

# Complexity Classes and Complexity in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Cheat Sheet

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## Various Symbols

$\mathcal{O}(\cdot)$	<code>\bO{}</code>	The big O asymptotic Notation
$\mathcal{C}$	<code>\C</code>	An arbitrary Complexity Class
$co\mathcal{C}$	<code>\cC</code>	The complement of an arbitrary Complexity Class: $co\mathcal{C} = \{L \mid \bar{L} \in \mathcal{C}\}$
$\mathcal{F}$	<code>\F</code>	An arbitrary Function Complexity Class
$co\mathcal{F}$	<code>\cF</code>	The Complement of $\mathcal{F}$
$\{0, 1\}$	<code>\zo</code>	The set of strings of length $n$ produced using $\{0, 1\}$ as alphabet
$\{0, 1\}^n$	<code>\zon</code>	
$\{0, 1\}^*$	<code>\zos</code>	The set of strings produced using $\{0, 1\}$ as alphabet
$\Sigma^*$	<code>\Ss</code>	The set of strings produced using $\Sigma$ as alphabet
$\{C_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$	<code>\Circfam</code>	The arbitrary family of circuits

## 62 Essential Complexity Classes

### Deterministic & Nondeterministic Classes

$\mathbf{DTIME}[t(n)]$	<code>\DTIME{t(n)}</code>	Languages accepted by DTMs in $\mathcal{O}(t(n))$ time
$\mathbf{NTIME}[t(n)]$	<code>\NTIME{t(n)}</code>	Languages accepted by NTMs in $\mathcal{O}(t(n))$ time
$\mathbf{DSpace}[s(n)]$	<code>\DSpace{t(n)}</code>	Languages accepted by DTMs using $\mathcal{O}(s(n))$ space
$\mathbf{NSpace}[s(n)]$	<code>\NSpace{t(n)}</code>	Languages accepted by NTMs using $\mathcal{O}(s(n))$ space
$\mathbf{P}$	<code>\cP</code>	Languages accepted by DTMs in poly time: $\mathbf{P} = \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbf{DTIME}[n^c]$
$\mathbf{NP}$	<code>\NP</code>	Languages accepted by NTMs in poly time: $\mathbf{NP} = \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbf{NTIME}[n^c]$
$co\mathbf{NP}$	<code>\cNP</code>	The complement of $\mathbf{NP}$
$\mathbf{EXP}$	<code>\EXP</code>	Languages accepted by DTMs in exponential time: $\mathbf{EXP} = \mathbf{DTIME}[2^{poly(n)}]$
$\mathbf{E}$	<code>\E</code>	Languages accepted by DTMs in exponential time with linear exponent: $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{DTIME}[2^{\mathcal{O}(n)}]$
$\mathbf{NEXP}$	<code>\NEXP</code>	Languages accepted by NTMs in exponential time: $\mathbf{NEXP} = \mathbf{NTIME}[2^{poly(n)}]$
$\mathbf{L}$	<code>\cL</code>	Languages accepted by DTMs using log space: $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{DSpace}[\log n]$
$\mathbf{NL}$	<code>\NL</code>	Languages accepted by NTMs using log space: $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{NSpace}[\log n]$
$co\mathbf{NL}$	<code>\cNL</code>	The complement of $\mathbf{NL}$
$\mathbf{SL}$	<code>\SL</code>	Languages accepted by <i>symmetric</i> TMs using log space
$\mathbf{PSPACE}$	<code>\PSPACE</code>	Languages accepted by DTMs using poly space: $\mathbf{PSPACE} = \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbf{DSpace}[n^c]$
$\mathbf{NPSPACE}$	<code>\NPSPACE</code>	Languages accepted by NTMs using poly space: $\mathbf{NPSPACE} = \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbf{NSpace}[n^c]$
$\Sigma_2^P$	<code>\Stwo</code>	The second level of the Polynomial Hierarchy: $\Sigma_2^P = \mathbf{NP}^{\mathbf{NP}}$
$\Pi_2^P$	<code>\Ptwo</code>	The complement of the second level of the Polynomial Hierarchy: $\Pi_2^P = co\mathbf{NP}^{\mathbf{NP}}$

