

# Discussion 3: Asymptotic Notation and Number Theory

- Asymptotic Notation
- Modular Arithmetic

# Asymptotic Notation

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## Exponent rules

$$a^{x+y} = a^x \cdot a^y$$

$$a^{x-y} = \frac{a^x}{a^y}$$

$$a^{x \cdot y} = (a^x)^y$$

$$(a \cdot b)^x = a^x \cdot b^x$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^x = \frac{a^x}{b^x}$$

$$a^{-x} = \frac{1}{a^x}$$

## Logarithm rules

$$\log_b(x \cdot y) = \log_b x + \log_b y$$

$$\log_b\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_b x - \log_b y$$

$$\log_b(x^y) = y \log_b x$$

$$\log_a x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a}$$

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1. Determine the asymptotic value using  $\Theta$  notation for the following functions:

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b.  $\frac{n^3}{\sqrt{n}} + 2n^2 \log^2 n$

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Pick  $c_1 = 1$ ,  $c_2 = 19$ ,  $n_0 = \max(1, 1) = 1$

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## Rules:

- $(a \pm b) \text{ rem } m \equiv (a \text{ rem } m \pm b \text{ rem } m) \pmod{m}$
- $(a \cdot b) \text{ rem } m \equiv (a \text{ rem } m \cdot b \text{ rem } m) \pmod{m}$
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 $\equiv 2^4 \equiv 3 \pmod{13}$

# Modular Arithmetic: Squaring Method

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2. Compute  $5^{117} \bmod 19$

$$\begin{aligned} 5^{117} &\equiv 5 \cdot (5^2)^{58} \\ &\equiv 5 \cdot (25 \bmod 19)^{58} \equiv 5 \cdot 6^{58} \\ &\equiv 5 \cdot (6^2)^{29} \equiv 5 \cdot (17)^{29} \\ &\equiv 5 \cdot 17 \cdot (17^2)^{14} \equiv 9 \cdot (4)^{14} \\ &\equiv 9 \cdot (4^2)^7 \equiv 9 \cdot 16 \cdot (16^2)^3 \\ &\equiv 11 \cdot 9 \cdot 9^2 \equiv 4 \cdot 5 \\ &\equiv 1 \pmod{19} \end{aligned}$$

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Since  $\gcd(2,6) = 2 \neq 1$ ,  $2^{-1} \pmod{6}$  does not exist.

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So  $\alpha = 5, \beta = -2 : 5 \cdot 3 + (-2) \cdot 7 = 1$

And this gives us that  $3^{-1} \pmod{7} = 5$ .



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We have (from previous example):  $3^{-1} \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$

$$\implies x \equiv 5 \cdot 4 \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$$