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Lab 8

Analyzing the Time Complexity of a Program

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Consider the following Java program (where  $n = a.length$ , and we assume that  $n \geq 5$ ):

```

1 void duplicatePrint(int[] a, int n) {
2   for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
3     for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {
4       for (int k = 0; k < 5; k++) {
5         System.out.println(a[k]);
6       }
7     }
8   }
9 }

```

Determine the **most accurate** asymptotic upper bound of the above program, using the big-Oh notation.

You **must** show in detail how you derive your answers. Without a convincing derivation process, you will **not** receive partial marks.

NOTE TO TAS \*Primitive Operations can be ignored because they are of complexity  $O(1)$  such as `int i = 0; a[i] = 0;` etc. So anything I've listed as primitive operations are of  $O(1)$ \*

**Line 1:** The declaration of the void method, duplicatePrint. The parameters is a primitive integer array (a) and an integer (n) being a.length, with an assumption that  $n \geq 5$ .

**Line 2:**

We see that this line is a **for loop**.

Has **1 assignment (Primitive Operation)**, being `int i = 0;` (+1 times). Since this line is a for loop it must have a condition, and that being from `i < n;` which is **n comparisons**. Integer i increments by 1 every time it loops so (+n times). Total for this line:

$$\therefore (n) + 1$$

`i++`, will have **1 addition (Primitive Operation) + 1 assignment (Primitive Operation)** `i = i + 1;`

Need to also multiply by  $n - 1$  because `i < n`:  $(n - 1)(2) = 2n - 2$

**Line 3:**

We see that this **for loop is nested under the line 2's for loop**. So once line 2's for loop stops looping, line 3's loop will be prevented from further continuing

Has **1 assignment (Primitive Operation)**, being `int j = 0;`  $\therefore O(1)$  The condition of this for loop is `j < i` this will be more complex to calculate, so we can use a comparison chart.

**Comparison chart** for i ( $i < n$ ) and j ( $j < i$ ) execution values:

| i = ... | j < i   | j = ... |
|---------|---------|---------|
| 0       | $0 < 0$ | -       |

|          |             |                        |
|----------|-------------|------------------------|
| 1        | $0 < 1$     | 0                      |
| 2        | $0 < 2$     | 0, 1                   |
| 3        | $0 < 3$     | 0, 1, 2                |
| 4        | $0 < 4$     | 0, 1, 2, 3             |
| $\vdots$ | $\vdots$    | $\vdots$               |
| n - 1    | $0 < n - 1$ | 0, 1, 2, 3, ..., n - 2 |
| n        | $0 < n$     | 0, 1, 2, 3, ..., n - 1 |

We found out that line 2's for loop will reach +n times, thus integer i goes to n because at the end i++ will cause it to equal n. Looking at this chart we see that j goes to n-1 but at the last j++ it will cause the for loop to check again if  $j < i$  so it will reach **(+n times)**. Total for this line (including the primitive assignment `int j = 0;`):

$$\therefore (1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n - 1 + n) + 1 = \frac{n \cdot (n + 1)}{2} + 1$$

j++, will have **1 addition (Primitive Operation) + 1 assignment (Primitive Operation)**  $j = j + 1$ ;

Need to also be multiplied by the number of iterations the loop is run.

$$\therefore (1 + 2 + \dots + n - 1)(2) = \left( \frac{n \cdot (n - 1)}{2} \right) (2) = n \cdot (n - 1) = n^2 - n$$

#### Line 4:

We see that this for loop is also nested by line 3's for loop. The only significant difference here is that this for loops' condition is  $k < 5$ . And k is initialized as 0 and then being k++ after each time this gets looped. Technically if we don't do a precise calculation, we could say that this for loop acts like a complexity of  $O(1)$  (acts like primitive operations) because it loops ONLY 5 times, it doesn't go to n times or gets affected by another variable so should be ignored.

Since we are doing a precise calculation, this for loop has **1 assignment (Primitive Operation)**, being `int k = 0;`(+1 times) The condition of this for loop is  $k < 5$ ; and k++ so **k gets repeated 5 times so 5 comparisons**.  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ . (+5 times)

$$\therefore +1 + 5 = 6$$

Because this for loop is nested by line 3's and then line 2's for loop we multiply by the # of iterations the loop body is executed.

$$\therefore (1 + 2 + \dots + n - 1)(6) = \left( \frac{n \cdot (n - 1)}{2} \right) (6) = (n \cdot (n - 1))(3) = 3n^2 - 3n$$

k++, will have **1 addition (Primitive Operation) + 1 assignment (Primitive Operation)**  $k = k + 1$ ;

Need to also multiply by 5 because of  $k < 5$ , and the number of iterations for line 3:

$$\therefore ((1 + 2 + \dots + n - 1)(5)(2) = \left( \frac{n \cdot (n - 1)}{2} \right) (10) = (n \cdot (n - 1))(5) = 5n^2 - 5n$$

### Line 5:

This is just a print statement, where it prints the value contained in array a at index k. So with the assumption  $n \geq 5$  makes sense because if n is less than 5 that means a.length is less than 5. Which will cause an `ArrayOutOfBoundsException` once we call `a[4]` (or anything above `a.length - 1` as for index).

So, since this is just a print statement it is (+1 times) then indexing to an array another (+1 times).

$$\therefore +1 + 1 = 2$$

Because this is inside the for loop by line 4 and nested by line 3 and line 2, we **multiply by the # of times the loop body is executed (5 times because of line 4,  $(1 + 2 + \dots + n - 1 + n)$  times because of line 3, and  $(n - 1)$  times because of line 2.)**

$$\therefore ((1 + 2 + \dots + n - 1)(5)(2) = \left(\frac{n \cdot (n - 1)}{2}\right)(10) = (n \cdot (n - 1))(5) = 5n^2 - 5n$$

### OVERALL POLYNOMIAL ADDED TOGETHER:

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore n + 1 + 2n - 2 + \frac{n \cdot (n + 1)}{2} + 1 + n^2 - n + 3n^2 - 3n + 5n^2 - 5n + 5n^2 - 5n \\ = 14n^2 + \frac{n^2 + n}{2} - 11n \\ = \frac{29n^2}{2} - \frac{21n}{2} \end{aligned}$$

This is  $O(n^2)$  (Quadratic) because  $n^2$  is the highest power in the polynomial .

### Asymptotic Upper Bound Proof:

Choosing as the coefficients sum,  $C = \left|\frac{29}{2}\right| + \left|-\frac{21}{2}\right| = 25$

Choosing  $n_0$  as  $n_0 = 1$  such that,

$$\begin{aligned} C \cdot n^2 &\geq \frac{29n^2}{2} - \frac{21n}{2} \\ 25 \cdot 1^2 &\geq \frac{29(1)^2}{2} - \frac{21(1)}{2} \\ 25 \cdot 1 &\geq \frac{29}{2} - \frac{21}{2} \\ \therefore 25 &\geq 4, \text{which is true.} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the given java program is bounded by **Time Complexity  $O(n^2)$** .