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### Competitive Programming Syllabus

3 I have been searching for study material for various topics for competitive coding and i found some sort of syllabus for top competitions i thought is worth sharing

List of Topics for programming Competitions

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

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1. Computational Geometry.

a. Graham Scan algorithm for Convex Hull  $O(n * \log(n))$ .

b. Online construction of 3D

convex hull in  $O(n^2)$ .

c. Bentley Ottmann algorithm to list all intersection points of  $n$  line segments in  $O((n + 1) * \log n)$ .

■ Suggested Reading 1.

[http://softsurfer.com/Archive/algorithm\\_0108/algorithm\\_0108.htm](http://softsurfer.com/Archive/algorithm_0108/algorithm_0108.htm)

d. Rotating Calipers Technique.

■ Suggested Reading [http:// cgm.cs.mcgill.ca/~orm/rotcal.html](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.

1. String Algorithm .

a. KnuthMorrisPratt algorithm.

■ Problems NHAY,

PERIOD on SPOJ.

■ Suggested Reading 1.

Cormen chapter on Strings.

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1. <http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=stringSearching>
  - b. Aho Corasick algorithm.
    - Problems WPUZZLES on SPOJ.
  - c. Suffix Arrays
    - $O(n^2 \cdot \log n)$  Naive method of suffix array construction
    - $O(n \cdot \log n^2)$  method of suffix array construction
    - $O(n \cdot \log n)$  method of suffix array construction.
    - $O(n)$  method of suffix array construction
    - $O(n)$  LCA preprocess on Suffix Arrays to solve a variety of string problems.
  - d. Suffix Trees
    - $O(n)$  construction of Suffix trees using Ukkenon's algorithm.
    - $O(n)$  construction of Suffix Trees if provided with Suffix Arrays using Farach's algorithm.
  - e. Suffix Automata
    - $O(n)$  Suffix Automaton construction.
  - f. Dictionary Of Basic Factors
    - $O(n \cdot \log n)$  method of DBF construction using Radix Sort.
  - g. Manacher's algorithm to find Length of palindromic substring of a string centered at a position for each position in the string.  
Runtime  $> O(n)$ .
  - h. Searching and preprocessing Regular Expressions consisting of '?', '\*'.
  - i. Multidimensional pattern matching.
  - j. Problems on Strings [can be solved with a variety of techniques]
    - DISUBSTR , PLD , MSTRING , REPEATS , JEWELS , ARCHIVER , PROPKEY , LITELANG , EMOTICON , WORDS , AMCODES , UCODES , PT07H , MINSEQ , TOPALIN , BWHEELER , BEADS , SARRAY , LCS , LCS2 , SUBST1 , PHRASES , PRETILE on SPOJ
    - [http://www.algorithmist.com/index.php/Category:String\\_algorithms](http://www.algorithmist.com/index.php/Category:String_algorithms)
  1. Basic Graphs [beginner] .
    - a. Representation of graphs as adjacency list, adjacency matrix, incidence matrix and edge list and uses of different representations in different scenarios.
    - b. Breadth First Search.
      - problems 1. PPATH , ONEZERO , WATER on SPOJ
    - c. Depth First Search.
    - d. Strongly Connected Components.
      - problems 1. TOUR and BOTTOM on SPOJ.
    - e. Biconnected Components, Finding articulation points and bridges].
      - problems 1. RELINETS , PT07A on SPOJ.
    - f. Dijkstra algorithm ■ problems 1. SHPATH on SPOJ.
    - g. Floyd Warshall algorithm ■ problems 1. COURIER on SPOJ.
    - h. Minimum Spanning Tree ■ problems 1. BLINNET on SPOJ.
    - i. Floodfill algorithm
    - j. Topological sort
    - k. BellmanFord algorithm.
    - l. Euler Tour/Path.
      - problems WORDS1 on SPOJ.
    - m. Suggested reading for most of the topics in Graph algorithms ■ <http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=graphsDataStrucs1> .
      - Also refer to the tutorial for problems concerning these techniques.
      - Cormen chapter 22 to 24.
  1. Flow networks/ matching etc etc. [Intermediate/Advanced].
    - a. Maximum flow using Ford Fulkerson Method.
      - Suggested Reading 1.
- <http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=maxFlow>

- problems TAXI

, POTHOLE , IM , QUEST4 , MUDDY , EN , CABLETV , STEAD , NETADMIN , COCONUTS , OPTM on SPOJ.

b. Maximum flow using Dinics Algorithm.

