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**How to Win Coding Competitions: Secrets of Champions**

**Week 2: Computational complexity. Linear data structures**

**Lecture 1: Big O notation. Computational complexity**

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