

List of Mathematics Topics for programming Competitions -

1. Basic Geometry/Euclidean Geometry/Coordinate Geometry/ [3-D variants of everything].

2. Computational Geometry.

- a. Graham Scan algorithm for Convex Hull $O(n * \log(n))$.
- b. Online construction of 3-D convex hull in $O(n^2)$.
- c. Bentley Ottmann algorithm to list all intersection points of n line segments in $O((n + I) * \log n)$.
 - Suggested Reading -
 1. http://softsurfer.com/Archive/algorithm_0108/algorithm_0108.htm
- d. Rotating Calipers Technique.
 - Suggested Reading - <http://cgm.cs.mcgill.ca/~orm/rotcal.html>
 - Problems - Refer the article for a list of problems which can be solved using Rotating Calipers technique.
- e. Line Sweep/Plane Sweep algorithms -
 - Area/Perimeter of Union of Rectangles.
 - Closest pair of points.
 - Suggested Reading -
 1. <http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=lineSweep>
 - Problems - Follow the tutorial for list of problems.
- f. Area of Union of Circles.
- g. Delayunay Triangulation of n points in $O(n * \log n)$.
- h. Voronoi Diagrams of n points in $O(n * \log n)$ using Fortunes algorithm.
- i. Point in a polygon problem -
 - $O(n)$ solution without preprocessing.
 - $O(\log n)$ algorithm with $O(n * \log n)$ preprocessing for convex polygons.
- j. Problems on computational geometry -
 - [BSHEEP](#), [BULK](#), [SEGVIS](#), [CONDUIT](#), [RUNAWAY](#), [DIRVS](#), [RAIN1](#), [SHAMAN](#), [TCUTTER](#), [LITEPIPE](#), [RHOMBS](#), [FSHEEP](#), [FLBRKLIN](#), [CERC07P](#), [BAC](#), [ALTARS](#), [CERC07C](#), [NECKLACE](#), [CH3D](#), [RECTANGL](#), [POLYSSQ](#), [FOREST2](#), [KPPOLY](#), [RAIN2](#), [SEGMENTS](#), [ARCHPLG](#), [BALLOON](#), [CIRCLES](#), [COMPASS](#), [EOWAMRT](#), [ICERINK](#) on SPOJ.
 - [CultureGrowth](#), [PolygonCover](#) on Topcoder.
- k. Suggested Reading -
 - Computational Geometry: Algorithms and applications. Mark De Burg.

3. Number Theory.

- a. Modulus arithmetic - basic postulates [Including modular linear equations , Continued fraction and Pell's equation]
 - Suggested Reading -
 1. Chapter 1 from Number Theory for Computing by SY Yan [Recommended]
 2. 31.1, 31.3 and 31.4 from Cormen
 3. www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=primeNumbers
 - Problems
 1. <http://projecteuler.net/index.php?section=problems&id=64>
 2. <http://projecteuler.net/index.php?section=problems&id=65>
 3. <http://projecteuler.net/index.php?section=problems&id=66>
 4. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=6408&rd=9826
 5. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=2342
- b. Fermat's theorem, Euler Totient theorem (totient function, order , primitive roots)
 - Suggested Reading
 1. 1.6, 2.2 from Number Theory by SY Yan
 2. 31.6 , 31.7 from Cormen
 - Problems
 1. <http://projecteuler.net/index.php?section=problems&id=70>
 2. <http://www.spoj.pl/problems/NDIVPHI/>
- c. Chinese remainder theorem
 - Suggested Reading
 1. 31.5 from Cormen
 2. 1.6 from Number Theory by SY Yan
 - Problems
 1. Project Euler 271
 2. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=10551&rd=13903
- d. Primality tests -
 - Deterministic $O(\sqrt{n})$ approach
 - Probabilistic primality tests - Fermat primality test, Miller-Rabin Primality test
 1. Suggested Reading -
 - a. <http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=primalityTesting>
 - b. Cormen 31.8
 - c. 2.2 from Number Theory by SY Yan
 2. Problems -
 - a. PON, PRIC, SOLSTRAS on SPOJ
 - b. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=4515
- e. Prime generation techniques - Sieve of Erasthenes
 - Suggested Problems - PRIME1 on SPOJ
- f. GCD using euclidean method
 - Suggested Reading
 1. 31.2 Cormen
 - Problems -
 1. GCD on SPOJ
 2. <http://uva.onlinejudge.org/external/114/11424.html>
- g. Logarithmic Exponentiation
 - Suggested Reading -
 1. <http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=primalityTesting>
- h. Integer Factorization
 - Naive $O(\sqrt{n})$ method
 - Pollard Rho factorization
 - Suggested Reading
 1. 2.3 from Number Theory SY Yan 2. 31.9 Cormen
 - Problems -
 1. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=2986&rd=5862
 2. <http://www.spoj.pl/problems/DIVSUM2/>
 3. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=4481&rd=6538

