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SESSION 8:

Space and Time Complexity



Recapitulation (Previous Session)

Quiz

- Q1: The asymptotic notation used to describe the upper bound of an algorithm's running time is called _____.
- Q2: The asymptotic notation $\theta(n \log n)$ describes an algorithm that has both an upper and lower bound of _____.
- Q3: The notation $\Omega(n)$ provides a lower bound on the time complexity of an algorithm, meaning it will take at least _____ time in the worst case.
- Q4: $O(n^2)$ describes an algorithm that is more efficient than one with a complexity of $O(n \log n)$. (True/False)
- Q5: An algorithm with a time complexity of $O(n^2)$ is considered to have exponential time complexity. (True/False)

Recapitulation (Previous Session)

Quiz (Answers)

A1: Big O

A2: $n \log n$

A3: linear

A4: False

A5: True



Time Complexity

- Time complexity: estimate of time taken by the algorithm
- It is estimated by counting the number of elementary operations, where each elementary operation takes a fixed amount of time to perform.
- We use **asymptotic notations** for describing the time complexity of an algorithm.
- We ignore hardware, operating system, processors, etc.

Space Complexity

- Space complexity : no. of memory units used w.r.t given input size.
- For any algorithm memory may be used for the following:
 - Variables (This include the constant values, temporary values)
 - Program Instruction
 - Execution
- Sometimes **Auxiliary Space** is confused with Space Complexity. But Auxiliary Space is the extra space or the temporary space used by the algorithm during it's execution.
- **Space Complexity = Auxiliary Space + Input space**

Common Time Complexities

$O(1)$ is *constant-time* complexity.

The number of operations for the algorithm doesn't actually change as the problem size increases.

```
void Constant-Time(int arr[ ]) {  
    printf("First element of array = %d", arr[0]); }
```

This function runs in $O(1)$ time (or "constant time") relative to its input.

A loop that runs a constant number of times is also considered as $O(1)$.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= C; x++) // C is some constant  
{ // some  $O(1)$  expressions }
```

Common Time Complexities

O(n): Linear-Time complexity

- Running time increases at most linearly with the size of the input.
- There is a constant c such that the running time is at most cn for every input of size n .
- Linear time is the best possible time complexity in situations where the algorithm has to sequentially read its entire input.
- This function runs in $O(n)$ time, where n is the number of items in the array.

```
void Linear-Time(int arr[])  
{  
    printf("First element of array = %d",arr[i]);  
}
```


Common Time Complexities

O(n): Linear-Time complexity (Cont..)

Examples

1. Traversing an array
2. Traversing a linked list
3. Linear Search
4. Deletion of a specific element in a Linked List (Not sorted)
5. Comparing two strings
6. Checking for Palindrome
7. Counting/Bucket Sort



Common Time Complexities

$O(N^2)$ time complexity

- $O(N^2)$ - performance is directly proportional to the square of the size of the input data set.
- Is common with algorithms that involve nested iterations over the input.

```
void Nsquare (int arr[], int size=N)
{
    for (int i = 0; i < size; i++)
    {
        for (int j = 0; j < size; j++)
            printf("%d = %d\n", arr[i],
arr[j]);
    }
}
```

If the array has 10 items, we have to print 100 times. If it has 1000 items, we have to print 1000000 times

Common Time Complexities

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

The running time of statement inside the nested loop is product of size of loops.

```
for (i=0; i<n; i++)  
for (j=0; j<k; j++)  
a++;
```

The running time is $O(n \times k)$

So the time complexity will be $O(N^2)$.

Common Time Complexities

$O(\log n)$ is logarithmic complexity

- Time Complexity of a loop is considered as $O(\log n)$ if the loop variables is divided / multiplied by a constant amount.

For example Binary Search has $O(\log n)$ time complexity.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= n; i *= c)
{ // some O(1) expressions }

for (int i = n; i > 0; i /= c)
{ // some O(1) expressions }
```

The series that we get in first loop is 1, $c, c^2, c^3, \dots c^k$. If we put k equals to $\log_c n$, we get $C^{\log_c n}$ which is n .

