

# LESSON 42 NOTES

## “Big-Oh” Notation:

- **DEFINITION:** A theoretical measure of the execution of an algorithm, given an input size “n”.
- **FORMAT:**  $O(g(x)) \rightarrow$  “on order of  $g(x)$ ”, where  $g(x)$  is some function
- **IS AN APPROXIMATION!!**
- **Is used to illustrate:**
  - **Time efficiency:** Length of time it takes an algorithm to run completely.
  - **Space efficiency:** Amount of space that an algorithm uses.

## Common Efficiency Rankings:

notation	name	n = 10	n = 100	n = 1000
$O(\log n)$	<a href="#">logarithmic</a>	3.32	6.64	9.97
$O(n)$	<a href="#">linear</a>	10	100	1,000
$O(n \log n)$	<a href="#">linearithmic</a>	33.22	664.4	9,965.8
$O(n^2)$	<a href="#">quadratic</a>	100	10,000	1,000,000
$O(n^c), c > 1$	<a href="#">polynomial</a>	1,000	1,000,000	1,000,000,000
$O(c^n)$	<a href="#">exponential</a>	1,024	$1.27 \times 10^{30}$	$1.07 \times 10^{301}$

## Efficiencies of Selection Sort and Insertion Sort:

- **Time Efficiency:**  $O(n^2)$
- **Space Efficiency:**  $O(n)$