

Formal definitions:

$$\Theta(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \exists c_1, c_2, n_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ such that } \forall n \geq n_0, 0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)\}$$

$$O(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \exists c, n_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ such that } \forall n \geq n_0, 0 \leq f(n) \leq c g(n)\}$$

$$\Omega(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \exists c, n_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ such that } \forall n \geq n_0, 0 \leq c g(n) \leq f(n)\}$$

$$o(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \forall c \in \mathbb{R}^+, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ such that } \forall n \geq n_0, 0 \leq f(n) < c g(n)\}$$

$$\omega(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \forall c \in \mathbb{R}^+, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ such that } \forall n \geq n_0, 0 \leq c g(n) < f(n)\}$$

If  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  and  $\lg(g(n)) \geq 1$  and  $f(n) \geq 1$  for sufficiently large  $n$ , then  $\lg(f(n)) = O(\lg(g(n)))$ .

Scratch work: We need a  $d$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}\lg c + \lg g(n) &\leq d \lg g(n) \\ d &\geq \frac{\lg c}{\lg g(n)} + \frac{\lg g(n)}{\lg g(n)} \\ &\geq \lg c + 1 \\ (\lg c + 1)\lg g(n) &= \lg c \cdot \lg g(n) + \lg g(n)\end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Suppose  $f(n) = O(g(n))$ . Then there exist  $c, n_0$  such that for all  $n > n_0$ ,  $f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\lg f(n) &\leq \lg c \lg g(n) && \text{since } \lg \text{ is increasing} \\ &\leq \lg c + \lg g(n) && \text{by log property} \\ &\leq \lg c \cdot \lg g(n) + \lg g(n) && \text{Since } \lg g(n) \geq 1 \\ &\leq (\lg c + 1) \cdot \lg g(n)\end{aligned}$$

Thus for  $n > n_0$ ,  $\lg(f(n)) \leq (\lg c + 1)\lg(g(n))$ .