

# DSA

## Basic Introduction

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Q) What is a factor?

'i' is a factor of N  $\rightarrow$  if 'i' divides N completely  
i.e remainder = 0

How to check it programmatically check it :

by (%) modulus operator, as it helps us to  
get remainder, if  $N \% i == 0$ .

eg: Factors of N = 24

$24 \rightarrow 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24 \Rightarrow$  (8 factors)

How to count factors?

N=24

Brute force approach:

Minimum factors of a number? (1)

Max. factors of a number? (24)

$\therefore$  so range of factors of N = (1 to N)

Code (Python):

```
def countfactors(N):  
    count = 0  
    for i in range(1, N+1):  
        if N % i == 0:  
            count += 1  
    return count
```

If my loop is running from ' $1$  to  $N+1$ ' so,

No.of iterations  $\Rightarrow N$

\* Assumption:  $10^8$  iterations  $\rightarrow 1$  second

What is the time required for 1 iteration?  $1/10^8$  s.

Value of (N)	No.of iterations (N)	Time Required
$10^8$	$10^8$	1 second
$10^9$	$10^9$	10 secs
$10^{18}$	$10^{18}$	$10^{10}$ secs
	$10^8 * 10^{10}$	$\approx 317$ years

\* Optimisation for counting factors:

Let 3 numbers i, j & N

$i * j = N \rightarrow N$  is divisible by i

$\rightarrow N$  is divisible by j

$\rightarrow i$  & j both are factors of N

$$i = 3, j = 4, N = 12 \rightarrow 3 \times 4 = 12$$

3, 4 are both factors of 12

Conclusion: first factor  $\rightarrow i$

second factor  $\rightarrow j = N/i$

Now consider  $N=24$ ,

$N=24$	first factor ( $i$ )	second factor ( $j$ ) = $N/i$
Part 1	1	$24/1 = 24$
	2	$24/2 = 12$
	3	$24/3 = 8$
	4	$24/4 = 6$
Part 2	6	$24/6 = 4$
	8	$24/8 = 3$
	12	$24/12 = 2$
	24	$24/24 = 1$

Observation: i) first factor is  $i$

ii) second factor is  $j$

iii) Condition to repeat

$$i < N$$

$$N/i = j$$

We found all factors in part 1

when  $i < N/i$  we get all the factors

$$N=36$$

1<sup>st</sup> factor ( $i$ ) & 2<sup>nd</sup> factor ( $j$ )

$$1 < 36 \rightarrow 2$$

$$2 < 18 \rightarrow 2$$

$$3 < 12 \rightarrow 2$$

$$4 < 9 \rightarrow 2$$

$$6 < 6 \rightarrow 1$$

$i < N \rightarrow 2$  factors

$i$

$i = N/i \rightarrow 1$  fac.

$i > N/i \rightarrow$  repe.  
factor

Repeating factor

X no need to consider it

\* Conclusion →

Range of factors

$$[1 \quad \sqrt{N}]$$

$$i \leq N$$

i

$$\rightarrow i^2 \leq N$$

Square root on both sides

$$\sqrt{i^2} \leq \sqrt{N}$$

$$i \leq \sqrt{N}$$

\* Code mentioned in [ipynb file]

eg →  $N=15 \rightarrow [1 \text{ to } \sqrt{15}] \Rightarrow [1 \quad 3]$

i	$N \% i == 0$	$i == N/i$	count += 1	count += 2
1	True	$1 == 15/1 (X)$	-	(2)
2	False	-	-	→ skip
3	True	$3 == 5$	-	(4)
4	-	-	-	→ end of loop.

Total no. of iterations:

$$i = N/1$$

$$i = 15$$

$$i = 5$$

$$5 > 3$$

Repeating

To  $[1 \quad \sqrt{N}] \Rightarrow \sqrt{N}-1+1 \Rightarrow \sqrt{N}+1$  (Range func' is used)  
 $[a \quad b] \Rightarrow b-a+1$

\* Prime Numbers → odd again? sum of digits?

