

Asymptotic Analysis Cheatsheet

- Order Notations:
 - $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ if $\exists c > 0$ and $n_0 > 0$ such that $0 \leq f(n) \leq cg(n) \forall n \geq n_0$
 - f “grows no faster than” g
 - $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$ if $\exists c > 0$ and $n_0 > 0$ such that $0 \leq cg(n) \leq f(n) \forall n \geq n_0$
 - f “grows no slower than” g
 - $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$ if $\exists c_1, c_2 > 0$ and $n_0 > 0$ such that $0 \leq c_1g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2g(n) \forall n \geq n_0$
 - f and g have the *same complexity*
 - $f(n) \in o(g(n))$ if $\forall c > 0, \exists n_0 > 0$ such that $0 \leq f(n) < cg(n) \forall n \geq n_0$
 - f has *lower complexity* than g
 - $f(n) \in \omega(g(n))$ if $\forall c > 0, \exists n_0 > 0$ such that $0 \leq cg(n) < f(n) \forall n \geq n_0$
 - f has *higher complexity* than g
 - $f \in O(g)$ and $f \in \Omega(g) \iff f \in \Theta(g)$
- Suppose $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)}$
 - If $L = 0$ then $f \in o(g)$
 - If $0 < L < \infty$ then $f \in \Theta(g)$
 - If $L = \infty$ then $f \in \omega(g)$
- L'Hopital's Rule:
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$ if it exists
- Important/useful facts:
 - $\log n \geq 1 \forall n \geq 2$
 - $\log n \geq n \forall n \geq 0$
 - $\sum_{i=1}^n i^k \in \Theta(n^{k+1})$