

## Introduction to Time and Space Complexity

### \* Time complexity

Question - Find the Sum of all numbers from 1 to  $n$  ( $1 \leq n \leq 10^8$ )

Bruteforce Approach -

```
static int sum(int n) {
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        sum = sum + i;
    }
    return sum;
}
```

$n = 1, 2 \dots 10^8$   
more time

← this

using Formula - This is time optimized solution than

```
static int sum(int n) {
```

$$\text{int Ans} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

```
return sum;
```

```
}
```

\* Algorithms - A1 A2

Overall running time - 1 sec 2 sec

we have to choose which algorithm is better we have not given anything like which language / Machine is used, Generally we choose A1 is better because overall running time is less. but we have to not judge any Algorithm by seeing their overall running time



→ Intuition of Time Complexity is probably overall running / execution time of an Algorithm (which is wrong)

→ In Any Algorithm / Program overall running time depends on multiple factors i.e.

1. Logic / Algorithm

2. Language → C, C++, Java, Python, JS

3. Machine dependent Python, JS are scripted languages which executes in more time where as C, C++, Java are compiled / interpreted languages which are faster than scripted languages which takes less time to execute.

\* Analysis of overall running time of a algorithm also called as experimental Analysis

\* We have Machine which executes the same java program multiple times we cant say all the outputs will give us same running time that depends on CPU etc.

\* eg we have an Algorithm A and we are saying A is best Algorithm, write A in C++ / Java / Python / JS / Mipro etc

A should be best in every configuration related / compared to other Algorithm.

To Analyze this Time Complexity helps Time Complexity is Independent of this

\* Don't measure Time Complexity Analysis in Overall running time / experimental Analysis

\* To analyze time complexity we consider

Def: → No of operations performed in an

Algorithm / Program. No. of operations are depend on Input size (No. of operations as a function of Input size)

eg -

Algorithm 1 →  $10^8$  operations / Instructions

Algorithm 2 → 10 operations / Instructions

both the Algorithms are solving the same problem. now we can say that Algorithm 2 is better Algorithm than Algorithm 1. Instead considering with overall running time we cant say which one is better.

To analyze / calculate time complexity we use Asymptotic Analysis (i.e. no. of operations as a function of input which is performed in a Algorithm)

eg - How many operations / Instructions that are performed in a program is a function of n  
Q. Find the Sum of all Numbers from 1 to n

```
① int sum(int n) {
    int ans = 0; ④
    for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
        ② ans = ans + i;
    }
    return ans; ③
} ①
```

② In one iteration 3 operations  
③ for n iterations there will be 3n operations  
④  $\leq 3n + 3$  operations

→  $3n + 3$  operations

→ let  $n = 10^8$

$3(10^8) + 3$

→ +3 doesn't give any significant because the machine performing which is  $3(10^8)$  operations for extra big 3.4... operation si we can ignore

→  $\therefore 3n + 3 = 3n \Rightarrow 3(10^8)$

$3(10^8) \leq 10^8$  but  $10^8 \leq 10^{16} \times$

→ Hence we can say that

$3n + 3 \Rightarrow n$  operations



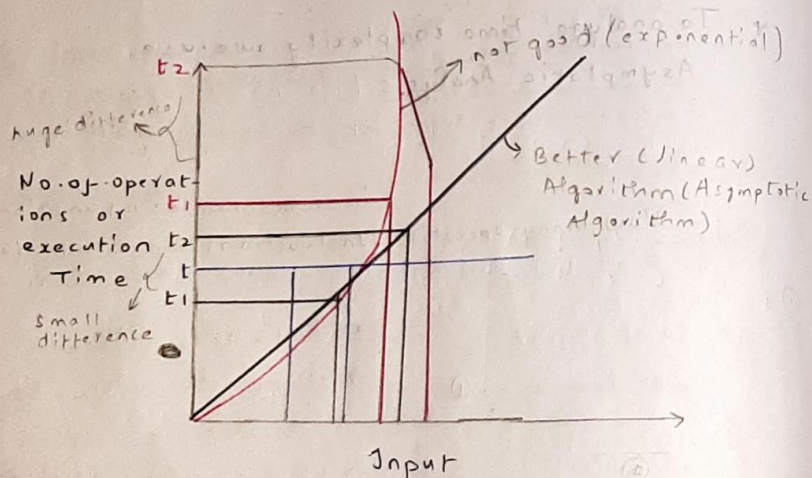
② int sum(int n) {

int Ans =  $\frac{n \times (n+1)}{2}$ ;  
return ans;

