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- **Solve challenges is fun!**

It's like practicing any other discipline

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In mathematics and computer science, **an algorithm is a finite sequence of well-defined, computer-implementable instructions, typically to solve a class of problems or to perform a computation** - [Wiki \(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Algorithm\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Algorithm)

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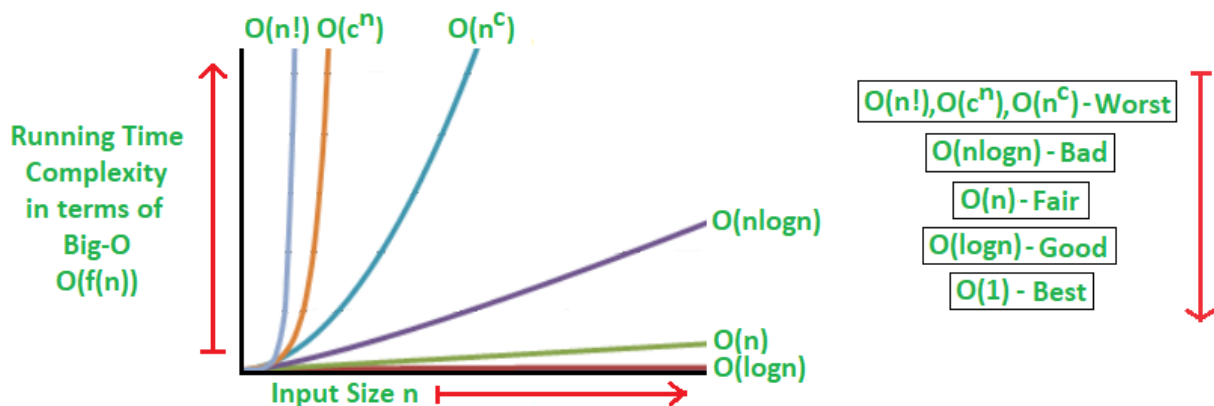
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- **Best case** — Big Omega or $\Omega(n)$
- **Average case** — Big Theta or $\Theta(n)$
- **Worst case** — Big O Notation or $O(n)$



```
In [3]: # Print first N numbers
n = 100
for i in range(n):
    print(i, ' ', end='')

# O(n)
```

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0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 2
0 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37
38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55
56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73
74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91
92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99
```

```
In [4]: # Print all possible combinations of product between 2 different numbe
rs
# n = len(n)
arr = [1, 3, 4, 5]
out = []

for i in range(0, len(arr)): # n
    for j in range(0, len(arr)): #n
        out.append(arr[i] * arr[j])

# O(n^2)
print('arr: ', out)
```

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arr:  [1, 3, 4, 5, 3, 9, 12, 15, 4, 12, 16, 20, 5, 15, 20, 25]
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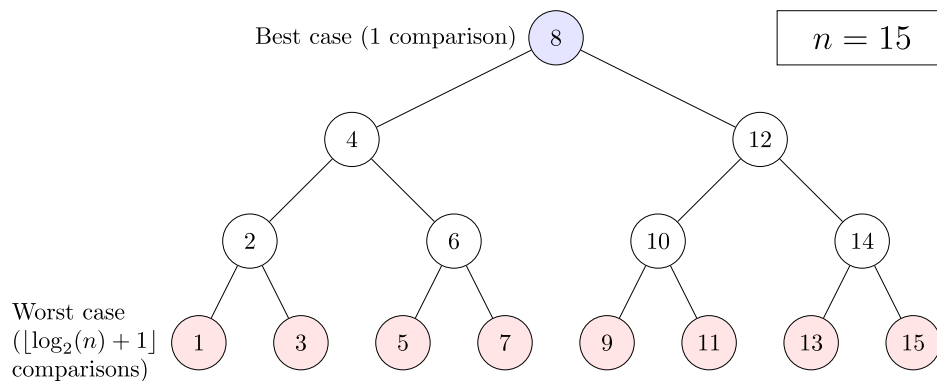
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In [11]: # Lower bound
#arr = [5, 3, 7, 9, 4, 1]
arr = [1] * 100
arr.sort() #  $O(n \log(n))$ 
# arr = [1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9]
# index [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
steps = 0
def binary_search(x, arr):
    lo = 0
    hi = len(arr) - 1
    global steps

    while (lo < hi):
        steps += 1
        mid = int((lo + hi + 1) / 2)
        if (arr[mid] <= x):
            lo = mid
        else:
            hi = mid - 1
    return lo
#  $O(n \log(n)) + O(\log_2(n)) + c$ 
#  $O(n \log(n))$ 
x = 10
ind = binary_search(x, arr)
print('index: ', ind)
print('steps', steps)

