

# Section 1

# Log Identities

Recall  $k = \log(x) = \log_2(x) \Leftrightarrow 2^k = x$

- $\log(x*y) = \log(x) + \log(y)$
- $\log(x/y) = \log(x) - \log(y)$
- $\log(x^d) = d*\log(x)$
- $x^{\log(y)} = y^{\log(x)}$
- Change of base formula:  $\log_a x = \log_b(x) / \log_b(a)$

# Proof methods: $n^2 \geq n$ for all $n \geq 1$

## Directly:

$$\begin{aligned}n &\geq 1 \\ n \cdot n &\geq n \cdot 1 \\ n^2 &\geq n\end{aligned}$$

## By contradiction:

Assume to the contrary there exists  $k \geq 1$  such that  $k^2 < k$ . But then

$$\begin{aligned}k^2 &< k \\ k^2/k &< k/k \\ k &< 1\end{aligned}$$

Contradiction.

## By induction:

- Base case:  $1^2 = 1 \geq 1$
- Inductive step: assume  $(k-1)^2 \geq k-1$ , then
$$\begin{aligned}k^2 &= (k-1)^2 + 2k - 1 \\ &\geq k - 1 + 2k - 1 \\ &\geq k\end{aligned}$$
- Therefore  $n^2 \geq n$  for all  $n \geq 1$

# Big-O, Big-Omega, Big-Theta

- $T(n) = O(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow \exists c, n_0 \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_0, 0 \leq T(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$
- $T(n) = \Omega(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow \exists c, n_0 \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_0, 0 \leq c \cdot g(n) \leq T(n)$
- $T(n) = \Theta(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow T(n) = O(g(n))$  **and**  $T(n) = \Omega(g(n))$

# Master Theorem

If  $T(n) = a \cdot T(n/b) + O(n^d)$  with  $a \geq 1$ ,  $b > 1$ , and  $T(1) = O(1)$ , then

- $T(n) = O(n^d \log(n))$  if  $a = b^d$
- $T(n) = O(n^d)$  if  $a < b^d$
- $T(n) = O(n^{\log_b(a)})$  if  $a > b^d$