

NVIDIA-Style DSA Cheat Sheet

Arrays & Strings

Problem	Time Complexity	Space Complexity	Notes
Longest subarray sum $\leq k$ (sliding window)	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	Sliding window
Search in 2D matrix (sorted rows & cols)	$O(m+n)$	$O(1)$	Start from top-right or bottom-left

Linked List

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Detect cycle and return start (Floyd's)	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	Slow/fast pointers
LRU Cache (HashMap + DLL)	$O(1)$ get/put	$O(\text{capacity})$	HashMap + Doubly Linked List

Stacks & Queues

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Median Finder (2 heaps)	Insert: $O(\log n)$, Get: $O(1)$	$O(n)$	Max-heap + Min-heap

Trees & Graphs

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Vertical Order Traversal	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n)$	Map insertions
Dijkstra's Algorithm	$O((V+E) \log V)$	$O(V+E)$	Priority queue (min-heap)
Largest Island in Grid	$O(m^*n)$	$O(m^*n)$	DFS recursion or Union-Find

Dynamic Programming

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Edit Distance	$O(m^*n)$	$O(m^*n) \rightarrow O(\min(m,n))$	DP table
Climbing Stairs	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	Fib-like recurrence

Performance / NVIDIA-Specific

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Top K Frequent Elements	$O(n \log k)$	$O(n)$	Min-heap or bucket sort
Sparse Matrix Multiplication	Worst: $O(m * n * p)$, Optimized $\sim \# \text{non-zeros}$	$O(m * p)$	Skip zeros