i. Stirling numbers

j. Wilson theorem

- $nCr \% p$ in $O(p)$ preprocess and $O(\log n)$ query

k. Lucas Theorem

l. Suggested Reading for Number Theory -

- Number theory for computing by Song Y Yan [Simple book describing concepts in details]
- Concepts are also superficially covered in Chapter 31 of Introduction to Algorithms by Cormen
- <http://www.codechef.com/wiki/tutorial-number-theory>
- http://www.algorithmist.com/index.php/Category:Number_Theory

m. Problems on Number Theory -

- http://www.algorithmist.com/index.php/Category:Number_Theory
- <http://problemclassifier.appspot.com/index.jsp?search=number&usr=>

4. Math (Probability, Counting, Game Theory, Group Theory, Generating functions, Permutation Cycles, Linear Algebra)

a. Probability.

Syllabus

- **Basic probability and Conditional probability**
 1. Suggested problems
 - a. <http://www.spoj.pl/problems/CT16E/>
 - b. <http://www.spoj.pl/problems/CHICAGO/>
- **Random variables, probability generating functions**
- **Mathematical expectation + Linearity of expectation**
 1. Suggested problems
 - a. <http://www.spoj.pl/problems/FAVDICE/>
 - b. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=10744
- **Special discrete and continuous probability distributions**
 1. Bernoulli, Binomial, Poisson, normal distribution
 2. Suggested Problem
 - a. <http://acm.sgu.ru/problem.php?contest=0&problem=498>
- **Suggested Readings**
 1. Cormen appendix C (very basic)
 2. Topcoder probability tutorial
<http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=probabilities>
 3. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Random_variable
 4. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Expected_value
 5. William Feller, An introduction to probability theory and its applications

b. Counting

Syllabus

- **Basic principles - Pigeon hole principle, addition, multiplication rules**
 1. Suggested problems
 - a. <http://acm.timus.ru/problem.aspx?space=1&num=1690>
 - b. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=10805
 3. Suggested readings
 - a. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Combinatorial_principles
 - b. <http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=combinatorics>
 - c. <http://www.maa.org/editorial/knot/pigeonhole.html>
- **Inclusion-exclusion**
 1. Suggested readings
 - a. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inclusion-exclusion_principle
 2. Suggested problems
 - a. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=4463&rd=6536
 - b. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=10238
- **Special numbers**
 1. Suggested reading - Stirling, eurlerian, harmonic, bernoulli, fibonnacci numbers
 - a. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stirling_number
 - b. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eulerian_numbers
 - c. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harmonic_series_\(mathematics\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harmonic_series_(mathematics))
 - d. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bernoulli_number
 - e. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fibonnaci_numbers
 - f. Concrete mathematics by Knuth
 2. Suggested problems
 - a. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=1643
 - b. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=8202&rd=11125
 - c. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=8725
 - d. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=2292&rd=10709
- **Advanced counting techniques - Polya counting, burnsides lemma**
 1. Suggested reading
 - a. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burnside's_lemma
 - b. <http://petr-mitrichev.blogspot.com/2008/11/burnsides-lemma.html>
 2. Suggested Problems
 - a. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=9975
 - b. <http://www.spoj.pl/problems/TRANSP/>

