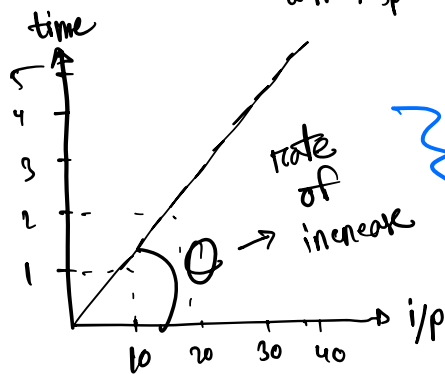


# Time & Space Complexity

## What is time complexity?

- TC != time taken
- Dependent on system
- The rate of which the time taken increases with respect to the input size.



example:

```
for (i=0; i<5; i++)  
{  
    cout << "vachash";  
}
```

# Number of steps this code takes  
# Assign, Compare, Print, Iteration.....

→ TC is computed in terms of worst case scenario

→ Avoid constants

→ Avoid lower values

here:  $5 \times 3$  ← increment, check, print

∴ TC →  $O(N \times 3)$

# How do we define TC?

→ Big-O-Notation →  $O(f)$   
time taken

## Best vs Average vs Worst

```
if (marks < 25)    cout << "grade D";  
else if (marks < 45)    cout << "grade C";  
else if (marks < 65)    cout << "grade B";  
else                cout << "grade A";
```

marks = 10 →  $O(2)$  ~ Best Case

marks = 70 →  $O(4)$  ~ Worst Case

→ Always compute TC in terms of worst case

for example:

$$O(4N^2 + 3N + 8) \quad \text{let, } N = 10^5$$

$$\rightarrow O(4(10^5)^2 + 3(10^5) + 8)$$

↑  
very low significance  
∴ Avoid constants

for example:

$$O(100000 + 10)$$

$$\sim O(100000) \quad \uparrow \text{very low significance}$$

∴ Avoid lower values

Big-O ( $O$ )	Theta ( $\Theta$ )	Omega ( $\Omega$ )
Worst Case	Average	Best Case
{upper bound}	{Avg Complexity}	{lower bound}

Questions:

```

for(i=0; i < N; i++) {
    for(j=0; j < M; j++) {
        [Const block of code]
    }
}

```

Ans:  $TC = O(N \times M)$

→ Const avoided

→ Iterations:  $N \times M$

```

for(i=0; i < N; i++) {
    for(j=0; j < i; j++) {
        [Const block of code]
    }
}

```

Ans:

$$i=0 \quad [j=0]$$

$$i=1 \quad [j=0, 1]$$

$$i=2 \quad [j=0, 1, 2]$$

$$i=n-1 \quad [j=0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1]$$

$$[1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + n]$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{N \times (N+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{N^2}{2} + N/2$$

$$O\left(\frac{N^2}{2}\right) \approx O(N^2)$$

## # What is Space Complexity:

→ Memory space that your program takes

→ Varies machine to machine

→ Auxiliary Space + Input Space



Space that you take  
to solve the problem



Space that you take  
to store the input

for example:

input;  $a, b$  ← input space

output  $c = a + b$

↑ Auxiliary space

So, space :  $O(3)$  ← In terms of Big-O Notation

array:  $\text{int } a[n]$  ←  $O(N)$