Approach - 1) Calculate the no. of factors  
 2) No. of factors  $> 2 \rightarrow$  Not prime  
 ↓ else prime.

```
def isprime(N):
    if countfactors(N) > 2:
        return False
    else:
        return True
```

\* Basic maths properties:

$[a, b]$  = both  $a$  &  $b$  are included in the range.

$$[1, 3] \Rightarrow$$

$$[1, 3] \Rightarrow 1, 2, 3$$

$(a, b)$  = both  $a$  &  $b$  are excluded

$$(1, 3) \Rightarrow 2$$

No. in range  $[a, b]?$

$$\begin{aligned} [a, b] &= \text{end} - \text{start} + 1 \\ &= b - a + 1 \end{aligned}$$

• Sum of  $N$  natural numbers :  $\frac{N * (N+1)}{2}$

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + 100 = 100 * (100+1)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

$$= 5050$$

- Iterations: No. of times a loop runs

- for i in range (1, N+1): Range [1, N]  
 if (i == N) =  $N - 1 + 1$   
 break; = N

for i in range (0, 101): R = [0, 100]  
 s = s + i \* 2; =  $100 - 0 + 1$   
 i = i + 1; = 101.

func():

for i in range (1, N+1): Range = [1, N]  
 =  $N - 1 + 1$

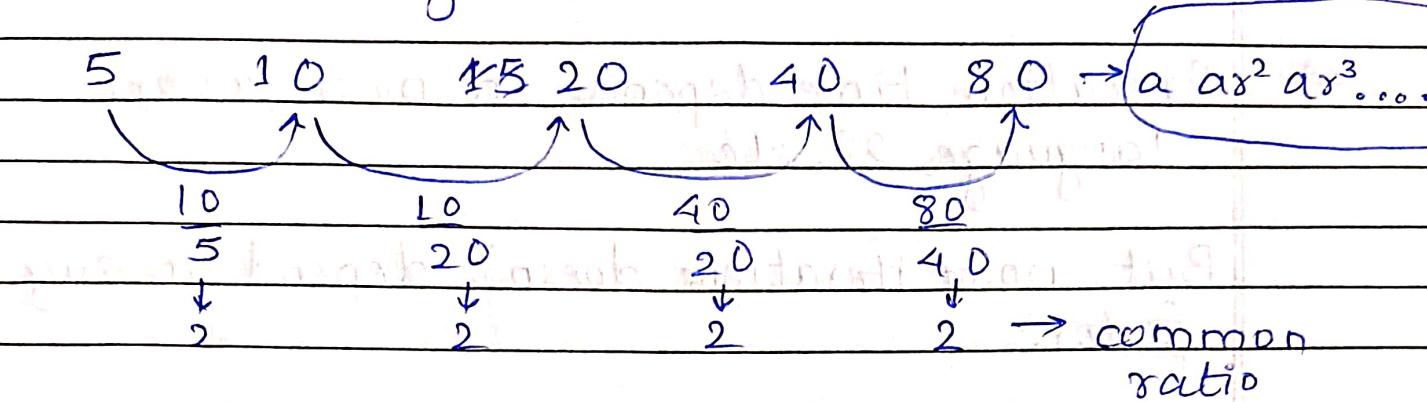
for i in range (0, M+1): Range = [0, M]  
 =  $M - 0 + 1$

for i in range (1, M+1): R = [1, M]  
 =  $M - 1 + 1$

Total iterations  $\Rightarrow \boxed{N+M}$



## Geometric Progression



Sum of first  $N$  terms of GP:  $\frac{a * (r^n + 1)}{(r - 1)}$

$a \rightarrow$  first term

$r \rightarrow$  common ratio

$n \rightarrow$  no. of terms.

$$\boxed{G.P = \frac{a * (r^n + 1)}{r - 1}}$$

Note  $\rightarrow$  if  $r=1$ , then  $\boxed{G.P = a * n}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} a & ar & ar^2 & ar^3 & \dots & ar^{n-1} \\ r=1 & a & a & a & a & \dots & a \\ & \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{n \text{ terms}} & & & & & & \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{G.P = a * n}$$

Q) How to compare 2 algorithms?

→ Execution time depends on no. of factors  
language, OS etc

But, no. of iterations doesn't depend on any factor.