}

≅ 5 operations

→ For any Input i.e.  $n=5, n=10, n=100, n=10^8, n=10^6$   
the no. of operations are 5 only (for  
this type of Algorithm we can say  
that it is running in constant time  
because for any input the no. of  
operations which are performed are only  
5. (They don't depend on input the  
running time is constant) so it is  
called as constant time Algorithm.



\* If input changes in black line (Linear) the  
running time obviously increasing (only some)  
\* but for red line if input changes the  
running time is increasing more  
drastically

\* (The Algorithm for which the growth in Input  
is less compared to the Algorithm for which

The Input increases, running time increases  
drastically) the 1st Algorithm is called  
better Algorithm.

\* for any Algorithm the running time is  
constant called as constant time  
Algorithm. — blue line in graph

\* Types of Time Complexity Analysis up their  
Notations -

from below question

→ Worstcase Time Complexity →  $O(3n+1)$

→ Bestcase Time Complexity →  $O(1)$

→ Average Case Time Complexity →  $O(n/2, \frac{n}{3} \dots)$

Question - Find the index of number  $x$  in a  
given array Arr.

1	5	6	8	3
---	---	---	---	---

$x = 1$

```
static int findIndex (int arr[], int x) {
    int n = arr.length;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        if (arr[i] == x) {
            return i;
        }
    }
}
```

→ If  $x=1$  only one iteration (it's best case)

If  $x=20/3$  more operations (worst case)

If  $x=5/6/3$  Avg operations (avg case)



## \* Representations

- Worst case Time Complexity → Big O i.e.  
 $O(n)$  (from previous que Tc)
- Best case Time Complexity → Big Omega i.e.  
 $\Omega(1)$  (from prev que Tc)
- Average Case Time Complexity → Big Theta i.e.  
 $\Theta(n)$  (from prev que Tc)

\* From question ① Sum of all Numbers from 1 to n  
Time Complexity is  $O(n)$

from/by using formula the Time Complexity is  
 $O(1)$  constant time Algorithm

\* On different practicing platforms (leetcode etc)  
they will given as Time limit → 1 sec  
or  
Time limit → 2 sec  
etc.

\* In 1 sec the machines / platforms till today  
date will perform  $10^8 \sim 10^9$  operations

\* So for time limit 1 sec if it is given in  
any question Assume  
1 sec →  $1 \times 10^8$  maximum operations  
2 sec →  $2 \times 10^8$  operations

\* One common error we will face i.e.  
TLE (Time limit exceeded) which means

in 1 sec it is performing more than  $10^8$  operations.

## Question -

\* Time Complexity for traversing an Array of  
length n.

void f1(int arr[]) {

```

    int n = arr.length; ①
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) { ②
        System.out.println(arr[i]); ③
    }
}

```

for 1 iteration 3 operations

for n iterations there  
will be 3n operations

i.e.  $3n + 2$

Hence we ignore small terms  
answer is n operations

Time Complexity →  $O(n)$  (worst case)

\* Time complexity when traversing 2 individual  
Arrays of length M and N respectively.

void f2(int arr1[], int arr2[]) {

```

    int n = arr1.length;
    int m = arr2.length;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        cout << arr1[i];
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
        cout << arr2[i];
    }
}

```

Time Complexity:  
 $O(n + m)$

$3n \sim n$

$3m \sim m$

$3m \sim m$



## \* Time complexity for Nested Loops

```
void f(int n) {
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
            cout << "Hello";
        }
    }
}
```

for every iteration there are  $n$  iterations

eg-  $n=3$

```
i = 0
  j = 0 Hello
  j = 1 Hello
  j = 2 Hello
  so on
```

1 iteration  $\rightarrow$  3 operations ( $3=n$ )

