

# Big O

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What is good code?

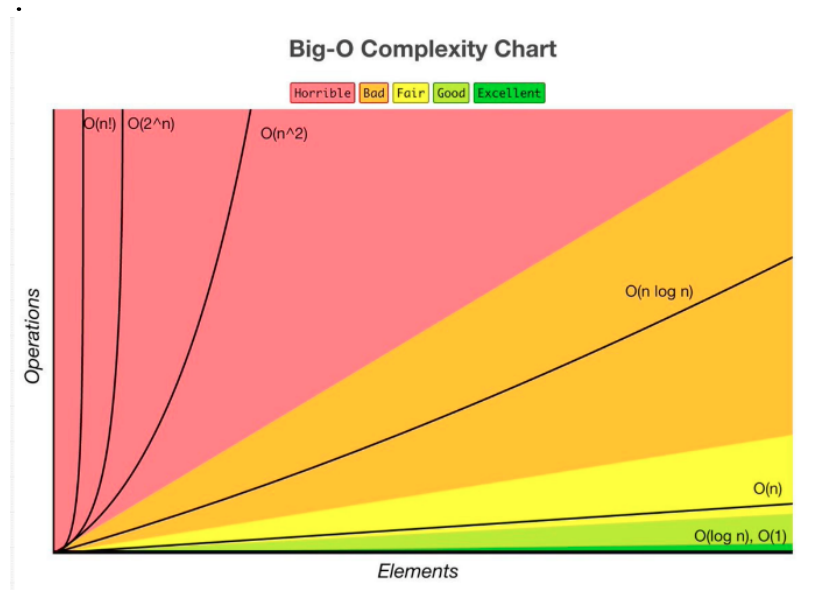


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1. Readable

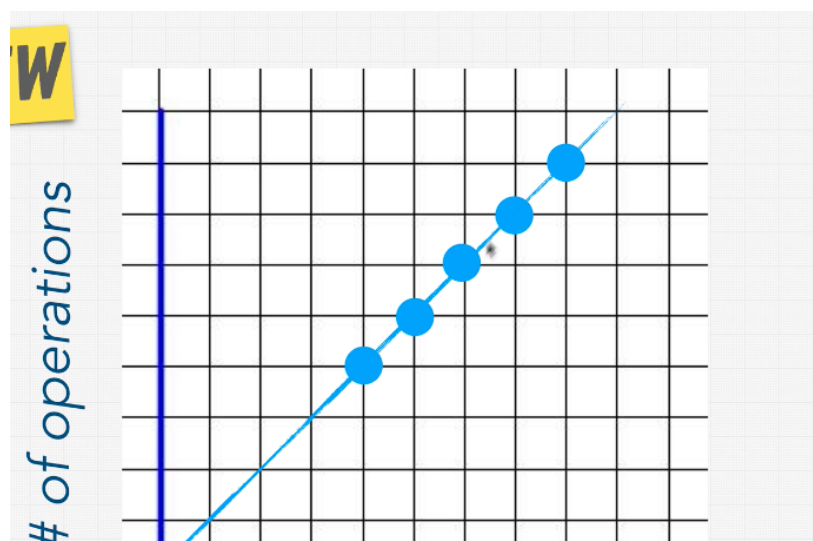
2. Scalable (Big O)

Big O helps to calculate how long an algorithm takes to run.

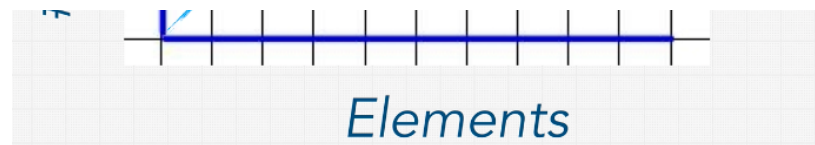


## $O(n)$ - Linear Time

```
const { performance } = require('perf_hooks');
const nemo = ['nemo'];
const everyone = ['dory', 'bruce', 'marlin', 'gill', 'bloat', 'nigel',
'squirt', 'darla', 'hank', 'nemo'];
const large = new Array(1000).fill('nemo');
function findNemo(nemo){
  let t0 = performance.now();
  for(let i=0; i< nemo.length; i++) {
    if(nemo[i] === 'nemo') {
      console.log('found nemo at ' + i)
    }
  }
  let t1 = performance.now();
  console.log("Total time in ms: " + (t1-t0));
}
findNemo(large);
```