Common Time Complexities

$O(\text{LogLog}n)$

- if the loop variables is reduced exponentially by a constant amount.

```
// Here c is a constant greater than 1  
for (int i = 2; i <=n;i = pow(i, c))  
{ // some  $O(1)$  expressions }
```

```
//Here fun is sqrt or cuberoot or any other constant root  
for (int i = n; i > 0; i = fun(i))  
{ // some  $O(1)$  expressions }
```

Common Time Complexities

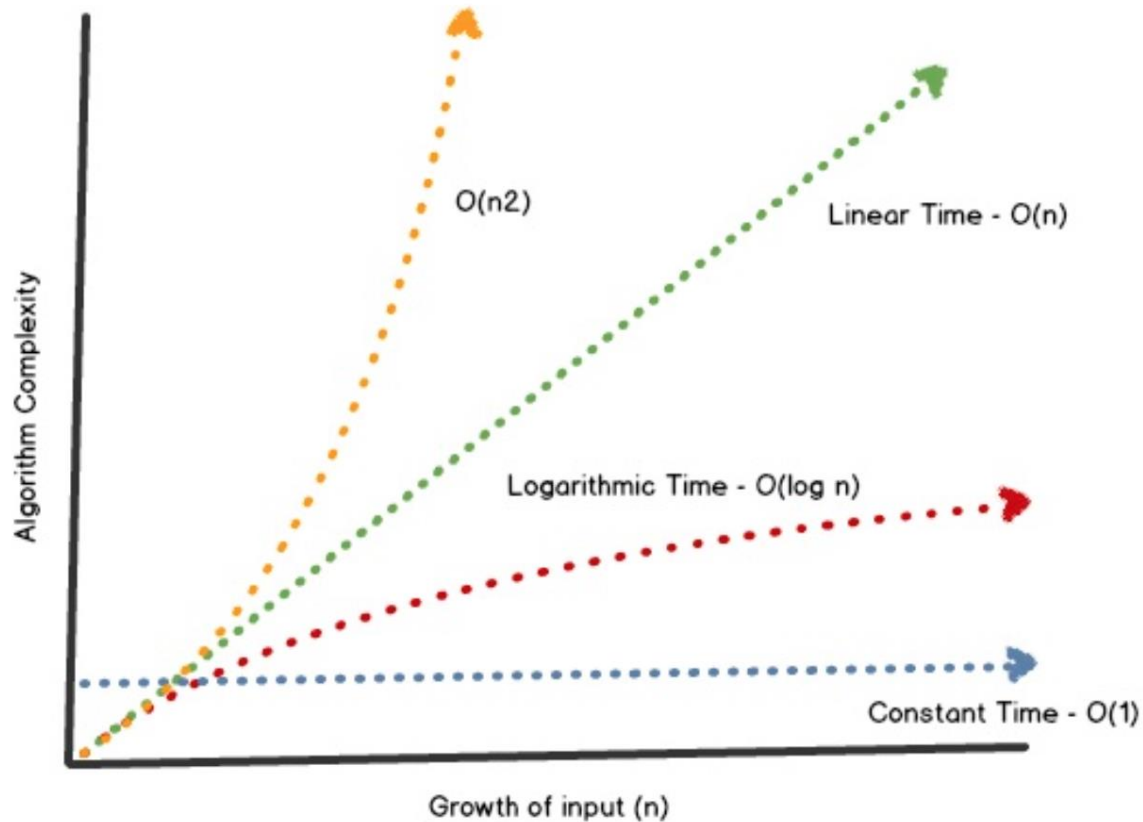
- $O(n^3)$, $O(n^4)$, $O(n^5)$, etc. : *polynomial complexity*
- $O(2^n)$: *exponential complexity.*

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|-----------|---------------------|
| 2^5 | 32 |
| 2^{10} | 1024 |
| 2^{100} | 1.2676506002282E+30 |

General ordering among functions.

$$O(1) < O(\log n) < O(n) < O(n \log n) < O(n * n) < O(n * n * n) < O(n^k) < O(2^n)$$

$O(1)$, $O(n)$, $O(N^2)$ VS $O(\log n)$ time complexities



Comparison Between Various Complexities

| n | $\log_2 n$ | n | $n \log_2 n$ | n^2 | n^3 | 2^n |
|--------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 10 | 3.3 μ s | 10 μ s | 33 μ s | 100 μ s | 1 ms | 1 ms |
| 10^2 | 6.6 μ s | 100 μ s | 664 μ s | 10 ms | 1 s | 4×10^{16} years |
| 10^4 | 13 μ s | 10 ms | 133 ms | 1.7 minutes | 11.6 days | 10^{2997} years |
| 10^6 | 20 μ s | 1 s | 20 s | 11.6 days | 32000 years | 10^{300000} years |

*Assuming one million operations per second

Important points to note:

- $O(\log n)$ excellent complexity.
- $O(n \log n)$ is pretty good: hard to complain about it.
- $O(n^k)$ could be bad, depending on k
- $\Omega(k^n)$ is a disaster.