$n$  iterations  $\rightarrow n \times n$  operations

$\therefore n \times n$  iterations

Time Complexity  $\rightarrow O(n^2)$

## \* Time complexity of Nested loop type 2

```
void f(int n) {
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {
            cout << "Hello";
        }
    }
}
```

$n=3$  for every iteration there is up to 1 iteration

```
i = 0
  i = 2
    j = 0 Hello
    j = 1 Hello
  i = 3
    j = 0, 1, 2
  i = 4
    j = 0, 1, 2, 3
  i = n
    j = 0, 1, 2, ..., n-1
```

count the no. of operation  $= 1+2+3+\dots+(n-1)$

Total operation  $= \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

i.e

$$\frac{(n-1)(n+1)}{2} = \frac{n^2 - n}{2} \text{ constants}$$

ignore low degree values i.e

$n^2 - n \Rightarrow n^2$  (because from  $n^2$  comparison  $n$  does not have any value)

$$(10^5)^2 - 10^5 \approx (10^5)^2$$

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Time complexity  $\rightarrow O(n^2)$

## \* Time complexity for Nested Loop type 3

```
void f(int n) {
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
```

for every iteration

there are  $n^2$  iterations

```
        for (int j = 0; j < Math.sqrt(n); j++) {
```

```
            cout << "Hello";
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
    i = 0
```

```
        j
```

```
    i = 1
```

```
        j
```

```
    i = 2
```

```
        j
```

```
    i = 3
```

```
        j
```

```
    i
```

```
    i = n-1
```

```
        j
```

i.e  $n \times \sqrt{n}$  (for  $n$  iteration  $\rightarrow \sqrt{n}$  operations)

$$O(n \times \sqrt{n})$$

## \* Time complexity for Traversing the Array and Multiply the Increment point by 2

```
int count = 0;
```

```
for (int i = 1; i < n; i *= 2) {
```

```
    count++;
```

```
}
```

$$O(K) \sim$$

$$O(\log n)$$



Iteration No	i	
1	1	$2^1 \rightarrow 2^{1-1}$
2	2	$2^1 + 2^{2-1}$
3	4	$2^2 \rightarrow 2^{3-1}$
4	8	$2^3 \rightarrow 2^{4-1}$
5	16	$2^4 \rightarrow 2^{5-1}$
6	32	$2^5 \rightarrow 2^{6-1}$
:	:	:
K <sup>th</sup>		$2^{K-1}$
(K <sup>th</sup> +1)		$2^{(K+1)-1} \leq 2^K$

Total No of operations (K+1)

Time complexity  $\rightarrow O(K+1) \sim O(K)$

$\rightarrow$  From code - we have to represent K in terms of n because we don't have any K value in code  
 $i < N$  (from question condition)

$$\therefore 2^K < N$$

$$\log_2(2^K) < \log_2(N)$$

$$K \log_2 2 < \log_2 N$$

$$K \cdot 1 < \log_2 N$$

$\therefore$  Answer  $\rightarrow O(\log_2 n) \sim O(\log N)$   
 Time complexity.

\* calculate the time complexity for below Nested loops:

```
int val = 0;
for (int i = 1; i <= N; i *= K) {
    val++;
}
```

Step 1 - find Total no. of iterations. In code the values are N, K the Answer should be in terms of  $O(N, K)$ .

