How many array accesses does the following code fragment make as a function of n?

(Assume the compiler does not optimize away any array accesses in the innermost loop.)

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1  int sum = 0;
2  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
3      for (int j = i+1; j < n; j++)
4          for (int k = 1; k < n; k = k*2)
5              if (a[i] + a[j] >= a[k]) sum++;
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- ○ $\sim 3n^2$
- ◉ $\sim \frac{3}{2} n^2 \lg n$

Correct

Not all triple loops have cubic running times. For a given value of i and j, the k-loop requires only $3 \lg n$ array access: the body is executed $\lg n$ times and each time involves 3 array accesses. As in the 2-SUM and 3-SUM analysis, the number of times the k-loop is executed is $\binom{n}{2} \sim \frac{1}{2} n^2$.

- ○ $\sim \frac{3}{2} n^3$
- ○ $\sim 3n^3$