

## Theoretical Computer Science Cheat Sheet

Definitions		Series
$f(n) = O(g(n))$	iff $\exists$ positive $c, n_0$ such that $0 \leq f(n) \leq cg(n) \forall n \geq n_0$ .	$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}.$
$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$	iff $\exists$ positive $c, n_0$ such that $f(n) \geq cg(n) \geq 0 \forall n \geq n_0$ .	In general:
$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$	iff $f(n) = O(g(n))$ and $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ .	$\sum_{i=1}^n i^m = \frac{1}{m+1} \left[ (n+1)^{m+1} - 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n ((i+1)^{m+1} - i^{m+1} - (m+1)i^m) \right]$
$f(n) = o(g(n))$	iff $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n)/g(n) = 0$ .	$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i^m = \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m+1}{k} B_k n^{m+1-k}.$
$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$	iff $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_0$ such that $ a_n - a  < \epsilon, \forall n \geq n_0$ .	Geometric series:
$\sup S$	least $b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $b \geq s, \forall s \in S$ .	$\sum_{i=0}^n c^i = \frac{c^{n+1} - 1}{c - 1}, \quad c \neq 1, \quad \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c^i = \frac{1}{1 - c}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c^i = \frac{c}{1 - c}, \quad  c  < 1,$
$\inf S$	greatest $b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $b \leq s, \forall s \in S$ .	$\sum_{i=0}^n ic^i = \frac{nc^{n+2} - (n+1)c^{n+1} + c}{(c-1)^2}, \quad c \neq 1, \quad \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} ic^i = \frac{c}{(1-c)^2}, \quad  c  < 1.$
$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \{a_i \mid i \geq n, i \in \mathbb{N}\}.$	Harmonic series:
$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \{a_i \mid i \geq n, i \in \mathbb{N}\}.$	$H_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n iH_i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} H_n - \frac{n(n-1)}{4}.$
$\binom{n}{k}$	Combinations: Size $k$ sub-sets of a size $n$ set.	$\sum_{i=1}^n H_i = (n+1)H_n - n, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{i}{m} H_i = \binom{n+1}{m+1} \left( H_{n+1} - \frac{1}{m+1} \right).$
$[n]_k$	Stirling numbers (1st kind): Arrangements of an $n$ element set into $k$ cycles.	1. $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!}, \quad 2. \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n, \quad 3. \binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k},$
$\left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\}$	Stirling numbers (2nd kind): Partitions of an $n$ element set into $k$ non-empty sets.	4. $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n}{k} \binom{n-1}{k-1}, \quad 5. \binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1},$
$\langle \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \rangle$	1st order Eulerian numbers: Permutations $\pi_1 \pi_2 \dots \pi_n$ on $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ with $k$ ascents.	6. $\binom{n}{m} \binom{m}{k} = \binom{n}{k} \binom{n-k}{m-k}, \quad 7. \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{r+k}{k} = \binom{r+n+1}{n},$
$\langle \langle \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \rangle \rangle$	2nd order Eulerian numbers.	8. $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{m} = \binom{n+1}{m+1}, \quad 9. \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{r}{k} \binom{s}{n-k} = \binom{r+s}{n},$
$C_n$	Catalan Numbers: Binary trees with $n+1$ vertices.	10. $\binom{n}{k} = (-1)^k \binom{k-n-1}{k}, \quad 11. \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ 1 \end{matrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ n \end{matrix} \right\} = 1,$
14. $\begin{bmatrix} n \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = (n-1)!,$	15. $\begin{bmatrix} n \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = (n-1)!H_{n-1},$	12. $\left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ 2 \end{matrix} \right\} = 2^{n-1} - 1, \quad 13. \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} = k \left\{ \begin{matrix} n-1 \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{matrix} n-1 \\ k-1 \end{matrix} \right\},$
16. $\begin{bmatrix} n \\ n \end{bmatrix} = 1,$	17. $\begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} \geq \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\},$	
