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**BASIC BIT LEVEL**

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# Risk and Pricing Solutions

## Big O

### Properties

**What is the asymptotic running time of the following?**

```
public static int SearchRecursive(int[] arr, int searchKey)
{
    if (arr == null) throw new ArgumentNullException();

    return SearchRecursive(arr, 0, arr.Length - 1, searchKey);
}

private static int SearchRecursive(int[] arr, int lo, int hi, int searchKey)
{
    // The search key is not in the array. Return the complement of the index
    // at which it should be inserted.
    if (lo > hi) return ~lo;

    int median = lo + (hi - lo) / 2;
    int comparisonResult = arr[median].CompareTo(searchKey);

    // a direct hit
    if (comparisonResult == 0) return median;

    return comparisonResult < 0
        ? SearchRecursive(arr, median + 1, hi, searchKey)
        : SearchRecursive(arr, lo, median - 1, searchKey);
}
```

*The running time is  $O(\log n)$*

**Why do we not care about the base of the logarithm?**

$$\text{Because } \log_a x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a} = \log_b x \frac{1}{\log_b a} =$$

*So  $\log_a x$  and  $\log_b x$  differ by a constant factor and we don't worry about constant factors in asymptotic notation*

**What is the asymptotic running time of the following?**

```
public static int FibonacciRecursive(int n)
{
    if (n == 0)
        return 0;
    if (n == 1)
        return 1;

    return FibonacciRecursive(n - 1) + FibonacciRecursive(n - 2);
}
```

*The running time is  $O(\phi^n)$  where  $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$*

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**What is the running time of the following function and what does it do?**

```
public static int Function(int n)
{
    if (n == 1)
        return 1;

    return Function(n - 1) + Function(n - 1);
}
```

*The running time is  $O(2^{n-1}) = \frac{O(2^n)}{2} = O(2^n)$  or exponential. It calculates  $2^{n-1}$*

**What is the asymptotic running time of the following?**

```
public static int Function2(int n)
{
    int res = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
        res += i;

    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
        res += i;

    return res;
}
```

*The running time is  $O(n)$  We ignore the fact it is  $2n$  as we drop the constant factors*

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**What is the asymptotic running time of the following?**

```
public static int PairCount(int[] a)
{
    int count = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < a.Length; i++)
    {
        for (int j = i + 1; j < a.Length; j++)
        {
            if (a[i] == a[j]) count++;
        }
    }

    return count;
}
```

*The running time is  $O(n^2)$ . Remember that the sum of the first  $n$  integers is given by*

$$s = 1 + 2 + \dots + (n - 2) + (n - 1) + n$$

*We can write  $2s$  as*

$$1 + 2 + \dots + (n - 2) + (n - 1) + n$$

$$n + (n - 1) + (n - 2) + \dots + 2 + 1$$

$$2s = n(n + 1) \therefore s = \frac{n(n + 1)}{2}$$

*So in our we are replacing  $n$  with  $n-1$*

$$s = \frac{(n - 1)((n - 1) + 1)}{2} = \frac{(n - 1)n}{2}$$

*In our asymptotic notation we call this  $O(n^2)$  by dropping the lower order terms.*

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**What is the asymptotic running time of the following?**

```
public static void PrintPairs(int[] a, int[] b)
{
    for (int i = 0; i < a.Length; i++)
    {
        for (int j = 0; j < b.Length; j++)
        {
            Console.WriteLine($"{a[i]}, {b[j]}");
        }
    }
}
```

$O(xy)$  where  $x$  is the number of elements in  $a$  and  $y$  is the number of elements in  $b$

**What is the asymptotic running time of the following?**

```
public static void PrintPairsManyTimes(int[] a, int[] b)
{
    for (int i = 0; i < a.Length; i++)
    {
        for (int j = 0; j < b.Length; j++)
        {
            for (int k = 0; k < 10; k++)
            {
                Console.WriteLine($"{a[i]}, {b[j]}");
            }
        }
    }
}
```

$O(10xy)$  where  $x$  is the number of elements in  $a$  and  $y$  is the number of elements in  $b$  which is of course just  $O(xy)$

**What is the asymptotic running time of the following?**

```
public void ReverseArray(int[] a)
{
    for (int i = 0; i < a.Length/2; i++)
    {
        int temp = a[i];
        a[i] = a[a.Length-1-i];
        a[a.Length-1-i] = temp;
    }
}
```

$O(n)$  We ignore the constant factor of  $\frac{n}{2}$

**What is the asymptotic running time of sorting each string in an array and then sorting the array itself?**

*If we let the number of strings in the array be  $n$  and the length of each string be  $l$  then sorting each string takes  $O(l \log l)$  We have to do this  $n$  time so we get  $O(n \times l \log l)$  The sorting of the array itself is  $O(n \log n)$  but each string comparison requires  $l$*

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*character compares in the work case so it is actually  $O(l \times n \times \log n)$  Adding the two thing together we obtain*

$$O(n \times l \log l + l \times n \times \log n) = O(nl(\log l + \log n) =$$

**What is the asymptotic running time of the following code?**

```
public static bool IsPrimeNaive(int x)
{
    if (x <= 1) return false;

    for (int i = 2; i < x; i++)
    {
        if (x % i == 0)
            return false;
    }
    return true;
}
```

*The runtime is then  $O(x)$*

**What is the asymptotic running time of the following code?**

```
public bool IsPrimeUsingSquareRoot(int n)
{
    if (n < 2)
        return false;

    if (n == 2)
        return true;

    // The definition of a prime is an integer x
    // which is not exactly divisible by any
    // number other than itself and one. If a
    // number x is not prime it can be written as
    // the product of two factors a x b. If both
    // a and b were greater than the square root of
    // x then a x b would also be greater than x and hence
    // a x b is not x. SO testing all factors up to floor(root(x))
    // is sufficient as if one factor is floor(root(x)) the other factor must
    // be less than that

    // hence test the n-2 integers from
    // 2,..., Floor(Root(N))
    return Enumerable.Range(2, (int)Math.Floor(Math.Sqrt(n)))
        .All(i => n % i > 0);
}
```

*The runtime is then  $O(\sqrt{n})$*

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**What is the asymptotic running time of the following code?**

```
public static int Factorial(int x)
{
    if (x == 0) return 1;
    return x * Factorial(x-1);
}
```

*The running time is simple  $O(x)$*