Iteration No	i	(i = i * K from question)
1	$1 \sim K^0$	$K^{1-1}$
2	K	$K^{2-1}$
3	$K^2$	$K^{3-1}$
4	$K^3$	$K^{4-1}$
5	$K^4$	$K^{5-1}$
6	$K^5$	$K^{6-1}$
:	:	:
p <sup>th</sup>	$K^{P-1}$	$K^{P-1}$
(P+1) <sup>th</sup>	$K^P$	$K^{P+1-1}$

Total no. of iterations  
 $O(P+1) \approx O(P)$

From code we have to represent P in terms of (N, K)  
 $i \leq N$  (from question condition)

$$K^P \leq N$$

$\log_K K^P \leq \log_K N$  (we are taking base K because so that the Ans. should be 1 i.e.  $\log_K K = 1$ )

$$P \log_K K \leq \log_K N$$

$$P \cdot 1 \leq \log_K N$$

$$P \leq \log_K N$$

Time complexity  $\rightarrow O(\log_K N) \approx O(\log N)$



\* Some Common Time complexities are -

→  $O(1)$  constant

→  $O(\log n)$

→  $O(n)$  linear

→  $O(n \log n)$

→  $O(n^2)$  → (if  $n=4$  operations = 16  
 $n=5$  operation = 25  
 $n=20$  operations = 400  
 $n=30$  operations = 900  
 if input increases  
 time taken increases rapidly)

→  $O(n^3)$

→  $O(n^n)$

## Space Complexity

\* If an Algorithm running time is less and it is having minimum no. of operations said to be best Algorithm / efficient Algorithm using Asymptotic Analysis we can determine

\* Algorithm 1 - using 5mb extra space } both are  
 Algorithm 2 - using 500mb extra space }  
 referring to same problem but in one logic 5mb space and another logic 500mb so space wise Algorithm 1 is better than Algorithm 2

Def:

\* The extra memory / space used by an Algorithm is proportional to Input size

\* Input w/o p is not considered in Space complexity irrespective of the logic we make which is having extra space. (So we are using the term extra in definition)

\* It is also calculated using Asymptotic Analysis w/o p Also have Average, worst, B/wsp Best case space complexity which is represented as  $\theta, O, \Omega$ .

## Question: Reverse an Array

Approach 1 -

```
static int[] reverseArray(int[] a, int n) {
    int[] Ans = new int[n];
    int j = 0;
    for (int i = n-1; i >= 0; i--) {
        Ans[j] = a[i];
        j++;
    }
}
```

\* On this logic we are making an Ans array of size n so Space complexity:  $O(n)$

Approach 2 -

```
static void reverseArray(int[] a, int n) {
    int i = 0, j = n-1;
    while (i < j) {
        swap(a[i], a[j]);
        i++;
        j--;
    }
}
```

\* In this logic we are changing In-place only we are not using extra space so Space complexity:  $O(1)$  (constant space)

\* The extra space that is used called as Space Complexity.



\* Space Complexity Analysis for an Array of length  $N$ .  
 Suppose (extra Array of length  $N$ )  
 Space complexity =  $O(N)$  (refer reverse Array Approach)

\* Space Complexity Analysis for a 2-D Matrix  
 Suppose of  $N$  rows and  $M$  columns. (extra extra of size  $N \times M$ )

	0	1	2	3	4
0					
1					
2					
3					

$N=4$   
 $M=5$   
 $4 \times 5$   
 $N \times M = 20$

Space complexity.  $O(N \times M)$   
 (with respect to input size)

\* By default if anyone Asks the Time / Space complexity of the given code we have to answer worst case only.

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### Problems on Time up Space Complexity

Problem - calculate the time complexity for the following code snippet.

```
int val = 0;
for (int i = 1; i <= N; i *= 2) {
    val++;
}
```

Iteration No	i	$i = i \times 2$
1	1	$2^0$
2	2	$2^1$
3	4	$2^2$
4	8	$2^3$
5	16	$2^4$
6	32	$2^5$
7	64	$2^6$
:	:	:
K	$2^{K-1}$	
K+1	$2^{K+1-1} = 2^K$	

