

O notation (upper bound)

$f(n) \in O(g(n))$ if $\exists c, m_0$ s.t. $f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n) \forall n > m_0$ and $c > 0$

 Ω notation (lower bound)

$f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$ if $\exists c, m_0$ s.t. $c \cdot g(n) \leq f(n) \forall n, m_0$ and $c > 0$

 Θ notation (tight bound)

$f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$ if $\exists c_1, c_2, m_0$ s.t. $c_1 \cdot g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 \cdot g(n) \forall n > m_0$ and $c_1 > 0, c_2 > 0$

ex) $1000n^2 + 10n - 50$ is $O(n^3)$ ← loose upper bound

$1000n^2 + 10n - 50$ is $\Omega(n)$ ← "at least n ", loose lower bound

$1000n^2 + 10n - 50$ is $\Theta(n^2)$ ← only possibility for Θ

ex) $3n^2 - 50n + 10 \in \Theta(n^2)$

$$c_1 \cdot n^2 \leq 3n^2 - 50n + 10 \leq c_2 \cdot n^2 \quad \forall n > m_0$$

$$c_1 \leq 3 - \frac{50}{n} + \frac{10}{n^2} \leq c_2 \quad \forall n > m_0$$

~~Let m_0 be 4~~ → yields negative # in the middle, can't do that
 Let m_0 be 50 → $2 \leq 3 - \frac{50}{n} + \frac{10}{n^2}$ so $c_1 = 2$
 $3 - \frac{50}{n} + \frac{10}{n^2} \leq 4$ so $c_2 = 4$

ex) $9n^3 - 10n^2 + 15n - 5 = \Theta(n^3)$

$$c_1 \cdot n^3 \leq 9n^3 - 10n^2 + 15n - 5 \leq c_2 \cdot n^3 \quad \forall n > m_0$$

$$c_1 \leq 9 - \frac{10}{n} + \frac{15}{n^2} - \frac{5}{n^3} \leq c_2 \quad \forall n > m_0$$

* Need to verify this is correct → Let m_0 be 1 → $8 \leq 9 - \frac{10}{n} + \frac{15}{n^2} - \frac{5}{n^3}$ so $c_1 = 8$?
 $9 - \frac{10}{n} + \frac{15}{n^2} - \frac{5}{n^3} \leq 10$ so $c_2 = 10$?

Let m_0 be 5 → $7 \leq 9 - \frac{10}{n} + \frac{15}{n^2} - \frac{5}{n^3}$ so $c_1 = 7$
 $9 - \frac{10}{n} + \frac{15}{n^2} - \frac{5}{n^3} \leq 10$ so $c_2 = 10$

$an^2 + bn + c = \Theta(n^2)$ where $a > 0$

$$c_1 = \frac{a}{4}, c_2 = \frac{7a}{4}, m_0 = 2 \cdot \max\left(\frac{|b|}{a}, \sqrt{\frac{|c|}{a}}\right)$$

$$c_1 \cdot n^2 \leq an^2 + bn + c \leq c_2 \cdot n^2$$

$$\frac{a}{4} \cdot n^2 \leq an^2 + bn + c \leq \frac{7a}{4} \cdot n^2 \quad \forall n > 2 \cdot \max\left(\frac{|b|}{a}, \sqrt{\frac{|c|}{a}}\right)$$

$$\frac{a}{4} \leq a + \frac{b}{n} + \frac{c}{n^2} \leq \frac{7a}{4}$$

$$\frac{b}{n} \leq \frac{b}{2 \cdot \frac{|b|}{a}} \rightarrow \frac{b}{n} \leq \frac{b \cdot \frac{|b|}{a}}{2} \rightarrow \frac{b}{n} \leq \frac{a}{2} \quad \leftarrow 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ term in center of eq. equated to } n = \frac{|b|}{a}$$

$$\frac{c}{n^2} \leq \frac{c}{(2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{|c|}{a}})^2} \rightarrow \frac{c}{n^2} \leq \frac{c}{4 \cdot \frac{|c|}{a}} \rightarrow \frac{c}{n^2} \leq \frac{c \cdot \frac{|c|}{a}}{4} \rightarrow \frac{c}{n^2} \leq \frac{a}{4} \quad \leftarrow 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ term in center of eq. equated to } n = \sqrt{\frac{|c|}{a}}$$

 o notation ("little-o")

$f(n) \in o(g(n))$ if $\forall c_1 > 0, \exists m_0$ s.t. $f(n) \leq c_1 \cdot g(n) \forall n > m_0$

 ω notation ("little-omega")

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$f(n) \in \omega(g(n))$ if $\forall c_1 > 0, \exists n_0$ s.t. $c_1 \cdot g(n) \leq f(n) \quad \forall n > n_0$

Recurrence Relation

$$T(n) = 2 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(n) \quad \leftarrow \text{mergesort recurrence relation}$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$$