```

index: 99
steps 7



```

In [6]: #  $\log_b(x) = \log_c(x) / \log_c(b)$ 

from math import log
def calc_log2(n):
    return log(n) / log(2)

calc_log2(100)

```

Out[6]: 6.643856189774725

Algorithm categories

- Math: GCD, primes, modular arithmetic...
- Graphs: Shortest paths, toposort, Traveling,...
- Dynamic programming: Knapsack problem, LIS...
- Geometry: convex hull, Area of a polygon, ..
- Greedy
- Implementation















































Competitive programming

- Description
- Problem set
- Scoreboard
- Teams or individual
- On site or on Internet
- Prizes

Competitive programming

- **IOI International Olympiad in Informatics:** College
- **ICPC International Collegiate Programming Contest:** University
- Google Codejam: online

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Rank	Team	Solved	Time	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	Lovelace	9	1324	 (14 : 0)	 (25 : 0)	 (203 : 1)	 (96 : 1)	 (173 : 1)	 (158 : 0)	 (267 : 0)	---	 (103 : 0)	---	 (288 : 1)	---
2	El raro +2	8	859	 (6 : 0)	 (14 : 0)	 (34 : 0)	 (273 : 1)	 (109 : 1)	 (80 : 0)	---	 (299 : 4)	 (45 : 0)	---	---	- 1
3	UTP-Lucas	7	680	 (55 : 0)	 (38 : 1)	 (151 : 0)	---	 (88 : 0)	 (51 : 0)	- 2	---	 (67 : 0)	---	 (232 : 0)	- 1
4	Alcada	7	694	 (24 : 1)	 (15 : 0)	 (41 : 0)	---	- 4	 (97 : 0)	 (182 : 0)	---	 (66 : 0)	 (271 : 1)	---	---
5	Wrong Syntax	7	794	 (9 : 0)	 (53 : 0)	 (143 : 0)	 (240 : 0)	 (156 : 3)	 (115 : 0)	---	---	 (80 : 0)	---	- 2	- 4
6	LAYER 8	4	347	 (11 : 0)	 (57 : 1)	 (99 : 0)	---	---	- 7	---	---	 (181 : 0)	---	---	---
7	NULL Error	4	504	 (34 : 0)	 (55 : 0)	 (200 : 0)	---	---	- 7	---	---	 (216 : 0)	---	---	- 2

Let's do it!

Problem description

Toby And The Coins Toby is going to buy a machine to send love letters to his girlfriend, the machine costs **N** pesos. Toby works very hard and he has a lot of money, in fact, he can pay the machine with any combination of coins! **Toby wants to know what is the minimum number of coins he needs to buy the machine.**

In the Toby's city there are coins with the following values: **1, 2, 5, 10, 20**

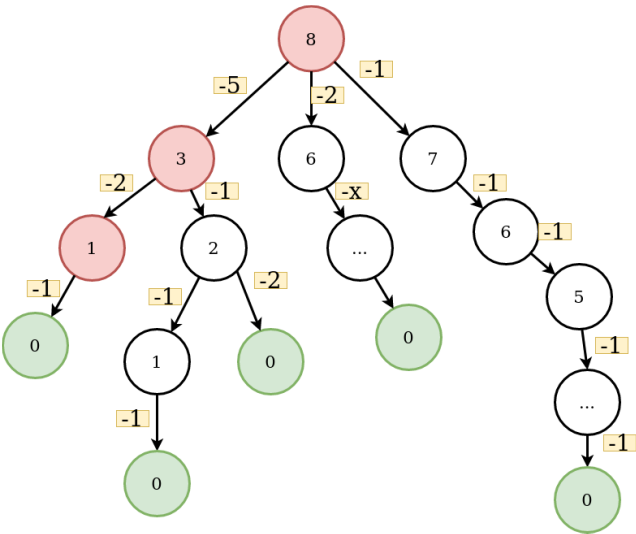
Sample Input	Sample Output
15	2
8	3
22	2