If you have an algorithm with a higher complexity than necessary, no amount of clever programming will make up for it

Space Complexity

```
int ADD(int x, int y, int z) {  
    int r = x + y + z;  
    return r;}  
requires 3 memory units  
w.r.t parameters and 1 for  
the local variable, and this  
never changes, so this is  
O(1)
```

```
ADD()  
{  
    int Z = P + Q + R;  
    return(z);  
}
```

```
SpaceComplexityDemo(A,n)  
{  
    for i=1 to n  
        A[i]=1  
}
```

Here input size is n, we are using just one extra variable here i.e i

Variables P,Q,R and Z are all integer types, hence they will take up 2 bytes each, so total memory requirement will be $(8 + 2) = 10$ bytes, additional 2 bytes is for return value. here space requirement is fixed, hence it is called **Constant Space Complexity**.

```
int ADD(int arr[], int n){  
    int k = 0;  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {  
        k += arr[i];}  
    return k  
}  
requires 'n' units for arr, plus  
space for n, k and i, so it's O(n)
```

Examples of Space Complexity

```
// n is the length of array a[]
int ADD(int A[], int n)
{
    int x = 0; // 2 bytes for x
    for(int i = 0; i < n; i++)
        // 2 bytes for i
        { x = x + A[i];}
    return(x); }
```

```
void ADD(int x[], int y[], int z[], int n) {
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        z[i] = x[i] + y[i]    }
}
```

- here $2*n$ bytes for the array **A[]** elements.
- It is using 'n' memory units of its own space
- 2 bytes each for **x**, **n**, **i** and the return value.

Hence the total memory requirement is $(2n + 8)$,
It is Linear Space Complexity

requires '**n**' units for x[], '**n**' units for Y[] and '**n**'
units for z[] and 1 unit for i and n.
amount of storage= $n+n+n+1+1=3n+2$

QUIZ (Time Complexity)

What is the time, space complexity of following code:

```
int x = 0, y = 0;
for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    x = x + rand();
}
for (j = 0; j < M; j++) {
    y = y + rand();
}
```

Options:

1. $O(N * M)$ time, $O(1)$ space
2. $O(N + M)$ time, $O(N + M)$ space
3. $O(N + M)$ time, $O(1)$ space
4. $O(N * M)$ time, $O(N + M)$ space

Output:

3. $O(N + M)$ time, $O(1)$ space

The first loop is $O(N)$ and the second loop is $O(M)$. Since we don't know which is bigger, we say this is $O(N + M)$. This can also be written as $O(\max(N, M))$.

Since there is no additional space being utilized, the space complexity is constant / $O(1)$

QUIZ (Time Complexity)

What is the time complexity of following code:

```
int c = 0;
for (x = 0; x < N; i++) {
    for (y = N; y > x; y--) {
        c = c + x + y;
    }
}
```

1. $O(N)$
2. $O(N \cdot \log(N))$
3. $O(N \cdot \text{Sqrt}(N))$
4. $O(N \cdot N)$

Output:

4. $O(N \cdot N)$

Explanation:

The above code runs total no of times
= $N + (N - 1) + (N - 2) + \dots 1 + 0$
= $N \cdot (N + 1) / 2$
= $1/2 \cdot N^2 + 1/2 \cdot N$
 $O(N^2)$ times.

QUIZ (Time Complexity)

What does it mean when we say that an algorithm A is asymptotically more efficient than B?

Options:

1. A will always be a better choice for small inputs
2. A will always be a better choice for large inputs
3. B will always be a better choice for small inputs
4. B will always be a better choice for all inputs

Output:

2. A will always be a better choice for large inputs

Explanation: In asymptotic analysis we consider growth of algorithm in terms of input size. An algorithm A is said to be asymptotically better than B if A takes smaller time than B for all input sizes n larger than a value n_0 where $n_0 > 0$.

