

C# Programming Tricks Cheat Sheet

1. Fast Exponentiation (Binary Powering): a^n in $O(\log n)$.

- If n is even: $a^n = (a^{n/2})^2$; If odd: $a * a^{n-1}$.

2. Bit Tricks:

- Remove last set bit: $n \& (n-1)$.
- Check power of 2: $n > 0 \&\& (n \& (n-1)) == 0$.
- Count set bits: keep applying $n \& (n-1)$.
- Get lowest set bit: $n \& -n$.

3. Modular Arithmetic:

- $(a * b) \% m = ((a \% m) * (b \% m)) \% m$.
- $(a + b) \% m = ((a \% m) + (b \% m)) \% m$.
- $(a - b) \% m = ((a \% m) - (b \% m) + m) \% m$.

4. GCD/LCM:

- Euclidean Algorithm $O(\log(\min(a, b)))$.
- $\text{lcm}(a, b) = a / \text{gcd}(a, b) * b$ (avoid overflow).

5. Factorial & nCr :

- Precompute factorials mod M .
- Use modular inverse for division under modulo.

6. Swap without temp:

- $a = a \wedge b$; $b = a \wedge b$; $a = a \wedge b$;

7. Count digits: $\text{digits}(n) = \text{floor}(\log_{10}(n)) + 1$.

8. Fast Fibonacci:

- Matrix exponentiation $O(\log n)$.
- Doubling formulas:
 $F(2k) = F(k) * (2F(k+1) - F(k))$.
 $F(2k+1) = F(k+1)^2 + F(k)^2$.

9. Prefix/Suffix Tricks:

- Prefix sums, GCD/LCM arrays, bitmask DP.

10. Overflow-safe multiplication:

- Use BigInteger or repeated addition method.