Explanation

Values to use: [1, 2, 5, 10, 20]

N	Sumatory	Total used
15	10 + 5	2
8	5 + 2 + 1	3
22	20 + 2	2

First approach



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Implementation


```

In [2]: array = [1, 2, 5, 10, 20]
# 24 - 20 -> 4 - 2 -> 2 - 2 -> 0
# 20 + 2 + 2
def solve(n, steps):
    if n == 0:
        return steps

    ans = 1e9
    for num in array: # 5
        if (n - num >= 0):
            ans = min(solve(n - num, steps + 1), ans)
    return ans
# O(5 ^ k)

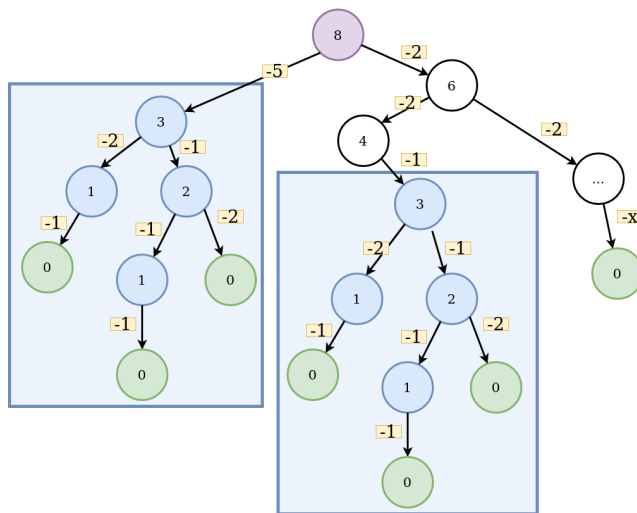
solve(26, 0)

```

Out[2]: 3

First approach

How to improve this?



Conditions to use Dynamic programming

- a) Optimal Substructure
- b) Overlapping subproblem

```
In [3]: array = [1, 2, 5, 10, 20]
memo = [-1] * 1000
# state
def solve(n):
    if n == 0: return 0
    if memo[n] != -1: return memo[n]

    ans = 1e9
    for num in array:
        if (n - num >= 0):
            ans = min(solve(n - num) + 1, ans)
    memo[n] = ans
    return memo[n]
#  $O(5^k)$ 
#  $O(n * 5) = O(n)$ 
solve(200)
```

Out[3]: 10

Second approach

Looking for an strategy...

```
In [4]: #array = [1, 2, 5, 10, 20]
array = [20, 10, 5, 2, 1] # sorted

def solve(n):
    steps = 0
    ind = 0
    for num in array:
        while (n - num >= 0):
            n -= num
            steps += 1

    return steps

solve(100)
```

Out[4]: 5

One last example

Print the first **N** prime number

```
In [1]: def is_prime(n):  
        if (n == 1): return False  
        i = 2  
        while i * i <= n:  
            if n % i == 0: return False  
            i += 1  
        return True  
  
        for i in range(1, 20):  
            print(i, is_prime(i))
```

```
In [4]: criba = [1] * 30  
        primes = []  
        def fill_criba(MX):  
            i = 2  
            while i <= MX:  
                if criba[i]:  
                    primes.append(i)  
                    for j in range(i, MX + 1, i):  
                        criba[j] = 0  
                i += 1  
  
        fill_criba(20)
```

Thanks!

Resources

- <https://codeforces.com> (<https://codeforces.com>)
- <https://www.hackerrank.com> (<https://www.hackerrank.com>)
- <https://www.codechef.com> (<https://www.codechef.com>)
- <https://codingcompetitions.withgoogle.com/codejam> (<https://codingcompetitions.withgoogle.com/codejam>)