

Theoretical Computer Science Cheat Sheet

Identities Cont.

$$\begin{aligned}
 38. \quad \left[\begin{matrix} n+1 \\ m+1 \end{matrix} \right] &= \sum_k \left[\begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right] \binom{k}{m} = \sum_{k=0}^n \left[\begin{matrix} k \\ m \end{matrix} \right] n^{n-k} = n! \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!} \left[\begin{matrix} k \\ m \end{matrix} \right], & 39. \quad \left[\begin{matrix} x \\ x-n \end{matrix} \right] &= \sum_{k=0}^n \left\langle \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\rangle \binom{x+k}{2n}, \\
 40. \quad \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} \right\} &= \sum_k \binom{n}{k} \left\{ \begin{matrix} k+1 \\ m+1 \end{matrix} \right\} (-1)^{n-k}, & 41. \quad \left[\begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} \right] &= \sum_k \left[\begin{matrix} n+1 \\ k+1 \end{matrix} \right] \binom{k}{m} (-1)^{m-k}, \\
 42. \quad \left\{ \begin{matrix} m+n+1 \\ m \end{matrix} \right\} &= \sum_{k=0}^m k \left\{ \begin{matrix} n+k \\ k \end{matrix} \right\}, & 43. \quad \left[\begin{matrix} m+n+1 \\ m \end{matrix} \right] &= \sum_{k=0}^m k(n+k) \left[\begin{matrix} n+k \\ k \end{matrix} \right], \\
 44. \quad \binom{n}{m} &= \sum_k \left\{ \begin{matrix} n+1 \\ k+1 \end{matrix} \right\} \left[\begin{matrix} k \\ m \end{matrix} \right] (-1)^{m-k}, & 45. \quad (n-m)! \binom{n}{m} &= \sum_k \left[\begin{matrix} n+1 \\ k+1 \end{matrix} \right] \left\{ \begin{matrix} k \\ m \end{matrix} \right\} (-1)^{m-k}, \quad \text{for } n \geq m, \\
 46. \quad \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ n-m \end{matrix} \right\} &= \sum_k \binom{m-n}{m+k} \binom{m+n}{n+k} \left[\begin{matrix} m+k \\ k \end{matrix} \right], & 47. \quad \left[\begin{matrix} n \\ n-m \end{matrix} \right] &= \sum_k \binom{m-n}{m+k} \binom{m+n}{n+k} \left\{ \begin{matrix} m+k \\ k \end{matrix} \right\}, \\
 48. \quad \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ \ell+m \end{matrix} \right\} \binom{\ell+m}{\ell} &= \sum_k \left\{ \begin{matrix} k \\ \ell \end{matrix} \right\} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n-k \\ m \end{matrix} \right\} \binom{n}{k}, & 49. \quad \left[\begin{matrix} n \\ \ell+m \end{matrix} \right] \binom{\ell+m}{\ell} &= \sum_k \left[\begin{matrix} k \\ \ell \end{matrix} \right] \left[\begin{matrix} n-k \\ m \end{matrix} \right] \binom{n}{k}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Trees

Every tree with n vertices has $n-1$ edges.

Kraft inequality: If the depths of the leaves of a binary tree are d_1, \dots, d_n :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n 2^{-d_i} \leq 1,$$

and equality holds only if every internal node has 2 sons.

Recurrences

Master method:

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n), \quad a \geq 1, b > 1$$

If $\exists \epsilon > 0$ such that $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$ then

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}).$$

If $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ then

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log_2 n).$$

If $\exists \epsilon > 0$ such that $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$, and $\exists c < 1$ such that $af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$ for large n , then

$$T(n) = \Theta(f(n)).$$

Substitution (example): Consider the following recurrence

$$T_{i+1} = 2^{2^i} \cdot T_i^2, \quad T_1 = 2.$$

Note that T_i is always a power of two.

Let $t_i = \log_2 T_i$. Then we have

$$t_{i+1} = 2^i + 2t_i, \quad t_1 = 1.$$

Let $u_i = t_i/2^i$. Dividing both sides of the previous equation by 2^{i+1} we get

$$\frac{t_{i+1}}{2^{i+1}} = \frac{2^i}{2^{i+1}} + \frac{t_i}{2^i}.$$

Substituting we find

$$u_{i+1} = \frac{1}{2} + u_i, \quad u_1 = \frac{1}{2},$$

which is simply $u_i = i/2$. So we find that T_i has the closed form $T_i = 2^{i2^{i-1}}$.

Summing factors (example): Consider the following recurrence

$$T(n) = 3T(n/2) + n, \quad T(1) = 1.$$

Rewrite so that all terms involving T are on the left side

$$T(n) - 3T(n/2) = n.$$

Now expand the recurrence, and choose a factor which makes the left side “telescope”

$$\begin{aligned}
 1(T(n) - 3T(n/2)) &= n \\
 3(T(n/2) - 3T(n/4)) &= n/2 \\
 &\vdots \\
 3^{\log_2 n - 1}(T(2) - 3T(1)) &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $m = \log_2 n$. Summing the left side we get $T(n) - 3^m T(1) = T(n) - 3^m = T(n) - n^k$ where $k = \log_2 3 \approx 1.58496$. Summing the right side we get

$$\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \frac{n}{2^i} 3^i = n \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^i.$$

Let $c = \frac{3}{2}$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 n \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} c^i &= n \left(\frac{c^m - 1}{c - 1} \right) \\
 &= 2n(c^{\log_2 n} - 1) \\
 &= 2n(c^{(k-1)\log_2 n} - 1) \\
 &= 2n^k - 2n,
 \end{aligned}$$

and so $T(n) = 3n^k - 2n$. Full history recurrences can often be changed to limited history ones (example): Consider

$$T_i = 1 + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} T_j, \quad T_0 = 1.$$

Note that

$$T_{i+1} = 1 + \sum_{j=0}^i T_j.$$

Subtracting we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{i+1} - T_i &= 1 + \sum_{j=0}^i T_j - 1 - \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} T_j \\
 &= T_i.
 \end{aligned}$$

And so $T_{i+1} = 2T_i = 2^{i+1}$.

Generating functions:

1. Multiply both sides of the equation by x^i .
2. Sum both sides over all i for which the equation is valid.
3. Choose a generating function $G(x)$. Usually $G(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x^i g_i$.
3. Rewrite the equation in terms of the generating function $G(x)$.
4. Solve for $G(x)$.
5. The coefficient of x^i in $G(x)$ is g_i .

Example:

$$g_{i+1} = 2g_i + 1, \quad g_0 = 0.$$

Multiply and sum:

$$\sum_{i \geq 0} g_{i+1} x^i = \sum_{i \geq 0} 2g_i x^i + \sum_{i \geq 0} x^i.$$

We choose $G(x) = \sum_{i \geq 0} x^i g_i$. Rewrite in terms of $G(x)$:

$$\frac{G(x) - g_0}{x} = 2G(x) + \sum_{i \geq 0} x^i.$$

Simplify:

$$\frac{G(x)}{x} = 2G(x) + \frac{1}{1-x}.$$

Solve for $G(x)$:

$$G(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)(1-2x)}.$$

Expand this using partial fractions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(x) &= x \left(\frac{2}{1-2x} - \frac{1}{1-x} \right) \\
 &= x \left(2 \sum_{i \geq 0} 2^i x^i - \sum_{i \geq 0} x^i \right) \\
 &= \sum_{i \geq 0} (2^{i+1} - 1) x^{i+1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

So $g_i = 2^i - 1$.