- Problems PROFIT

on spoj.

c. Minimum Cost Maximum Flow.

- Successive Shortest path algorithm.

- Cycle Cancelling algorithm.

- Suggested Reading 1.

<http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=minimumCostFlow1>

d. Maximum weighted Bipartite Matching (Kuhn Munkras algorithm/Hungarian Method)

- problems GREED

, SCITIES , TOURS on SPOJ | [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=8143](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=8143)

e. Stoer Wagner mincut algorithm.

f. Hopcroft Karp bipartite matching algorithm.

- problems ANGELS on SPOJ.

g. Maximum matching in general graph (blossom shrinking)

h. GomoryHu Trees.

- i) Problems MCQUERY on Spoj.

i. Chinese Postman Problem.

- problems [http:// acm.uva.es/archive/nuevoportal/data/problem.php?p=4039](http://acm.uva.es/archive/nuevoportal/data/problem.php?p=4039)

- Suggested Reading [http:// eie507.eie.polyu.edu.hk/sssubmission/ B7a/](http://eie507.eie.polyu.edu.hk/sssubmission/B7a/)

j. Suggested Reading for the full category >

- Network flow Algorithms and Applications by Ahuja

- Cormen book chapter 25.

1. Dynamic Programming.

a. Suggested Reading Dynamic Programming(DP) as a tabulation method

- Cormen chapter on DP

b. Standard problems (you should really feel comfortable with these types)

- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=8570&rd=12012&rm=269199&cr=7581406](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=8570&rd=12012&rm=269199&cr=7581406)

- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=10765&rd=14183](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=10765&rd=14183)

c. State space reduction

- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=10902](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=10902)

- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=3001](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=3001)

- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=8605&rd=12012&rm=269199&cr=7581406](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=8605&rd=12012&rm=269199&cr=7581406)

d. Solving in the reverse easier characterizations looking from the end

- <http://www.spoj.pl/problems/MUSKET/>

- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=5908](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=5908)

e. Counting/optimizing arrangements satisfying some specified properties

- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=8306](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=8306)

- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=7849](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=7849)

f. Strategies and expected values

- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=10765&rd=14183](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=10765&rd=14183)

- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=10806](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=10806)

- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=7828](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=7828)

- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=7316](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=7316)

g. DP on probability spaces

- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=7422](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=7422)

- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=2959](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=2959)

- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=10335](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=10335)

#### h. DP on trees

- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=10800](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=10800)
- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=10737](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=10737)
- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_solution&rm=266678&rd=10958&pm=8266&cr=758140](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_solution&rm=266678&rd=10958&pm=8266&cr=758140)

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#### i. DP with datastructures

- <http://www.spoj.pl/problems/INCSEQ/>
- <http://www.spoj.pl/problems/INCDESEQ/>
- <http://www.spoj.pl/problems/LIS2/>
- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=1986](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=1986)

#### j. Symmetric characterization of DP state

- [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=8610](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=8610)

#### k. A good collection of problems

- <http://codeforces.com/blog/entry/325>
- <http://problemclassifier.appspot.com/index.jsp?search=dp&usr=>

##### 1. Greedy.

#### a. Suggested Reading ■

Chapter on Greedy algorithms in Cormen.

