Theoretical Computer Science Cheat Sheet

Number Theory

The Chinese remainder theorem: There exists a number C such that:

$$\begin{aligned} C &\equiv r_1 \bmod m_1 \\ &\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ C &\equiv r_n \bmod m_n \end{aligned}$$

if m_i and m_j are relatively prime for $i \neq j$.

Euler's function: $\phi(x)$ is the number of positive integers less than x relatively prime to x. If $\prod_{i=1}^{n} p_i^{e_i}$ is the prime factorization of x then

$$\phi(x) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} p_i^{e_i - 1}(p_i - 1).$$

Euler's theorem: If a and b are relatively prime then

$$1 \equiv a^{\phi(b)} \bmod b.$$

Fermat's theorem:

$$1 \equiv a^{p-1} \bmod p.$$

The Euclidean algorithm: if $a > b$ are integers then

$$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a \bmod b, b).$$

If $\prod_{i=1}^{n} p_i^{e_i}$ is the prime factorization of x then

$$S(x) = \sum_{d \mid x} d = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{p_i^{e_i+1} - 1}{p_i - 1}.$$

Perfect Numbers: x is an even perfect number iff $x = 2^{n-1}(2^n - 1)$ and $2^n - 1$ is prime.

Wilson's theorem: n is a prime iff

$$(n-1)! \equiv -1 \bmod n.$$

Möbius inversion:

$$\mu(i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 1. \\ 0 & \text{if } i \text{ is not square-free.} \\ (-1)^r & \text{if } i \text{ is the product of} \\ & r \text{ distinct primes.} \end{cases}$$

If

$$G(a) = \sum_{d \mid a} F(d),$$

then

$$F(a) = \sum_{d \mid a} \mu(d) G\left(\frac{a}{d}\right).$$

Prime numbers:

$$p_n = n \ln n + n \ln \ln n - n + n \frac{\ln \ln n}{\ln n} + O\left(\frac{n}{\ln n}\right),$$

$$\pi(n) = \frac{n}{\ln n} + \frac{n}{(\ln n)^2} + \frac{2!n}{(\ln n)^3} + O\left(\frac{n}{(\ln n)^4}\right).$$

Graph Theory

Definitions:

Loop	An edge connecting a vertex to itself.
Directed	Each edge has a direction.
Simple	Graph with no loops or multi-edges.
Walk	A sequence $v_0 e_1 v_1 \ldots e_\ell v_\ell$.
Trail	A walk with distinct edges.
Path	A trail with distinct vertices.
Connected	A graph where there exists a path between any two vertices.
Component	A maximal connected subgraph.
Tree	A connected acyclic graph.
Free tree	A tree with no root.
DAG	Directed acyclic graph.
Eulerian	Graph with a trail visiting each edge exactly once.
Hamiltonian	Graph with a cycle visiting each vertex exactly once.
Cut	A set of edges whose removal increases the number of components.
Cut-set	A minimal cut.
Cut edge	A size 1 cut.
k-Connected	A graph connected with the removal of any $k-1$ vertices.
k-Tough	$\forall S \subseteq V, S \neq \emptyset$ we have $k \cdot c(G - S) \leq \lvert S \rvert$.
k-Regular	A graph where all vertices have degree k.
k-Factor	A k-regular spanning subgraph.
Matching	A set of edges, no two of which are adjacent.
Clique	A set of vertices, all of which are adjacent.
Ind. set	A set of vertices, none of which are adjacent.
Vertex cover	A set of vertices which cover all edges.
Planar graph	A graph which can be embeded in the plane.
Plane graph	An embedding of a planar graph.

$$\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2m.$$

If G is planar then $n - m + f = 2$, so

$$f \leq 2n - 4, \quad m \leq 3n - 6.$$

Any planar graph has a vertex with degree ≤ 5.

Notation:

$E(G)$	Edge set
$V(G)$	Vertex set
$c(G)$	Number of components
$G[S]$	Induced subgraph
$\deg(v)$	Degree of v
$\Delta(G)$	Maximum degree
$\delta(G)$	Minimum degree
$\chi(G)$	Chromatic number
$\chi_E(G)$	Edge chromatic number
G^c	Complement graph
K_n	Complete graph
K_{n_1,n_2}	Complete bipartite graph
$\mathrm{r}(k,\ell)$	Ramsey number

Geometry

Projective coordinates: triples (x, y, z), not all x, y and z zero.

$$(x, y, z) = (cx, cy, cz) \quad \forall c \neq 0.$$

Cartesian	Projective
(x, y)	$(x, y, 1)$
$y = mx + b$	$(m, -1, b)$
$x = c$	$(1, 0, -c)$

Distance formula, L_p and L_∞ metric:

$$\sqrt{(x_1 - x_0)^2 + (y_1 - y_0)^2},$$

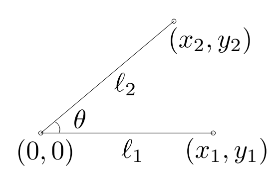
$$\left[\lvert x_1 - x_0 \rvert^p + \lvert y_1 - y_0 \rvert^p\right]^{1/p},$$

$$\lim_{p \to \infty} \left[\lvert x_1 - x_0 \rvert^p + \lvert y_1 - y_0 \rvert^p\right]^{1/p}.$$

Area of triangle (x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2):

$$\tfrac{1}{2} \operatorname{abs} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 - x_0 & y_1 - y_0 \\ x_2 - x_0 & y_2 - y_0 \end{vmatrix}.$$

Angle formed by three points:



$$\cos\theta = \frac{(x_1, y_1) \cdot (x_2, y_2)}{\ell_1 \ell_2}.$$

Line through two points (x_0, y_0) and (x_1, y_1):

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 \\ x_0 & y_0 & 1 \\ x_1 & y_1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

Area of circle, volume of sphere:

$$A = \pi r^2, \qquad V = \tfrac{4}{3}\pi r^3.$$

If I have seen farther than others, it is because I have stood on the shoulders of giants.
– Issac Newton