

EECE.3220: Data Structures

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Lecture 8: Key Questions

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1. (Review) Describe how to analyze the worst-case execution time of an algorithm.

2. (Review) Explain big O notation.

3. **Example:** Determine the worst-case execution time, $T(n)$, of each function listed below as a function of n , and express that execution time using big O notation ($T(n) = O(?)$).

a.

```
int F(int n) {
    int i, res;
1   if (n < 2)
2       return 1;
3   else {
4       res = 1;
5       for (i=0; i<=n; i++)
6           res *= i;
7       return res;
    }
}
```

b.

```
unsigned F(unsigned n) {
    unsigned res = 0;

1   for (i=0; i<n+1; i++)
2       for (j=0; j<n+1; j++)
3           res = res + j;
4   return res;
}
```

4. Describe a general linear search algorithm for finding a value in an array, including an analysis of its worst-case execution time.

5. Describe a general binary search algorithm for finding a value in an array, including an analysis of its worst-case execution time.

6. Describe a general selection sort algorithm for ordering the values of an array, including an analysis of its worst-case execution time.