- <http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=greedyAlg>

#### b. problems refer to the topcoder tutorial.

##### 1. 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

##### 1. [www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=primeNumbers](http://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](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=6408&rd=9826)
5. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=2342](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](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, MillerRabin

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

1. Problems a.

PON, PRIC, SOLSTRAS on SPOJ

b. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=4515](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=4515)

e. Prime generation techniques Sieve of Eratosthenes

■ Suggested Problems PRIME1 on SPOJ

f. GCD using euclidean method

■ Suggested Reading

1. 31.2 Cormen

■ Problems 1.

GCD on SPOJ

1. <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](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=2986&rd=5862)

1. <http://www.spoj.pl/problems/DIVSUM2/>

2. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=4481&rd=6538](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/tutorialnumbertheory>

■ [http://www.algorithmist.com/index.php/Category: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://www.algorithmist.com/index.php/Category:Number_Theory)

■ <http://problemclassifier.appspot.com/index.jsp?search=number&usr=>

1. 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](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](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Random_variable)

4. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Expected\\_value](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](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=10805)

1. Suggested readings

a. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Combinatorial\\_principles](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> ■ Inclusionexclusion

. Suggested readings

a. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inclusion-exclusion\\_principle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inclusion-exclusion_principle)

1. Suggested problems

a. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=4463&rd=6536](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=4463&rd=6536)

b. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=10238](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=10238)

■ Special numbers

1. Suggested reading Stirling,

eulerian, harmonic, bernoulli, fibonacci numbers

a. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stirling\\_number](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stirling_number)

b. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eulerian\\_numbers](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](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bernoulli_number)

e. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fibonacci\\_numbers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fibonacci_numbers)

f. Concrete mathematics by Knuth

1. Suggested problems

a. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=1643](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=1643)

b. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=8202&rd=11125](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=8202&rd=11125)

c. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=8725](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=8725)

d. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=2292&rd=10709](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=2292&rd=10709)

■ Advanced counting techniques Polya

counting, burnside's lemma 1. Suggested reading

a. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burnside's\\_lemma](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burnside's_lemma)

b. [http://petrmitrichev.](http://petrmitrichev.blogspot.com/2008/11/burnsideslemma.html)

[blogspot.com/2008/11/burnsideslemma.](http://petrmitrichev.blogspot.com/2008/11/burnsideslemma.html)

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1. Suggested Problems

a. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=9975](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=9975)

b. <http://www.spoj.pl/problems/TRANSP/>

## c. Game theory

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#### ■ 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](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/featurecolumn/fcarcgames1>
- d. <http://www.codechef.com/wiki/tutorialgametheory>

#### 1. Suggested problems

- a. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=3491&rd=6517](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](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/featurecolumn/fcarcpartisan1>

#### 1. Suggested problems

- a. <http://www.cs.caltech.edu/ipsc/problems/g.html>
- b. <http://www.spoj.pl/problems/PT07A/>

#### d. Linear Algebra

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#### ■ Matrix Operations

#### 1. Addition and subtraction of matrices

#### a. Suggested Reading

#### i. Cormen 28.1

#### 1. 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>

#### 1. 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](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=6877)

#### ii. JPIX on Spoj

#### 1. 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](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=8174)

#### ii. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=6407&rd=9986](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=6407&rd=9986)

#### iii. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=8587](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=8587)

#### iv. HIGH on Spoj

#### 1. 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](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=3942&rd=6520)

1. Using matrix exponentiation to solve recurrences

a. Suggested Reading

i. <http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=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=6386) ,

[http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=7262](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=7262),

[http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=6877](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=6877)

1. Eigen values and Eigen vectors

a. Problems

i. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=2423&rd=4780](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](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=8273&rd=10798)

ii. POLYEQ , ROOTCIPH on Spoj

1. Lagrange Interpolation

a. Problems

i. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=10239](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=10239)

ii. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=8725](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://petrmitrichev.](http://petrmitrichev.blogspot.com/2008/11/burnsideslemma.html)

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1. Problems

a. TRANSP on spoj

b. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=9975](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

