

to store n words

to store $n = 1$ word

to store $n = 2$ words

\therefore space complexity = $n+3$

* O -notation (upper bound)

$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

In this $f(n)$ lies on or below $c \cdot g(n)$ where c is +ve constant.

Big O gives us a formal way of expressing upper bound.

* Ω -notation (lower bound)

$$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

Ω - omega.

In this $f(n)$ on or above $c \cdot g(n)$ where c is +ve constant.

omega gives us a formula way of expressing lower bound.

* Θ -notation (same order)

$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$$

In this $f(n)$ lies between $c_1 \cdot g(n)$ & $c_2 \cdot g(n)$ where c_1 & c_2 are constant.

the theta notation is more precise than the both big oh & omega notation.

$$SCP() = c + spc(instance)$$

$SCP() \rightarrow$ space complexity

$c \rightarrow$ Fixed part

$spc(instance) \rightarrow$ Variable part

example ①

1) Algorithm $abc(a, b, c)$

{

 return $a + b + b^2c + (a + b + c) / (a + b) + 40;$

}

For every instance 3 words are required to store variables : a, b & c .

\therefore Space complexity = 3.

example ②

Algorithm $sum(a[], n)$

{
 $s = 0;$

 For $i = 1$ to n do

$s = s + a[i];$

 return $s;$

}