18. $\begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} = (n-1) \begin{bmatrix} n-1 \\ k \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} n-1 \\ k-1 \end{bmatrix},$	19. $\left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ n-1 \end{matrix} \right\} = \begin{bmatrix} n \\ n-1 \end{bmatrix} = \binom{n}{2},$	20. $\sum_{k=0}^n \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} = n!, \quad 21. C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n},$
22. $\langle \begin{matrix} n \\ 0 \end{matrix} \rangle = \langle \begin{matrix} n \\ n-1 \end{matrix} \rangle = 1,$	23. $\langle \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \rangle = \langle \begin{matrix} n \\ n-1-k \end{matrix} \rangle,$	24. $\langle \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \rangle = (k+1) \langle \begin{matrix} n-1 \\ k \end{matrix} \rangle + (n-k) \langle \begin{matrix} n-1 \\ k-1 \end{matrix} \rangle,$
25. $\langle \begin{matrix} 0 \\ k \end{matrix} \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k=0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	26. $\langle \begin{matrix} n \\ 1 \end{matrix} \rangle = 2^n - n - 1,$	27. $\langle \begin{matrix} n \\ 2 \end{matrix} \rangle = 3^n - (n+1)2^n + \binom{n+1}{2},$
28. $x^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \langle \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \rangle \binom{x+k}{n},$	29. $\langle \begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n+1}{k} (m+1-k)^n (-1)^k,$	30. $m! \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} \right\} = \sum_{k=0}^n \langle \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \rangle \binom{k}{n-m},$
31. $\langle \begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^n \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} \binom{n-k}{m} (-1)^{n-k-m} k!,$	32. $\langle \langle \begin{matrix} n \\ 0 \end{matrix} \rangle \rangle = 1,$	33. $\langle \langle \begin{matrix} n \\ n \end{matrix} \rangle \rangle = 0 \text{ for } n \neq 0,$
34. $\langle \langle \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \rangle \rangle = (k+1) \langle \langle \begin{matrix} n-1 \\ k \end{matrix} \rangle \rangle + (2n-1-k) \langle \langle \begin{matrix} n-1 \\ k-1 \end{matrix} \rangle \rangle,$	35. $\sum_{k=0}^n \langle \langle \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \rangle \rangle = \frac{(2n)^n}{2^n},$	
36. $\left\{ \begin{matrix} x \\ x-n \end{matrix} \right\} = \sum_{k=0}^n \langle \langle \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \rangle \rangle \binom{x+n-1-k}{2n},$	37. $\left\{ \begin{matrix} n+1 \\ m+1 \end{matrix} \right\} = \sum_k \binom{n}{k} \left\{ \begin{matrix} k \\ m \end{matrix} \right\} = \sum_{k=0}^n \left\{ \begin{matrix} k \\ m \end{matrix} \right\} (m+1)^{n-k},$	

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<p>38. <math>\begin{bmatrix} n+1 \\ m+1 \end{bmatrix} = \sum_k \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k \\ m \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{k=0}^n \begin{bmatrix} k \\ m \end{bmatrix} n^{n-k} = n! \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!} \begin{bmatrix} k \\ m \end{bmatrix},</math></p> <p>40. <math>\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},</math></p> <p>42. <math>\left\{ \begin{matrix} m+n+1 \\ m \end{matrix} \right\} = \sum_{k=0}^m k \left\{ \begin{matrix} n+k \\ k \end{matrix} \right\},</math></p> <p>44. <math>\binom{n}{m} = \sum_k \left\{ \begin{matrix} n+1 \\ k+1 \end{matrix} \right\} \begin{bmatrix} k \\ m \end{bmatrix} (-1)^{m-k},</math></p> <p>46. <math>\left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ n-m \end{matrix} \right\} = \sum_k \binom{m-n}{m+k} \binom{m+n}{n+k} \begin{bmatrix} m+k \\ k \end{bmatrix},</math></p> <p>48. <math>\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},</math></p>	<p>39. <math>\begin{bmatrix} x \\ x-n \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{k=0}^n \left\langle \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\rangle \binom{x+k}{2n},</math></p> <p>41. <math>\begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix} = \sum_k \begin{bmatrix} n+1 \\ k+1 \end{bmatrix} \binom{k}{m} (-1)^{m-k},</math></p> <p>43. <math>\begin{bmatrix} m+n+1 \\ m \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{k=0}^m k(n+k) \begin{bmatrix} n+k \\ k \end{bmatrix},</math></p> <p>45. <math>(n-m)! \binom{n}{m} = \sum_k \begin{bmatrix} n+1 \\ k+1 \end{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{matrix} k \\ m \end{matrix} \right\} (-1)^{m-k},</math> for <math>n \geq m,</math></p> <p>47. <math>\begin{bmatrix} n \\ n-m \end{bmatrix} = \sum_k \binom{m-n}{m+k} \binom{m+n}{n+k} \left\{ \begin{matrix} m+k \\ k \end{matrix} \right\},</math></p> <p>49. <math>\begin{bmatrix} n \\ \ell+m \end{bmatrix} \binom{\ell+m}{\ell} = \sum_k \begin{bmatrix} k \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n-k \\ m \end{bmatrix} \binom{n}{k}.</math></p>	<p>Every tree with <math>n</math> vertices has <math>n-1</math> edges.</p> <p>Kraft inequality: If the depths of the leaves of a binary tree are <math>d_1, \dots, d_n</math>:</p> $\sum_{i=1}^n 2^{-d_i} \leq 1,$ <p>and equality holds only if every internal node has 2 sons.</p>