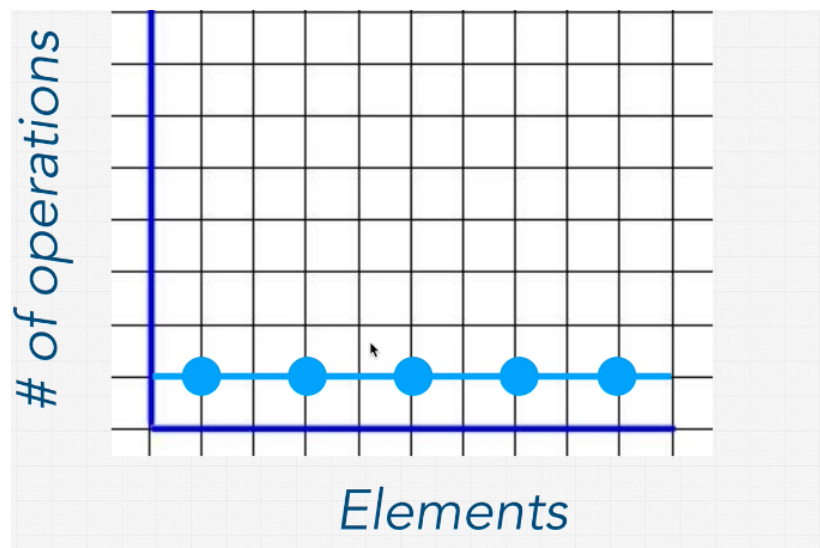


- If number of operations increase as the input increases
- Linear complexity
- Most common.



O(1)

- Constant time



Rule 1: Worst Case

Rule 2: Remove Constants

Rule 3: Different terms for inputs

Rule 4: Drop Non Dominants

If the inputs are diff (arg1, arg2)  
 → we have to consider  $O(a + b)$  or  
 $O(\max(a, b))$

$O(n^2)$  $O(n^2)$ 

- As we see nested loops, we do multiplication

-  $n \times n$

- Quadratic time

\* Rule 4

$$\frac{\quad}{O(n + n^2)} \rightarrow O(n^2)$$

### Big O Cheat Sheet:

#### -Big Os-

**$O(1)$  Constant**- no loops

**$O(\log N)$  Logarithmic**- usually searching algorithms have  $\log n$  if they are sorted (Binary Search)

**$O(n)$  Linear**- for loops, while loops through  $n$  items

**$O(n \log(n))$  Log Linear**- usually sorting operations

**$O(n^2)$  Quadratic**- every element in a collection needs to be compared to every other element. Two nested loops

**$O(2^n)$  Exponential**- recursive algorithms that solves a problem of size  $N$

**$O(n!)$  Factorial**- you are adding a loop for every element

*Iterating through half a collection is still  $O(n)$   
Two separate collections:  $O(a * b)$*

### **-What can cause time in a function?-**

Operations (+, -, \*, /)  
Comparisons (<, >, ==)  
Looping (for, while)  
Outside Function call (function())\*

### **-Rule Book-**

Rule 1: Always worst Case  
Rule 2: Remove Constants  
Rule 3: Different inputs should have different variables.  $O(a+b)$ . A and B arrays nested would be  $O(a*b)$   
+ for steps in order  
\* for nested steps  
Rule 4: Drop Non-dominant terms

### **-What causes Space complexity?-**

Variables  
Data Structures  
Function Call  
Allocations

<https://www.bigocheatsheet.com/>

*3 pillars of code:*

- Readable*
- Memory (space complexity)*
- Speed (time complexity)*

## Space Complexity

Heap - area where we store assigned values.  
Stack - where we track the function calls.