$\Theta_2^P$	<code>\Ttwo</code>	Another notation for $\mathbf{P}^{\mathbf{NP}[\log n]}$ .
$\mathbf{P}^{\mathbf{NP}[\log n]}$	<code>\Ttwod</code>	Languages accepted in deterministic polynomial-time using an $\mathbf{NP}$ -oracle with at most $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ queries allowed.
$\Sigma_k^P$	<code>\Sp{k}</code>	The $k$ -th level of the Polynomial Hierarchy: $\Sigma_k^P = \mathbf{NP}^{\Sigma_{k-1}^P}$
$\Pi_k^P$	<code>\Pp{k}</code>	The complement of the $k$ -th level of the Polynomial Hierarchy: $\Pi_k^P = co\mathbf{NP}^{\Sigma_{k-1}^P}$
$\Delta_k^P$	<code>\Dp{k}</code>	$\mathbf{P}$ with an $\Sigma_{k-1}^P$ oracle
$\mathbf{PH}$	<code>\PH</code>	The Polynomial Hierarchy: $\mathbf{PH} = \cup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \Sigma_k^P$
$\mathbf{FP}$	<code>\FP</code>	The function analogue of $\mathbf{P}$
$\mathbf{FNP}$	<code>\FNP</code>	The function analogue of $\mathbf{NP}$
$\mathbf{TFNP}$	<code>\TFNP</code>	The total function analogue of $\mathbf{NP}$
$\mathbf{FP}^{\mathbf{NP}[\log n]}$	<code>\FTtwod</code>	The function analogue of $\mathbf{P}^{\mathbf{NP}[\log n]}$

### Randomized Classes

$\mathbf{BPTIME}[t(n)]$	<code>\BPTIME{t(n)}</code>	Languages accepted by PTMs with two-sided bounded error in $\mathcal{O}(t(n))$ time
$\mathbf{RTIME}[t(n)]$	<code>\RTIME{t(n)}</code>	Languages accepted by PTMs with one-sided error in $\mathcal{O}(t(n))$ time
$\mathbf{BPP}$	<code>\BPP</code>	Languages accepted by PTMs with two-sided bounded error in poly time: $\mathbf{BPP} = \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbf{BPTIME}[n^c]$
$\mathbf{RP}$	<code>\RP</code>	Languages accepted by PTMs with one-sided error in poly time: $\mathbf{RP} = \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbf{RTIME}[n^c]$
$co\mathbf{RP}$	<code>\cRP</code>	The complement of $\mathbf{RP}$
$\mathbf{RL}$	<code>\RL</code>	Languages accepted by PTMs with one-sided error using log space
$\mathbf{ZPP}$	<code>\ZPP</code>	Languages accepted by PTMs without error in the answer, in <i>expected</i> polynomial time
$\mathbf{PP}$	<code>\PP</code>	Languages accepted by PTMS with (unbounded) two-sided error in polynomial time

### Non-Uniform Classes

$\mathbf{SIZE}[f(n)]$	<code>\SIZE{f(n)}</code>	Languages accepted by non-uniform circuit families of size $f(n)$
$\mathbf{P}_{poly}$	<code>\Ppoly</code>	Languages accepted by non-uniform circuit families of poly size
$\mathbf{NC}^i$	<code>\NC{i}</code>	
$\mathbf{NC}$	<code>\NC{}</code>	
$\mathbf{AC}^i$	<code>\AC{i}</code>	
$\mathbf{AC}$	<code>\AC{}</code>	
$\mathbf{TC}^i$	<code>\TC{i}</code>	
$\mathbf{SC}^i$	<code>\SC{i}</code>	
$\mathbf{AC}^0[m]$	<code>\ACz{m}</code>	
$\mathbf{ACC}^0$	<code>\ACCz</code>	
$\mathbf{RNC}$	<code>\RNC</code>	

### Interactive Proof Classes

$\mathbf{IP}$	<code>\IP</code>	The class of languages having an Interactive Proof System, with a probabilistic verifier.
$\mathbf{AM}$	<code>\AM</code>	The class of Arthur-Merlin games (Interactive Proof Systems using public coins)
$co\mathbf{AM}$	<code>\cAM</code>	The complement of $\mathbf{AM}$
$\mathbf{MA}$	<code>\MA</code>	The class of Merlin-Arthur games (similar to $\mathbf{AM}$ , but now Merlin plays first)
$co\mathbf{MA}$	<code>\cMA</code>	The complement of $\mathbf{MA}$
$\mathbf{PCP}[r(n), q(n)]$	<code>\PCP{r(n)}{q(n)}</code>	The class of languages with <i>probabilistic checkable proofs</i> using $\mathcal{O}(r(n))$ random bits, and querying $\mathcal{O}(q(n))$ bits of the proof