Recurrences		
<p>Master method:</p> <p><math>T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n), \quad a \geq 1, b &gt; 1</math></p> <p>If <math>\exists \epsilon &gt; 0</math> such that <math>f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})</math> then</p> $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}).$ <p>If <math>f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})</math> then</p> $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log_2 n).$ <p>If <math>\exists \epsilon &gt; 0</math> such that <math>f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})</math>, and <math>\exists c &lt; 1</math> such that <math>af(n/b) \leq cf(n)</math> for large <math>n</math>, then</p> $T(n) = \Theta(f(n)).$ <p>Substitution (example): Consider the following recurrence</p> $T_{i+1} = 2^{2^i} \cdot T_i^2, \quad T_1 = 2.$ <p>Note that <math>T_i</math> is always a power of two. Let <math>t_i = \log_2 T_i</math>. Then we have</p> $t_{i+1} = 2^i + 2t_i, \quad t_1 = 1.$ <p>Let <math>u_i = t_i/2^i</math>. Dividing both sides of the previous equation by <math>2^{i+1}</math> we get</p> $\frac{t_{i+1}}{2^{i+1}} = \frac{2^i}{2^{i+1}} + \frac{t_i}{2^i}.$ <p>Substituting we find</p> $u_{i+1} = \frac{1}{2} + u_i, \quad u_1 = \frac{1}{2},$ <p>which is simply <math>u_i = i/2</math>. So we find that <math>T_i</math> has the closed form <math>T_i = 2^{i2^{i-1}}</math>. Summing factors (example): Consider the following recurrence</p> $T(n) = 3T(n/2) + n, \quad T(1) = 1.$ <p>Rewrite so that all terms involving <math>T</math> are on the left side</p> $T(n) - 3T(n/2) = n.$ <p>Now expand the recurrence, and choose a factor which makes the left side “telescope”</p>	<p>1(<math>T(n) - 3T(n/2) = n</math>)</p> <p>3(<math>T(n/2) - 3T(n/4) = n/2</math>)</p> <p><math>\vdots</math></p> <p><math>3^{\log_2 n - 1} (T(2) - 3T(1) = 2)</math></p> <p>Let <math>m = \log_2 n</math>. Summing the left side we get <math>T(n) - 3^m T(1) = T(n) - 3^m = T(n) - n^k</math> where <math>k = \log_2 3 \approx 1.58496</math>. Summing the right side we get</p> $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \frac{n}{2^i} 3^i = n \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^i.$ <p>Let <math>c = \frac{3}{2}</math>. Then we have</p> $n \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} c^i = n \left( \frac{c^m - 1}{c - 1} \right)$ $= 2n(c^{\log_2 n} - 1)$ $= 2n(c^{(k-1)\log_2 n} - 1)$ $= 2n^k - 2n,$ <p>and so <math>T(n) = 3n^k - 2n</math>. Full history recurrences can often be changed to limited history ones (example): Consider</p> $T_i = 1 + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} T_j, \quad T_0 = 1.$ <p>Note that</p> $T_{i+1} = 1 + \sum_{j=0}^i T_j.$ <p>Subtracting we find</p> $T_{i+1} - T_i = 1 + \sum_{j=0}^i T_j - 1 - \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} T_j$ $= T_i.$ <p>And so <math>T_{i+1} = 2T_i = 2^{i+1}</math>.</p>	<p>Generating functions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Multiply both sides of the equation by <math>x^i</math>.</li> <li>2. Sum both sides over all <math>i</math> for which the equation is valid.</li> <li>3. Choose a generating function <math>G(x)</math>. Usually <math>G(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x^i g_i</math>.</li> <li>3. Rewrite the equation in terms of the generating function <math>G(x)</math>.</li> <li>4. Solve for <math>G(x)</math>.</li> <li>5. The coefficient of <math>x^i</math> in <math>G(x)</math> is <math>g_i</math>.</li> </ol> <p>Example:</p> $g_{i+1} = 2g_i + 1, \quad g_0 = 0.$ <p>Multiply and sum:</p> $\sum_{i \geq 0} g_{i+1} x^i = \sum_{i \geq 0} 2g_i x^i + \sum_{i \geq 0} x^i.$ <p>We choose <math>G(x) = \sum_{i \geq 0} x^i g_i</math>. Rewrite in terms of <math>G(x)</math>:</p> $\frac{G(x) - g_0}{x} = 2G(x) + \sum_{i \geq 0} x^i.$ <p>Simplify:</p> $\frac{G(x)}{x} = 2G(x) + \frac{1}{1-x}.$ <p>Solve for <math>G(x)</math>:</p> $G(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)(1-2x)}.$ <p>Expand this using partial fractions:</p> $G(x) = x \left( \frac{2}{1-2x} - \frac{1}{1-x} \right)$ $= x \left( 2 \sum_{i \geq 0} 2^i x^i - \sum_{i \geq 0} x^i \right)$ $= \sum_{i \geq 0} (2^{i+1} - 1) x^{i+1}.$ <p>So <math>g_i = 2^i - 1</math>.</p>