

<h3 style="text-align: center; color: #4F81BD;">Order Notation Summary</h3> <p>O-notation: $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ if there exist constants $c > 0$ and $n_0 > 0$ such that $0 \leq f(n) \leq c g(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0$.</p> <p>Ω-notation: $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$ if there exist constants $c > 0$ and $n_0 > 0$ such that $0 \leq c g(n) \leq f(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0$.</p> <p>Θ-notation: $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$ if there exist constants $c_1, c_2 > 0$ and $n_0 > 0$ such that $0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0$.</p> <p>o-notation: $f(n) \in o(g(n))$ if for all constants $c > 0$, there exists a constant $n_0 > 0$ such that $0 \leq f(n) < c g(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0$.</p> <p>ω-notation: $f(n) \in \omega(g(n))$ if for all constants $c > 0$, there exists a constant $n_0 > 0$ such that $0 \leq c g(n) < f(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0$.</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center; color: #4F81BD;">Techniques for Order Notation</h3> <p>Suppose that $f(n) > 0$ and $g(n) > 0$ for all $n \geq n_0$. Suppose that</p> $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \quad (\text{in particular, the limit exists}).$ <p>Then</p> $f(n) \in \begin{cases} o(g(n)) & \text{if } L = 0 \\ \Theta(g(n)) & \text{if } 0 < L < \infty \\ \omega(g(n)) & \text{if } L = \infty. \end{cases}$ <p>The required limit can often be computed using <i>'Hôpital's rule'</i>. Note that this result gives <i>sufficient</i> (but not necessary) conditions for the stated conclusions to hold.</p>
<h3 style="text-align: center; color: #4F81BD;">Useful Math Facts</h3> <p>Logarithms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $c = \log_b(a)$ means $b^c = a$. E.g. $n = 2^{\log_2 n}$. • $\log(a)$ (in this course) means $\log_2(a)$ • $\log(a \cdot c) = \log(a) + \log(c)$, $\log(a^c) = c \log(a)$ • $\log_b(a) = \frac{\log_c a}{\log_c b} = \frac{1}{\log_b(b)}$, $a^{\log_b c} = c^{\log_b a}$ • $\ln(x) = \text{natural log} = \log_e(x)$, $\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x}$ • concavity: $\alpha \log x + (1-\alpha) \log y \leq \log(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y)$ for $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ <p>Factorial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $n! := n(n-1)(n-2) \cdots 2 \cdot 1 = \#$ ways to permute n elements • $\log(n!) = \log n + \log(n-1) + \cdots + \log 2 + \log 1 \in \Theta(n \log n)$ <p>Probability and moments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $E[aX] = aE[X]$, $E[X + Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$ (linearity of expectation) 	<h3 style="text-align: center; color: #4F81BD;">Useful Math Facts</h3> <p>Arithmetic sequence:</p> $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i = ??? \quad \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (a + di) = na + \frac{dn(n-1)}{2} \in \Theta(n^2) \quad \text{if } d \neq 0.$ <p>Geometric sequence:</p> $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i = ??? \quad \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a r^i = \begin{cases} a \frac{r^n - 1}{r - 1} \in \Theta(r^{n-1}) & \text{if } r > 1 \\ na \in \Theta(n) & \text{if } r = 1 \\ a \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} \in \Theta(1) & \text{if } 0 < r < 1. \end{cases}$ <p>Harmonic sequence:</p> $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} = ??? \quad H_n := \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} = \ln n + \gamma + o(1) \in \Theta(\log n)$ <p>A few more:</p> $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^2} = ??? \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \in \Theta(1)$ $\sum_{i=1}^n i^k = ??? \quad \sum_{i=1}^n i^k \in \Theta(n^{k+1}) \quad \text{for } k \geq 0$