QUIZ (Time Complexity)

The complexity of linear search algorithm is

- a) $O(n)$
- b) $O(\log n)$
- c) $O(n^2)$
- d) $O(n \log n)$

Answer: a

Explanation: The worst case complexity of linear search is $O(n)$.

QUIZ (Time Complexity)

What is the time complexity of following code:

```
int a = 0, i = N;  
while (i > 0) {  
    a += i;  
    i /= 2;  
}
```

Options:

1. $O(N)$
2. $O(\text{Sqrt}(N))$
3. $O(N / 2)$
4. $O(\log N)$

Output:

4. $O(\log N)$

Explanation:

We have to find the smallest x such that

$N / 2^x \leq 1$

$x = \log(N)$

QUIZ (Space Complexity)

```
// n is the length of array a[]
int sum(int a[], int n)
{
    int x = 0;
    // 4 bytes for x
    for(int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    // 4 bytes for i
    {
        x = x + a[i];
    }
    return(x);
}
```

- $4*n$ bytes of space is required for the array `a[]` elements.
- 4 bytes each for `x`, `n`, `i` and the return value.

Hence the total memory requirement will be $(4n + 12)$, which is increasing linearly with the increase in the input value `n`, hence it is called as Linear Space Complexity.

QUIZ (Space Complexity)

```
Procedure SpaceComplexityDemo(A,n)
{ for i=1 to n
  A[i]=1
}
```

Here input size is n , we are using just one extra variable here i.e i

```
void add(int a[], int b[], int c[], int n) {
  for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
    c[i] = a[i] + b[0]
  }
}
```

Which requires N units for a , M units for b and L units for c and 1 unit for i and n . So it will need $N+M+L+1+1$ amount of storage

QUIZ (Space Complexity)

```
def calculate(a,b,c):  
    return a+b/c
```

$$S(p) = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3 \implies O(1)$$

```
def sum(a, n):  
    s = 0  
    for i in range(n):  
        s += a[i]  
    return s
```

$$S(p) = (n*1 + 1 + 1) + 1 \implies O(n) \text{ and auxiliary } S(p) = O(1)$$

- a. 'n' for Array of size n
- b. '1' each for variable s,i,n
- c. Additional space of 1 unit for var s

```
public static String[]  
arrayOfHiNTimes(int n) {  
    String[] hiArray = new String[n];  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
        hiArray[i] = "hi";    }  
    return hiArray; }
```

This method takes $O(n)$ space (the size of hiArray scales with the size of the input)

Practice Questions

Q1: Calculate space complexity of following program:

```
// n is the length of array a[]
int sum(int a[], int n)
{
    int x = 0;
    // 4 bytes for x
    for(int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    // 4 bytes for i
    {
        x = x + a[i];
    }
    return(x);
}
```

Practice Questions

Q2: Calculate space complexity of following program:

```
public static int getLargestItem(int[]
    items) {
    int largest = Integer.MIN_VALUE;
    for (int item : items) {
        if (item > largest) {
            largest = item;
        }
    }
    return largest;
}
```

Practice Questions (Answers)

- A1:**
- $4*n$ bytes of space is required for the array `a[]` elements.
 - 4 bytes each for `x`, `n`, `i` and the return value.

Hence the total memory requirement will be $(4n + 12)$, which is increasing linearly with the increase in the input value `n`, hence it is called as Linear Space Complexity.

- A2:** This method takes $O(n)$ space (the size of the array scales with the size of the input)

Practice Questions- Try Yourself

Q.1 Time complexity of binary search?

- A. $O(1)$
- B. $O(\log n)$
- C. $O((\log n)^2)$
- D. $O(n)$

Q. 2 What is Time Complexity of

```
ans = 0
for i = 1 to n:
  for j = 1 to log(i):
    ans += 1
```

- A. $O(n)$
- B. $O(n \log n)$
- C. $O(n^2)$
- D. $O(n^3)$

Q.3 What is Time complexity of
def f(a):

```
    n = len(a)          j = 0
    for i = 0 to n - 1:
      while (j < n and a* < a[j]):
        j += 1
```

- A. $O(\log n)$
- B. $O(n)$
- C. $O(n \log n)$
- D. $O(n^2)$

Q. 4 What is Time Complexity of this program:

```
ans = 0
while (n > 0):
  ans += n % 10
  n /= 10;
```

- A. $O(\log^2 n)$
- B. $O(\log^3 n)$
- C. $O(\log_{10} n)$
- D. $O(n)$

THANK YOU