c. Game theory

Syllabus

- **Basic principles and Nim game**
 1. **Sprague grundy theorem, Grundy numbers**
 2. Suggested readings
 - a. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sprague%E2%80%93Grundy_theorem
 - b. <http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=algorithmGames>
 - c. <http://www.ams.org/samplings/feature-column/fcarc-games1>
 - d. <http://www.codechef.com/wiki/tutorial-game-theory>
 3. Suggested problems
 - a. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=3491&rd=6517
 - b. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=3491&rd=6517

■ **Hackenbush**

1. Suggested readings
 - a. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hackenbush>
 - b. <http://www.ams.org/samplings/feature-column/fcarc-partizan1>
2. Suggested problems
 - a. <http://www.cs.caltech.edu/ipsc/problems/g.html>
 - b. <http://www.spoj.pl/problems/PT07A/>

d. Linear Algebra

Syllabus

■ **Matrix Operations**

1. **Addition and subtraction of matrices**
 - a. Suggested Reading
 - i. Cormen 28.1
2. **Multiplication (Strassen's algorithm), logarithmic exponentiation**
 - a. Suggested reading
 - i. Cormen 28.2
 - ii. Linear Algebra by Kenneth Hoffman Section 1.6
 - b. Problems
 - i. <http://uva.onlinejudge.org/external/111/11149.html>
3. **Matrix transformations [Transpose, Rotation of Matrix, Representing Linear transformations using matrix]**
 - a. Suggested Reading
 - i. Linear Algebra By Kenneth Hoffman Section 3.1,3.2,3.4,3.7
 - b. Problems
 - i. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=6877
 - ii. JPIX on Spoj
4. **Determinant , Rank and Inverse of Matrix [Gaussean Elimination , Gauss Jordan Elimination]**
 - a. Suggested Reading
 - i. 28.4 Cormen
 - ii. Linear Algebra by Kenneth Chapter 1
 - b. Problems
 - i. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=8174
 - ii. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=6407&rd=9986
 - iii. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=8587
 - iv. HIGH on Spoj
5. **Solving system of linear equations**
 - a. Suggested Reading
 - i. 28.3 Cormen
 - ii. Linear Algebra by Kenneth Chapter 1
 - b. Problems -
 - i. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=3942&rd=6520
6. **Using matrix exponentiation to solve recurrences**
 - a. Suggested Reading
 - i. <http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&dl=features&d2=010408>
 - b. Problems
 - i. REC, RABBIT1 , PLHOP on spoj
 - ii. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=6386 ,
http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=7262 ,
http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=6877
7. **Eigen values and Eigen vectors**
 - a. Problems
 - i. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=2423&rd=4780

■ **Polynomials**

1. **Roots of a polynomial [Prime factorization of a polynomial, Integer roots of a polynomial, All real roots of a polynomial]**
 - a. Problems
 - i. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=8273&rd=10798
 - ii. POLYEQ , ROOTCIPH on Spoj
2. **Lagrange Interpolation**
 - a. Problems
 - i. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=10239
 - ii. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=8725

e. Permutation cycles

- Suggested Reading
1. Art of Computer Programming by Knuth Vol. 3
- Problems
1. ShuffleMethod, Permutation and WordGame on topcoder.

f. Group Theory

■ **Bernside Lemma, Polias theorem**

1. Suggested Reading
 - a. Hernstein's topics in algebra
 - b. <http://petr-mitrichev.blogspot.com/2008/11/burnsides-lemma.html>
2. Problems
 - a. TRANSP on spoj
 - b. http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=9975

b. Generating functions

- Suggested Reading
1. Herbert Wilf's generating functionology
 2. Robert Sedgewick and Flajolet's Combinatorial analysis

Resource https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_dc3Ifq7Gq1LxhiqMMmE9UbTsXpdRiYh4pKILYG2eA4/edit