Total Iterations =  $(K+1)$   
 Time complexity =  $O(\text{No. of Iterations / operations})$

$$T.C \rightarrow O(K+1) \approx O(K)$$

Input is in terms of  $N$   
 So, we have to write  $K$  in terms of  $N$

→ Acc. to question  
 $i \leq N$

$$2^K \leq N$$

Apply  $\log_2$  on B.S  
 base 2 because  $\log_2 2 = 1$

$$\text{i.e. } \log_2 2^K \leq \log_2 N$$

$$K \log_2 2 \leq \log_2 N$$

$$K \cdot 1 \leq \log_2 N$$

$$K \leq \log_2 N$$

i.e.

$$\text{Time complexity} \rightarrow O(\log_2 N)$$

base is later, so  $\approx$  convertable

Problem - calculate the time complexity for the following code snippet

```
int val = 0;
for (int i = 1; i <= N; i += 1) {
    val++;
}
```

$$\text{Total Iterations} = (K+1) \approx K$$

$$T.C \rightarrow O(K)$$

we have to represent  $K$  in terms of  $N$

$$i \leq N$$

$$2^K \leq N$$

$$\log_2 2^K \leq \log_2 N$$

$$K \leq \log_2 N$$

$$\text{Time complexity} \rightarrow O(\log_2 N)$$

( $i \times 2$  up to  $i = i$ ) both are same

Iteration No	i
1	1 $2^0$
2	2 $2^1$
3	4 $2^2$
4	8 $2^3$
5	16 $2^4$
6	32
7	64
:	:
K	$2^{K-1}$
(K+1)	$2^{K+1-1}$



Problem - calculate the time complexity for the following code Snippet.

```
int val = 0;
for(int i = 1; i ≤ N; i *= 2) {
    for(int j = 1; j ≤ i; j++) {
        val++;
    }
}
```

(Range)  
How many times j loop will run

i-Iteration No.	i-Value	j-loop	j-Iterations Total
1	1	[1, 1]	1
2	2	[1, 2]	2
3	4	[1, 4]	4
4	8	[1, 8]	8
5	16	[1, 16]	16
...	...	...	...
K	$2^{K-1}$	$[1, 2^{K-1}]$	$2^{K-1}$
K+1	$2^K$	$[1, 2^K]$	$2^K$

→ calculate the Total No. of Iterations

\* We know that for every i value how many times j will run

\* So we sum all the j Total Values we will get the total no. of Iterations

\* So we have to focus for value i how many times j will run (focus on inside loop)

\* So add j values to find total Iterations

We know that K value =  $\log_2 N$

from outer loop i.e.  $O(K+1) \approx O(K)$

$2^K \leq N \Rightarrow \log_2 2^K \leq \log_2 N$

So  $K = \log_2 N$

$K \leq \log_2 N$

$$2^K = 2^{\log_2 N}$$

i.e.

ADD All the j values for Total Iterations

$$\rightarrow 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + \dots + 2^K$$

Total K+1 terms, i.e.  $\leq K$

$$1 + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{K+1}$$

→ The Series is of Geometric progression

G.P sum formula is

$$\frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

where, a → first term

r → common ratio ( $\frac{4}{2} = 2$ ,  $\frac{8}{4} = 2$ ,  $\frac{16}{8} = 2$ )

n → total terms

$$\frac{1(2^K - 1)}{2 - 1} = \frac{1(2^{\log_2 N} - 1)}{1} \quad \text{i.e. } K = \log_2 N$$

$$= 2^{\log_2 N} - 1$$

$$= \log_2 N \cdot 2$$

Time complexity → = N

$O(N)$

Problem - what is the time complexity for the following code

```
int val = 0;
for(int i = 1; i ≤ N; i *= 2) {
    for(int j = N; j ≥ i; j--) {
        val++;
    }
}
```

A)  $O(\log N)$

B)  $O(N)$

✓ C)  $O(N \log N)$

D) None

Iteration no.	Value	j-loop	Total j-Iterations
1	1 $2^0$	[N, 1]	(N-1)
2	2 $2^1$	[N, 2]	(N-2)
3	4 $2^2$	[N, 4]	(N-4)
4	8 $2^3$	[N, 8]	(N-8)
...	...	...	...
(K+1)	$2^K$	[N, $2^K$ ]	(N- $2^K$ )



