

CS 581 Homework 2

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Problem 1.

Consider Stirlings approximation as given by

$$n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \quad (1)$$

What happens to the proportional error in this approximation as n gets large? That is, what is the limit of $(n! - \sqrt{2\pi n}(\frac{n}{e})^n)$ divided by $n!$? (No proof required).

Problem 2.

Prove $n^{\log c} = c^{\log n}$.

Problem 3.

For each pair of expressions (A, B) in the table below, check whether A is O, o, Ω , Θ , \sim (tilda) of B ($\log n$ implies base 2). Use checkmarks where true.

A	B	O	o	Ω	Θ	\sim
$\log n$	n					
$\log(2n)$	n					
$\log^2 n$	n					
n^2	$2n^2$					
$n + \log n$	n^2					
n	2^n					
$n^3 + 4n^2 + \log^4 n$	n^3					
$n + \log n$	n					
\sqrt{n}	$n^{\sin n}$					
$n!$	n^n					
$\log n!$	$\log n^n$					
$25n \log n + 5n$	$\frac{1}{2}n \log n$					
$\sqrt{n} \log n$	n					
$4^{\log n}$	$2n^2$					
$n \log n$	$n^{1.001}$					