

Orders of Growth

The order of growth of a program is how the **running time** grows as a function of input size, n .

	Name	Example
1	<i>linear</i>	<i>Array access</i>
$\log N$	<i>logarithmic</i>	<i>Binary search</i>
N	<i>linear</i>	<i>Printing an array</i>
$N \log N$	<i>linearithmic</i>	<i>MergeSort</i>
N^2	<i>quadratic</i>	<i>NBody</i>
N^3	<i>cubic</i>	<i>Matrix multiplication, Three-Sum</i>
2^N	<i>exponential</i>	<i>Nested circles, Sierpinski, H-Tree</i>
$N!$	<i>factorial</i>	<i>All possible orders, e.g., all possible orderings of a 52 card deck</i>

What are the orders of growth for the following code snippets?
For each, assume the following array has already been initialized:

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int[] a = new int[n];
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<code>a[n/2] = 126;</code>	<i>constant</i>
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<pre>for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) a[i] = i + j;</pre>	<i>quadratic</i>
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<pre>for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) { for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++) { a[i] = i * j; a[j] = i / j; } }</pre>	<i>linear</i>
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<pre>for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) { for (int j = i; j < n; j++) { if (j == i * 2) { a[i] = j; } } }</pre>	<i>quadratic</i>
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