

The Common Complexities Handout

Algorithms

Algorithm	Time Complexity
Binary Search in a sorted array of N elements	$(\log N)$
Reversing a string of N elements	(N)
Linear search in an unsorted array of N elements	(N)
Compare two strings with lengths L1 and L2	$(\max(L1, L2))$
Computing the Nth Fibonacci number using dynamic programming	(N)
Checking if a string of N characters is a palindrome	(N)
Finding a string in another string using the Aho-Corasick algorithm	(N)
Sorting an array of N elements using Merge Sort/Quick Sort/Heap Sort	$(N \log N)$
Sorting an array of N elements using Bubble sort	(N^2)
Two nested loops from 1 to N	(N^2)
The Knapsack problem of N elements with capacity M	$(N * M)$
Finding a string in another string – the naive approach	$(N * M)$
Three nested loops from 1 to N	(N^3)
Twenty-eight nested loops ... you get the idea	(N^{28})
Generating all subsets of a set of N elements	(2^N)

Data Structures ❖ Stack

Operation	Time Complexity
Adding a value to the top of a stack	(1)
Removing the value at the top of a stack	(1)
Reversing a stack	()

Data Structures ❖ Queue

Operation	Time Complexity
Adding a value to end of the queue	(1)
Removing the value at the front of the queue	(1)
Reversing a queue	()

Data Structures ❖ Heap

Operation	Time Complexity
Adding a value to the heap	$\log()$
Removing the value at the top of the heap	(log)

Data Structures ❖ Hash

Operation	Time Complexity
Adding a value to a hash	(1)
Checking if a value is in a hash	(1)