement:** Only works on sorted arrays

So i have  $n/2 * 1/2 * 1/2 * 1/2 \dots \dots \dots X$

Till it became 1

$$n/2^x = 1$$

$$n = 2^x$$

$$\log_2 n = x$$

my loop and iteration run  $\rightarrow \log_2 n$  (Log of  $2^n$ ) Times

in linear =  $n$  times

in binary =  $(\log_2 N)$

Binary is Speed Efficient

"LOG OF N BASE 2  $=== \log_2(n) === \log_2 n$ "

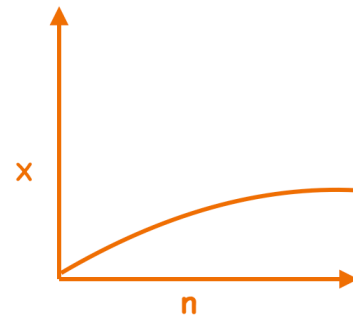
$$\log_2(100) = 6.4 = \sim 7$$

$$\log_2(1000) = 9.94 = \sim 10$$

- every time my loop runs and if i start with  $n$  element then its goes like  $\rightarrow n \rightarrow n/2 \rightarrow n/4 \rightarrow n/8$

<u>Linear Search</u>	<u>Binary Search</u>
$n=10, x=10$	$n=10, x=3$
$n=100, x=100$	$n=100, x=7$
$n=1000, x=1000$	$n=1000, x=10$

n = 10 (Input Size) → 3 times loop run(x)  
n = 100 (Input Size) → 7 times loop run(x)  
n = 1000 (Input Size) → 10 times loop run(x)



When we use **Linear Search** for an input size of 100, it runs 100 times, whereas **Binary Search** takes only 7 steps. This shows that Binary Search is more efficient. As the input size (n) increases, the way an algorithm behaves helps us understand how efficient it is. Also, the graph helps us understand that Binary Search is more efficient.

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## Big O Notation

$O(\log n) > O(n)$

It is nothing; just a symbol used to represent the worst-case complexity.

## Code Examples of Time Complexity

**$O(1)$**

```
// Accessing 5th index element  
int value = arr[5];
```

The time complexity is  $O(1)$  because we directly access the 5th index without any iteration.

**$O(n)$**

```
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    // do something  
}
```

**$O(\log n)$**

```
// e.g., Binary Search
int binarySearch(int arr[], int n, int key) {
    int low = 0, high = n - 1;
    while(low <= high) {
        int mid = (low + high) / 2;
        if(arr[mid] == key) return mid;
        else if(arr[mid] < key) low = mid + 1;
        else high = mid - 1;
    }
    return -1;
}
```

$O(n^2)$  – Nested Loop

```
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    for(int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
        // do something
    }
}
```

$O(n \log n)$

```
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    int temp = n;
    while(temp > 1) {
        temp = temp / 2;
        // do something
    }
}
```

$O(n^3)$  – Triple Nested Loops

```
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    for(int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
        for(int k = 0; k < n; k++) {
            // do something
        }
    }
}
```

```
}  
}
```

$O(2^n)$

```
// Recursive Fibonacci  
int fib(int n) {  
    if(n <= 1) return n;  
    return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);  
}
```

$O(n!)$

```
// Permutation generator  
void permute(string s, int l, int r) {  
    if(l == r) {  
        cout << s << endl;  
    } else {  
        for(int i = l; i <= r; i++) {  
            swap(s[l], s[i]);  
            permute(s, l + 1, r);  
            swap(s[l], s[i]); // backtrack  
        }  
    }  
}
```

## Time Complexity Priorities

- $O(1)$  – Constant time

```
array size(n) = 1   → operation = 1  
array size(n) = 10  → operation = 1  
array size(n) = 100 → operation = 1  
array size(n) = 1000 → operation = 1
```

