

HANDOUT:
<https://mathlab.utsch.utoronto.ca/bretscher/b63/tutorials/w2.pdf>

| | $\ln(n)$ | $\lg(n)$ | $\lg(n^2)$ | $(\lg n)^2$ | n | $n \cdot \lg(n)$ | 2^n | $2^{(3n)}$ |
|------------------|----------|----------|------------|-------------|-----|------------------|-------|------------|
| $\ln(n)$ | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| $\lg(n)$ | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| $\lg(n^2)$ | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| $(\lg n)^2$ | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| n | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| $n \cdot \lg(n)$ | | | | | | Y | Y | Y |
| 2^n | | | | | | | Y | Y |
| $2^{(3n)}$ | | | | | | | Y | Y |

(Remember that \lg means log base 2.)

In each cell, fill in "Y" iff (its row function) $\in O$ (its column function).

Fill in proofs for selected big-O cells:

- $n \in O(n \lg(n))$, using the definition of big-O:
- $n \lg(n) \notin O(n)$ using the definition of big-O: (Note: This can be explained as a proof by contradiction...other ways possible too).
- $2^{(3n)} \notin O(2^n)$, using a limit theorem from lecture (you may not have seen the limit theorem if your tutorial is before the Wed. class).

Some practice questions:

- $6n^5 + n^2 - n^3 \in \Theta(n^5)$
- $3n^2 - 4n \in \Omega(n^2)$

1. WTS: $\exists c, n_0$ such that $0 \leq n \leq cn / \lg(n) \quad \forall n \geq n_0$

Intuition: Note that $\lg(2) = 1$, so
 $n \leq n \lg(n) \quad \forall n \geq 2$ since
 $\lg(n)$ only increases

Formally: Choose $n_0 = 2, C = 1$
 Since $n \geq n_0 = 2$
 $2 \leq n$
 \lg both sides
 $\Rightarrow 1 \leq \lg n$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Now consider} \\
 & n \\
 & = n \cdot 1 \\
 & \leq n \cdot \lg(n) \\
 & = c \cdot n \cdot \lg(n) \\
 & \text{and clearly } 0 \leq n
 \end{aligned}$$



2. Proof by contradiction

Suppose $n \lg n \in O(n)$

$$\Rightarrow \exists c, n_0 \text{ st } 0 \leq n \lg n \leq cn \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

Change the condition

$$\forall n \geq n_0 \text{ to } \forall n \geq \max(n_0, 1)$$

↳ still true since $\max(n_0, 1) \geq n_0$

Now $\forall n \geq \max(n_0, 1)$

$$n \lg n \leq cn$$

$$\lg n \leq c$$

$$n \leq 2^c$$

since $n \geq 1$

Now choose $n = \max(n_0, 1, 2^c + 1)$, then

$n \geq \max(n_0, 1)$ and $n \leq 2^c$. However this

$n > 2^c$ since $2^c \geq n \geq n_0 \geq 1$.

CONTRADICTION

3. Use limit theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{(3n)}}{2^n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{(3n-n)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{2n} \\ &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 2^{(3n)} \notin O(2^n)$$

PRACTICE:

1. WTS: $\exists c_1, c_2, n_0$ st $0 \leq c_1 n^5 \leq 6n^5 + n^2 - n^3 \leq c_2 n^5$

$\forall n \geq n_0$

Big-O

$$6n^5 + n^2 - n^3$$

$$\leq 6n^5 + n^2$$

$$\leq 6n^5 + n^5$$

$$= 7n^5$$

$\forall n \geq 1$

Big-Ω

$$6n^5 + n^2 - n^3$$

$$\geq 6n^5 - n^3$$

$$\geq 6n^5 - n^5$$

$$= 5n^5$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 5, c_2 = 7, n_0 = 1$$

2. WTS: $\exists c, n_0$ st $0 \leq cn^2 \leq 3n^2 - 4n \quad \forall n \geq n_0$

$$cn^2 \leq 3n^2 - 4n$$

$$cn \leq 3n - 4 \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

$$4 \leq (3-c)n$$

$$\frac{4}{3-c} \leq n \quad \Rightarrow \text{Let } c=1 \Rightarrow n \geq 2 \\ \Rightarrow n_0 = 2$$

$$\text{Let } c=2 \Rightarrow n \geq 4 \quad \Rightarrow n_0 = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 3n^2 - 4n \\ \geq & 3n^2 - 2n^2 \quad \forall n \geq 2 \\ & = n^2 \\ \Rightarrow & c=1, n_0=2 \end{aligned}$$

Additional Notes:

Recall logarithms are related to each other by some constant thanks to the change of base formula: $\log_b(x) = \log_c(x) / \log_c(b)$ Which is why we were able to easily conclude that $\lg(n)$ in $O(\ln(n))$ and $\ln(n)$ in $O(\lg(n))$.