

A Time Complexity Question – By GeeksForGeeks

What is the time complexity of following function fun()? Assume that log(x) returns log value in base 2.

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void fun()
{
    int i, j;
    for (i=1; i<=n; i++)
        for (j=1; j<=log(i); j++)
            printf("GeeksforGeeks");
}
```

Time Complexity of the above function can be written as $\Theta(\log 1) + \Theta(\log 2) + \Theta(\log 3) + \dots + \Theta(\log n)$ which is $\Theta(\log n!)$

Order of growth of 'log n!' and 'n log n' is same for large values of n, i.e., $\Theta(\log n!) = \Theta(n \log n)$. So time complexity of fun() is $\Theta(n \log n)$.

The expression $\Theta(\log n!) = \Theta(n \log n)$ can be easily derived from following [Stirling's approximation \(or Stirling's formula\)](#).

$$\log n! = n \log n - n + O(\log(n))$$

Sources:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stirling%27s_approximation