find a number in 5th index  
`console.log(arr[5])`

- $O(\log n)$  – e.g., Binary Search

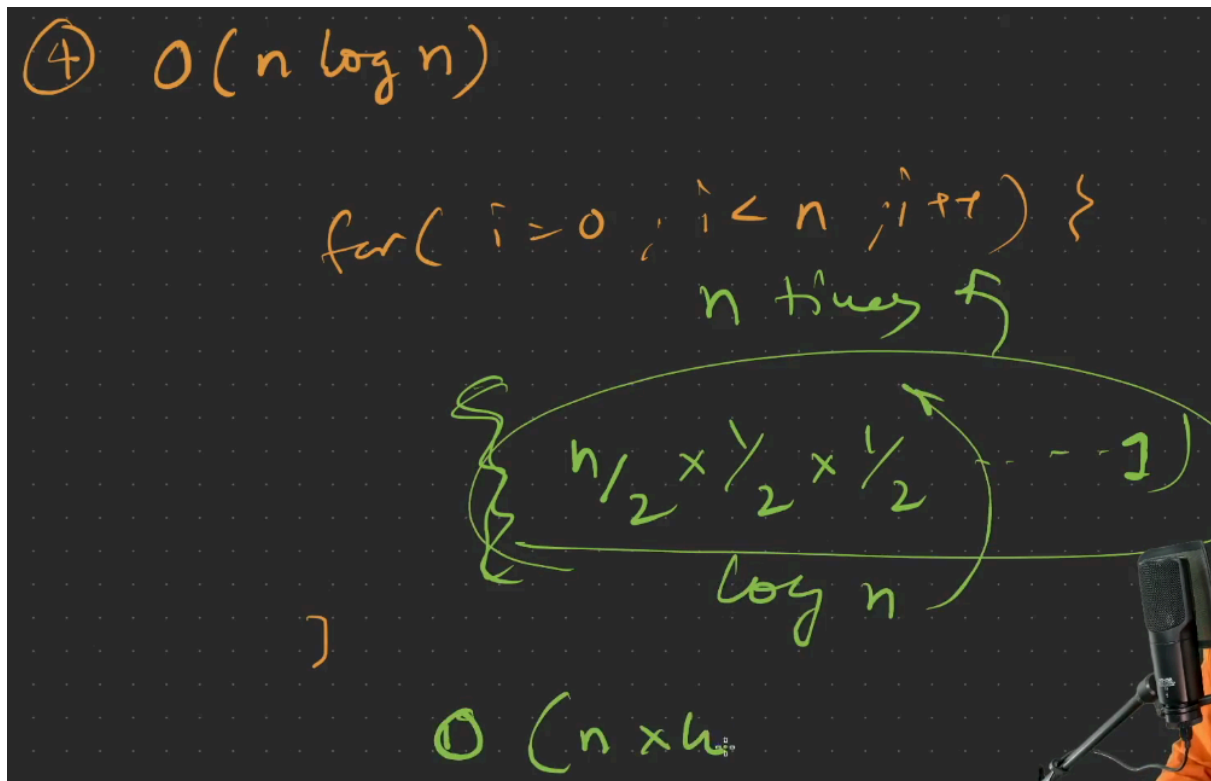
$n, n/2, n/4, \dots, x = 1$   
 $x = (\log n)$   
 $O(\log n)$

- $O(n)$  – e.g., Linear Search

`for(i=0; i<n; i++)`  
 $x = n$   
 $n = \text{operation}$

- $O(n \log n)$  – e.g., Merge Sort

$n \cdot \log n$  = in one loop there will be operation which we do  $n, n/2, n/4 \longrightarrow \log n$   
first loop =  $n$ ;  
second loop =  $\log n \Rightarrow$  so  $O(n \log n)$



- $O(n^2)$  – e.g., Nested Loops

```
for(i=0;i<n;i++){ //n times
    for(j=0;j<n;j++){ //n times

    }
}
```

