

# Useful summation formulas and rules



$$\sum_{i=l}^u 1 = 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 = u - l + 1, \text{ In particular, } \sum_{i=1}^n 1 = n - 1 + 1 = n \in \Theta(n)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = 1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \approx \frac{n^2}{2} \in \Theta(n^2)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \approx \frac{n^3}{3} \in \Theta(n^3)$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n a^i = 1 + a + \dots + a^n = \frac{a^{n+1} - 1}{a - 1} \text{ for any } a \neq 1 \in \Theta(a^n)$$

$$\text{In particular, } \sum_{i=0}^n 2^i = 2^0 + 2^1 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1 \in \Theta(2^n)$$

$$\sum (a_i \pm b_i) = \sum a_i \pm \sum b_i, \quad \sum c a_i = c \sum a_i,$$

$$\sum_{i=l}^u a_i = \sum_{i=l}^m a_i + \sum_{i=m+1}^u a_i$$