

Asymptotic Analysis - countPositiveElements Function

Function Overview:

The function loops through an array A of size n and counts how many elements are positive.

Python Function:

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def countPositiveElements(A):  
    count = 0          # Line 5  
    for x in A:         # Line 6  
        if x > 0:      # Line 7  
            count += 1 # Line 8  
    return count        # Line 9
```

Cost Table Recap:

Line	Operation	Cost	How many times it runs
5	count = 0	c1	1
6	for x in A	c2	n
7	if x > 0	c3	n
8	count += 1	c4	n (worst case: all positive)
9	return count	c5	1

Effort Calculation (Line-by-Line Explanation)

Step 1:

$$T(n) = c1 + n*c2 + n*c3 + n*c4 + c5$$

We sum all the individual operations:

- Line 5: 1 time -> c1
- Line 6, 7, 8: each runs n times -> $n*c2 + n*c3 + n*c4$
- Line 9: 1 time -> c5

Step 2:

$$T(n) = c1 + c5 + n*(c2 + c3 + c4)$$

Combine constants c1 and c5 and factor out n from the rest.

Step 3:

$$T(n) = c_6 + n \cdot c_7$$

Rename $c_1 + c_5$ as c_6 , and $c_2 + c_3 + c_4$ as c_7 for simplicity.

Step 4:

$$T(n) \leq n \cdot c_6 + n \cdot c_7$$

Upper bound idea: if constants are positive, $c_6 + n \cdot c_7$ is less than or equal to $n \cdot c_6 + n \cdot c_7$

Step 5:

$$T(n) \leq n \cdot (c_6 + c_7)$$

Factor out n .

Final Step:

$$T(n) \leq n \cdot c_8$$

Combine all constants into one constant c_8 . Since asymptotic analysis ignores constants, this simplifies the notation.

Final Form: $T(n) = O(n)$

This shows the time complexity is linear because the effort increases proportionally to n .

Why $T(2n) = 2T(n)$?

If the array size doubles, then:

$$T(2n) = 2n \cdot c_8 = 2 \cdot (n \cdot c_8) = 2 \cdot T(n)$$

So yes, linear growth confirms this.