so  $n*n = n^2$

- $O(n^3)$  – e.g., Triple Nested Loops

3 nested loop

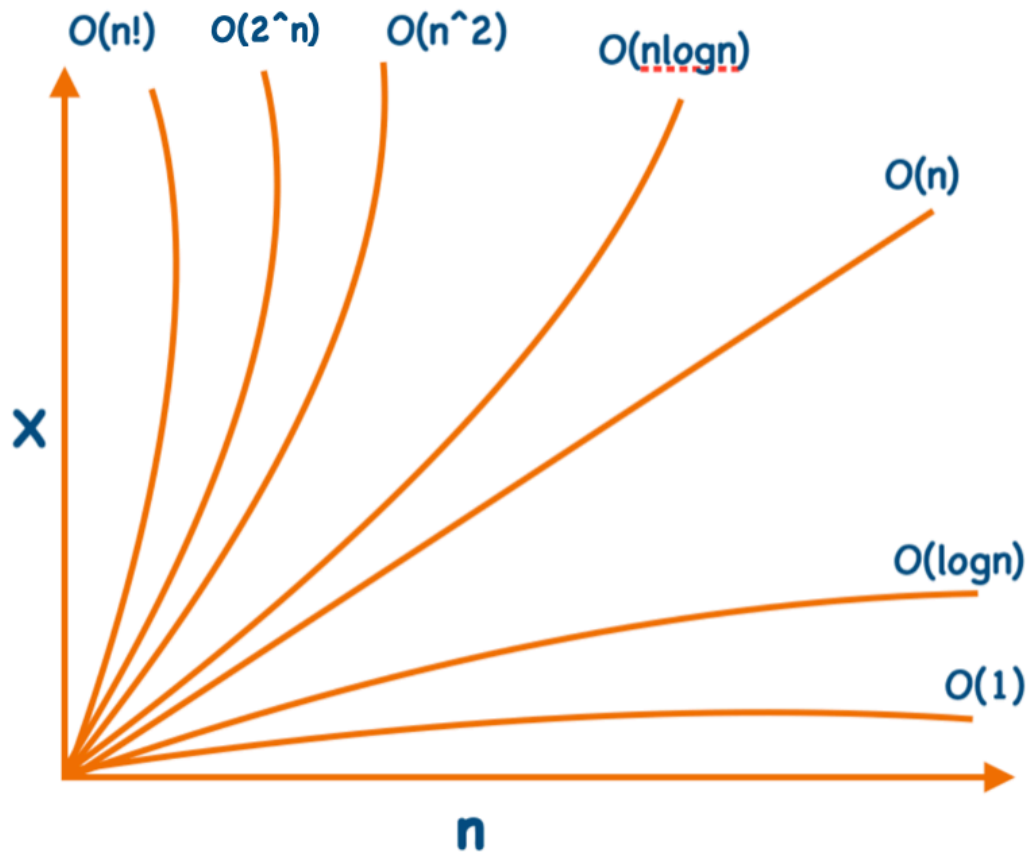
- $O(2^n)$  – Recursion (e.g., Fibonacci)

[2,2] → some algo which do 4 operation  
 [3,3] → some algo which do 9 operation  
 [4,4] → some algo which do 16 operation  
 [5,5] → some algo which do 25 operation



- $O(n!)$  – e.g., Brute-force permutations

very rare



$O(1) > O(\log n) > O(n) > O(n \log n) > O(n^2) > O(2^n) > O(n!)$

## What is Space Complexity?

Space complexity refers to how much extra memory an algorithm uses.

### Examples:

- Access 5th element:  $O(1)$
- Find max with variable:  $O(1)$
- New array:  $O(n)$
- 2D Matrix:  $O(n^2)$

input array of size  $\Rightarrow n \Rightarrow O(n)$

any related 1,2,3,4,5,6,7  $\Rightarrow o(1)$  when variable is countable  $\Rightarrow$  constant space complexity  $\Rightarrow O(1)$

newArray[n]  $\Rightarrow O(n)$

if you are creating 2d array  $\Rightarrow O(n^2)$

//?1

```
for(i=0; i<n; i++){
```

```
  for(j=0; j<n; j++){
```

$n+n \Rightarrow$  time  $\Rightarrow O(2n) \Rightarrow$  when you came this type of complexity  $\Rightarrow$  goesa and tell  $\Rightarrow O(n)$

//?2

```
for(i=0; i<n; i++){
```

```
  for(j=0; j<n; j++){
```

```
  }
```

```
}
```

$O(n^2)$

//?3

```
for(i=0; i<n; i++){
```

```
  for(j=0; j<n; j++){
```

```
    for(k=0; k<n; k++){
```

$O(3n) \Rightarrow$  but its  $O(n)$  Why ?

number of input size will be millions then that 3,10,20 ignore  $\Rightarrow O(n)$

//?4

```
for(i=0; i<n; i++){
```

```
  for(i=0; i<n; i++){
```

```

        //logic
    }
}
for(j=0; j<n; j++){
    //logic
}

```

$O(n^2 + n) \Rightarrow O(n^2)$

//?  
 $O(n^3 + n + n^2) \Rightarrow O(n^3)$

//?  
 $O(n^2 + 2n) \Rightarrow O(n^2)$

//?  
 $O(n^2 + \log n + 2n + n) \Rightarrow O(n^2)$