

Adding Runtimes

The big idea:

If your algorithm is in the form “do this, then, when you’re all done, do that” then you add the runtimes.

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In this example, the runtime is influenced by the size of arrA and the size of arrB, so the Big O notation is $O(\text{arrA} + \text{arrB})$. This may be abstracted to $O(N + M)$.

```
1  logTwoArrays(["A", "B", "C", "D"], [1, 2, 3, 4])
2
3  function logTwoArrays(arrA, arrB){
4      for(let i=0; i<arrA.length; i++){
5          console.log(arrA[i])
6      }
7      for(let j=0; j<arrB.length; j++){
8          console.log(arrB[j])
9      }
10 }
11
```

Multiplying Runtimes

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If your algorithm is in the form “do this for each time you do that” then you multiply the runtimes.

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In this example, we iterate through arrB for every item in arrA, so the runtimes are multiplied together making the Big O Notation $O(\text{arrA} * \text{arrB})$, which may be abstracted as $O(N * M)$

```
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3  function logTwoArrays(arrA, arrB){
4      for(let i=0; i<arrA.length; i++){
5          console.log(arrA[i])
6          for(let j=0; j<arrB.length; j++){
7              console.log(arrB[j])
8          }
9      }
10 }
11
```