

$$\Rightarrow \geq 0 \left(\frac{\text{all possible runtimes}}{\text{total no. of possibilities}} \right)$$

Best, worst and Expected Case

Sometimes we get lucky in life. Exams cancelled when you were not prepared, Surprise test when you were prepared etc \Rightarrow Best Case

Sometimes we get unlucky. Questions you never prepared asked in exams, rain during Sports period etc \Rightarrow worst Case

But Overall the life remains balance with the mixture of lucky and unlucky times \Rightarrow Expected Case

Analysis of a search algorithm

Consider an array which is sorted in increasing order

1	7	8	28	50	180
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we have to search a given number in this array and report whether its present in an array or not.

Algo 1 \rightarrow start from first element until an element greater than or equal to the number to be searched is found

Algo 2 \rightarrow Check whether the first or the last element is equal to the number if not find the number between these two elements (Center of the array). If the Center element is greater than the number to be searched, repeat the process for first half else repeat for second half until number is found.

Analyzing Algo 1

If we really get lucky, the first element of the array might turn out to be the element we are searching for. Hence we make just one comparison.

Best Case Complexity = $O(1)$

If we are really unlucky, the element we are searching for might be the last one.

Worst case complexity = $O(n)$

For calculating Average Case time, we sum the list of all the possible cases runtime and divide it with the total number of cases.

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Sometimes calculation of average case time gets very complicated.

Analyzing Algo 2

If we get really lucky, the first element will be the only one which gets compared.

Best case Complexity = $O(1)$

If we get unlucky, we will have to keep dividing the array into halves until we get a single element. (The array gets finished)

Worst Case Complexity = $O(\log n)$
 what $\log(n)$? what is that?

$\log(n) \rightarrow$ Number of times you need to half the array of size n before it gets exhausted

$\log 8 = 3 \Rightarrow \frac{8}{2} \rightarrow \frac{4}{2} \rightarrow \frac{2}{2} \rightarrow$ Can't break anymore

$\log 4 = 2 \Rightarrow \frac{4}{2} \rightarrow \frac{2}{2} \rightarrow$ Can't break anymore

$\log n$ simply means how many times I need to divide n units such that we cannot divide them (into halves) anymore.

Space Complexity

Time is not the only thing we worry about while analyzing algorithms. Space is equally important

Creating an array of size $n \rightarrow O(n)$ Space
 \hookrightarrow Size of input

If a function calls itself recursively n times its Space Complexity is $O(n)$

Why can't we calculate complexity in seconds?

- \rightarrow Not everyone's computer is equally powerful.
- \rightarrow Asymptotic analysis is the measure of how time (runtime) grows with input.