

First Virtual Challenge Meet due by 11/8/2025

Big O class <https://x.com/i/grok/share/MaSM25NjQkIYrXlP9xo7dcPvh>

Good web sites:

- 1) BigO cheat sheet: [Big-O Algorithm Complexity Cheat Sheet \(Know Thy Complexities!\) @ericdrowell](#)
- 2) [Big O Notation Tutorial - A Guide to Big O Analysis - GeeksforGeeks](#)
- 3) [Examples of Big-O analysis - GeeksforGeeks](#)

Quiz: Questions:

1. Multiple Choice: What does Big O notation describe?
 - A) The exact runtime of an algorithm
 - B) The upper bound of an algorithm's runtime
 - C) The lower bound of an algorithm's runtime
 - D) The average runtime of an algorithm
2. Multiple Choice: What is the time complexity of this code?

python

```
def sum_array(arr):
```

```
    total = 0
```

```
    for num in arr:
```

```
        total += num
```

```
    return total
```

- A) ($O(1)$)
- B) ($O(n)$)
- C) $O(n^2)$
- $O(n^2)$

$O(\log n)$ $O(\log n)$

3. Short Answer: Analyze the time complexity of the following code and explain your reasoning:

python

```
def find_duplicates(arr):
```

```
    seen = set()
```

```
    for num in arr:
```

```
        if num in seen:
```

```
            return True
```

```
        seen.add(num)
```

```
    return False
```

4. True/False: An algorithm with

$O(n^2)$

complexity is always slower than one with

$O(n \log n)$

complexity for all input sizes.

Question 1 Consider the following Java code that calculates the sum of an array:

java

```
public int arraySum(int[] arr) {
```

```
    int sum = 0;
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {
```

```
        sum += arr[i];
```

```
    }
```

```
    return sum;
}
```

Question: What is the Big O time complexity of this code? Explain your reasoning.

Question 2Analyze the following Java code that prints all pairs of elements in an array:

java

```
public void printPairs(int[] arr) {
    for (int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < arr.length; j++) {
            System.out.println(arr[i] + ", " + arr[j]);
        }
    }
}
```

Question: What is the Big O time complexity of this code? Explain your reasoning.

Question 3Examine the following Java code that searches for an element in a sorted array using binary search:

java

```
public int binarySearch(int[] arr, int target) {
    int left = 0;
    int right = arr.length - 1;
    while (left <= right) {
        int mid = left + (right - left) / 2;
        if (arr[mid] == target) {
            return mid;
        }
    }
}
```

```

    if (arr[mid] < target) {
        left = mid + 1;
    } else {
        right = mid - 1;
    }
}
return -1;
}

```

Question: What is the Big O time complexity of this code? Explain your reasoning.

Question 4 Consider the following Java code that generates a multiplication table up to n:

java

```

public void multiplicationTable(int n) {
    for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
        for (int j = 1; j <= n; j++) {
            System.out.println(i + " * " + j + " = " + (i * j));
        }
    }
}

```

Question: What is the Big O time complexity of this code? Explain your reasoning.

Question 5 Analyze the following Java code that computes the factorial of a number recursively:

java

```

public int factorial(int n) {
    if (n == 0 || n == 1) {

```

```

    return 1;

}

return n * factorial(n - 1);

}

```

Question: What is the Big O time complexity of this code? Explain your reasoning.

Type I question: You are given the name of an algo and are asked to find average or worst case Big O

Common Data Structure Operations

Data Structure	Time Complexity								Space Complexity
	Average				Worst				Worst
	Access	Search	Insertion	Deletion	Access	Search	Insertion	Deletion	
Array	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Stack	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
Queue	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
Singly-Linked List	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
Doubly-Linked List	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
Skip List	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n \log(n))$
Hash Table	N/A	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	N/A	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Binary Search Tree	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Cartesian Tree	N/A	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	N/A	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
B-Tree	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(n)$
Red-Black Tree	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(n)$
Splay Tree	N/A	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	N/A	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(n)$
AVL Tree	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(n)$
KD Tree	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$

Array Sorting Algorithms

Algorithm	Time Complexity			Space Complexity
	Best	Average	Worst	Worst
Quicksort	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n^2)$	$O(\log(n))$
Mergesort	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n)$
Timsort	$O(n)$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n)$
Heapsort	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(1)$
Bubble Sort	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Insertion Sort	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Selection Sort	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Tree Sort	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n)$
Shell Sort	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n(\log(n))^2)$	$O(n(\log(n))^2)$	$O(1)$
Bucket Sort	$O(n+k)$	$O(n+k)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n)$
Radix Sort	$O(nk)$	$O(nk)$	$O(nk)$	$O(n+k)$
Counting Sort	$O(n+k)$	$O(n+k)$	$O(n+k)$	$O(k)$
Cubesort	$O(n)$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n)$

Type II Questions: You are given the code for an algo and are asked to find Big O.

Type III Questions: You are given runtime for an algo for a given n and its Big O and are asked to find the runtime for another n.

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QUESTION 34	
Assume method <code>aplus(int[] data)</code> is $O(N^5)$ where $N = \text{data.length}$. When method <code>aplus</code> is passed an array with <code>length = 2,596</code> it takes 2,048 seconds for method <code>aplus</code> to complete. If method <code>aplus</code> is then passed an array with <code>length = 649</code> what is the expected time it will take method <code>aplus</code> to complete?	
A. 1 second	B. 2 second
C. 1028 seconds	D. 2048 seconds
E. 2,097,152 seconds	

A really nice video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmEroCSi95c>