→ For Total no. of iterations i.e.  $K+1$

$$O(K+1) = O(K)$$

$$i \leq N$$

$$2^K \leq N$$

$$K \leq \log_2 N$$

i.e. outer loop runs  $\log N$  times

→ we have to add all the inner values i.e. iterations to get the total no. of iterations

$$(N-1) + (N-2) + (N-4) + \dots + (N-2^K)$$

$$\text{Total No. of iterations} = K+1 \leq K$$

So if total no. of iterations are  $K$  the value  $N$  is also written  $K$  times i.e.

$$KN - (1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^K)$$

$$KN - \frac{2(2^K - 1)}{2 - 1}$$

$$KN - (2^K - 1)$$

$$KN - 2^{\log_2 N} - 1$$

$$N(\log_2 N) - N - 1$$

We can ignore 1 w.r.  $N$  with comparison of  $N \log N$   
i.e.  $(N \log N)$

Time Complexity  $\rightarrow O(N \log N)$

problem - what is the time complexity of the following code

```
int val = 0
```

```
for (int i = N; i > 0; i = i/2) {
```

```
    for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {
```

```
        val++;
```

```
    }
```

A)  $O(\log N)$  B)  $O(N)$  C)  $O(N \log N)$  D) None

range - it can also be written as  $[0, N]$

Iteration No.	i value	j [ ]	Total Iterations
1	N	$[0, N-1]$	N
2	$N/2$	$[0, \frac{N}{2}-1]$	$N/2$
3	$N/4$	$[0, \frac{N}{4}-1]$	$N/4$
4	$N/8$	$[0, \frac{N}{8}-1]$	$N/8$
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
K+1	$N/2^K$	$[0, \frac{N}{2^K}-1]$	$N/2^K$

\*  $i > 0$  means  $i \geq 1$

$$\frac{N}{2^K} \geq 1$$

$$N \geq 2^K$$

$$\log_2 N \geq \log_2 2^K$$

$$\log_2 N \geq K$$

$$K \leq \log_2 N$$

\* Sum of all inner loop values to get the total no. of iterations

$$N + \frac{N}{2} + \frac{N}{4} + \frac{N}{8} + \dots = \frac{N}{2}$$

$$N \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^K} \right)$$

n = Total no. of terms  
 $K+1 = K$

$$N \left( \frac{2(2^K - 1)}{2 - 1} \right) = N \left( \frac{2(2^K - 1)}{2 - 1} \right)$$



$$N \left( \frac{1 \left( \frac{1}{2}^k - 1 \right)}{\frac{1}{2} - 1} \right)$$

$$N \left( \frac{1}{2}^k - 1 \right)$$

$$N \left( \frac{1}{2}^{\log_2 N} - 1 \right)$$

$$N \left( \frac{1}{2^{\log_2 N}} - 1 \right)$$

$$N \left( \frac{1}{N} - 1 \right)$$

$$\frac{N}{N} - N = 1 - N \approx N$$

Time Complexity -  $O(N)$

Problem - Calculate the time complexity for the following code snippet

```
int val = 0;
for (int i = 2; i <= N; i *= i) {
    val++;
}
```

Iteration No.	i value	
1	2	$2^1$
2	4	$2^2$
3	16	$2^4$
4	256	$2^8$
	:	
	:	
(t+1)	$2^K$	$2^{2^{(t+1)-1}} = 2^{2^t}$

Total Iterations (t+1)

time complexity  $O(t+1) \approx O(t)$

we have to represent t in terms of N

$$i \leq N$$

$$2^K \leq N$$

$$\log_2 2^K \leq \log_2 N$$

$$K \leq \log_2 N$$

$$K = 2^t \leftarrow 2^k = 2^{2^t}$$

$$\log K = \log 2^{2^t}$$

$$\log_2 K = \log_2 2^{(t)}$$

$$\log K = t$$

we know that  $K = \log N$  up to  $t = \log K$

i.e.

$$t = \log(\log N)$$

Time Complexity  $\rightarrow O(\log(\log N))$