

Key

n = the original input size

$T(n)$ = time required to process input of size n

F = factor by which the input size is multiplied

$T(Fn)$ = time required to process input of size Fn

$O(\log n)$ Algorithms

- It doesn't matter which base you use for the logs, as long as you use the same base throughout the problem.
- If the numbers in the problem are powers of 10, use base 10.
- If the numbers in the problem are powers of 2, use base 2.
- Even if you don't use the base suggested above, you'll still get the same answer, but the arithmetic will be more complicated.

$$T(n) = c \log(n)$$

$$T(Fn) = c \log(Fn)$$

$$\frac{T(Fn)}{T(n)} = \left(1 + \frac{\log(F)}{\log(n)}\right)$$

$$\frac{T(n)}{\log(n)} = \frac{T(Fn)}{\log(Fn)}$$

$O(n)$ Algorithms

$$T(n) = cn$$

$$T(Fn) = c(Fn)$$

$$\frac{T(Fn)}{T(n)} = F$$

$$\frac{T(n)}{n} = \frac{T(Fn)}{Fn}$$

$O(n \log n)$ Algorithms

$$T(n) = c n \log(n)$$

$$T(Fn) = c (Fn) \log(Fn)$$

$$\frac{T(Fn)}{T(n)} = F \left(1 + \frac{\log(F)}{\log(n)}\right)$$

$$\frac{T(n)}{n \log(n)} = \frac{T(Fn)}{(Fn) \log(Fn)}$$

$O(n^2)$ Algorithms

$$T(n) = c n^2$$

$$T(Fn) = c (Fn)^2$$

$$\frac{T(Fn)}{T(n)} = F^2$$

$$\frac{T(n)}{n^2} = \frac{T(Fn)}{(Fn)^2}$$

$O(n^3)$ Algorithms

$$T(n) = c n^3$$

$$T(Fn) = c (Fn)^3$$

$$\frac{T(Fn)}{T(n)} = F^3$$

$$\frac{T(n)}{n^3} = \frac{T(Fn)}{(Fn)^3}$$

$O(2^n)$ Algorithms

$$T(n) = c 2^n$$

$$T(Fn) = c 2^{(Fn)}$$

$$\frac{T(Fn)}{T(n)} = 2^{(F-1)n}$$

$$\frac{T(n)}{2^n} = \frac{T(Fn)}{2^{(Fn)}}$$