## Counting Classes

<b>#P</b>	<code>\sP</code>
<b><math>\oplus</math>P</b>	<code>\oddP</code>
<b>UP</b>	<code>\UP</code>
<b>FewP</b>	<code>\FewP</code>
<b>Mod<sub>k</sub>P</b>	<code>\modP</code>

## Subclasses of TFNP

<b>PLS</b>	<code>\PLS</code>	The class of function problems that are guaranteed to have a solution because of the lemma that “ <i>every finite directed acyclic graph has a sink.</i> ”
<b>PPP</b>	<code>\PPP</code>	The class of function problems that are guaranteed to have a solution because of the Pigeonhole Principle.
<b>PPA</b>	<code>\PPA</code>	The class of function problems that are guaranteed to have a solution because of the lemma that “ <i>all graphs of maximum degree 2 have an even number of leaves.</i> ”
<b>PPAD</b>	<code>\PPAD</code>	Same as <b>PPA</b> , except now the graph is directed, and we’re asked to find either a source or a sink.

## Relations & Reductions

$\subseteq$	<code>\cs</code>	The inclusion relation
$\subsetneq$	<code>\cps</code>	The <i>proper</i> inclusion relation
$\not\subseteq$	<code>\cns</code>	The non-inclusion relation
$\leq_m^p$	<code>\kred</code>	The Karp Reduction
$\leq^p$	<code>\tred</code>	The Cook Reduction
$\leq_{tt}^p$	<code>\ttred</code>	The Truth-Table Reduction
$\leq_l$	<code>\lred</code>	The Log-Space Reduction

## Common Problems

<b>SAT</b>	<code>\SAT</code>	The Satisfiability Problem
<b>#SAT</b>	<code>\sSAT</code>	The counting version of <b>SAT</b>
<b>PERMANENT</b>	<code>\PREM</code>	The Permanent Problem
<b>TSP</b>	<code>\TSP</code>	The Travelling Salesman Problem
<b>GI</b>	<code>\GI</code>	The Graph Isomorphism Problem
<b>GNI</b>	<code>\GNI</code>	The Graph Non-Isomorphism Problem
<b>FACTORING</b>	<code>\FACT</code>	The Problem of Factoring
<b>HALTING PROBLEM</b>	<code>\HP</code>	The Halting Problem
<b>TQBF</b>	<code>\TQBF</code>	The True Quantified Boolean Formula Problem

## Quantifier Characterizations

$\exists^+$	<code>\explus</code>	The overwhelming majority quantifier
$(Q/Q')$	<code>\qcc{Q}{Q'}</code>	The quantifier notation of complexity classes, where $Q$ and $Q'$ are (sequences of) quantifiers

## Operators on Complexity Classes

$\mathcal{N} \cdot \mathcal{C}$	<code>\opN{\mathcal{C}}</code>	The nondeterministic operator
$\Delta \cdot \mathcal{C}$	<code>\opD{\mathcal{C}}</code>	The difference operator ( $\Delta \cdot \mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C} \cap co\mathcal{C}$ )
$\mathcal{BP} \cdot \mathcal{C}$	<code>\BP{\mathcal{C}}</code>	The (two-sided) bounded probabilistic operator
$\mathcal{P} \cdot \mathcal{C}$	<code>\opP{\mathcal{C}}</code>	The (two-sided) probabilistic operator
$\mathcal{R} \cdot \mathcal{C}$	<code>\opR{\mathcal{C}}</code>	The (one-sided) probabilistic operator
Almost $\mathcal{C}$	<code>\Alm{\mathcal{C}}</code>	The Almost operator: Almost $\mathcal{C} = \{L \mid \Pr_{A \subseteq \{0,1\}^*} [L \in \mathcal{C}^A] = 1\}$

## Other (more rare) Classes

<b>EE</b>	<code>\EE</code>	
<b>SUBEXP</b>	<code>\SUBEXP</code>	
<b>QuasiP</b>	<code>\QuasiP</code>	
<b>EXP</b> / <sub>poly</sub>	<code>\EXPpoly</code>	
$\text{pseudo}_{\mathcal{C}'}^{\mathcal{C}'}$	<code>\pseudo{\mathcal{C}}{\mathcal{C}'}</code>	
$S_2^p$	<code>\Sytwo</code>	The second level of the Symmetric Hierarchy
$S_k^p$	<code>\Syp{k}</code>	The $k$ -th level of the Symmetric Hierarchy

\*To use the Complexity commands mentioned above, you have to include the CC.tex command definitions (<http://www.corelab.ntua.gr/~aanton/CC.tex>).

\*Many of the definitions are taken from [Scott Aaronson’s Complexity Zoo!](#)