10.Data Structures.

i. Basic

a. Arrays/Stacks/Queues :

■ Problems

1. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/STPAR/>

2. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/SHOP/>

3. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/WATER/>

■ Reading:

1. CLRS: section 10.1



2. <http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=dataStructures>

b. Singly/Doubly Linked List :

■ Problems

1. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/POSTERS/>

■ Reading: CLRS: section 10.2, Mark Allen Weies Chapter 3

c. Hash Tables :

■ Problems

1. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/HASHIT/>

2. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/CUCKOO/>

■ Reading: CLRS: Chapter 11, Mark Allen Weies Chapter 5

d. Circular linked list / queue

■ Problems

1. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/CTRICK/>

e. Binary/nary Trees

■ Reading

1. CLRS: section 10.4

2. CLRS: Chapter 12

3. Mark Allen Weies Chapter 4

4. <http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=binarySearchRedBlack>

f. Heaps

■ Problems

1. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/PRO/>

2. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/EXPEDI/>

■ Reading : Mark Allen Weies Chapter 6

ii. Advanced

a. Trie (Keyword tree)

■ Problems

1. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/MORSE/>

2. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/EMOTICON/>

■ Reading

b. Interval trees / Segment Trees

■ Problems

1. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/ORDERS/>

2. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/FREQUENT/>

■ Reading

c. Fenwick(Binary Indexed) trees

■ Problems

1. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/MATSUM/>

■ Reading: <http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=binaryIndexedTrees>

d. Disjoint data structures

■ Problems

1. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/BLINNET/>

2. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/CHAIN/>

■ Reading:

1. <http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=disjointDataStructure>

2. Mark Allen Weies Chapter 8

e. Range minimum Query(RMQ)

■ Problems

1. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/GSS1/>

- Reading <http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=lowestCommonAncestor>

#### f. Customized interval/segment trees (Augmented DS)

##### ■ Problems

1. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/GSS3/>
2. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/RRSCHED/>

- Reading: CLRS: Chapter 14 (augmented DS)

#### g. AVL Trees

##### ■ Problems

1. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/ORDERS/>

##### ■ Reading

#### iii. Miscellaneous (Not to be covered)

##### a. Splay Trees

##### b. B/B+ Trees

##### c. kd

##### Trees

##### d. Redblack

##### Trees

##### e. Skip List

##### f. Binomial/ Fibonacci heaps

#### iv. Exercises

1. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/LAZYPROG/> (Hint: Heaps)t
2. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/HELPR2D2/> (Hint: Interval Trees)
3. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/SAM/> (Hint: Heaps)
4. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/PRHYME/> (Hint: Trie)
5. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/HEAPULM/> (Hint: Interval Trees)
6. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/CORNET/> (Hint: Disjoint )
7. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/EXPAND/>
8. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/WPUZZLES/>
9. <https://www.spoj.pl/problems/LIS2/>

#### 11. Search Techniques/Bruteforce writing techniques/Randomized algorithms.

##### a. Backtracking [

Beginner].

##### ■ problems >

1. N queens problems
2. Knights Tour
3. Sudoku Problem
4. Tiling Problem.
5. 15 puzzle.

##### b. Dancing Links and Algorithm X given by Knuth [

Advanced]

##### ■ problems PRLGAME,

SUDOKU, NQUEEN on SPOJ

##### ■ Suggested reading 1.

<http://www.csfaculty>.

[stanford.edu/~uno/papers/dancingcolor](http://stanford.edu/~uno/papers/dancingcolor).

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##### c. Binary Search [

Beginner].

##### ■ problems AGGRCOW

on SPOJ. Refer the tutorial for more problems.

- finding all real roots of a polynomial using binary search. [intermediate].

- Suggested Reading 1.

<http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=binarySearch>

d. Ternary Search [

Intermediate].

- problems 1.

<http://www.spoj.pl/problems/KPPOLY/>

1. <http://www.codechef.com/DEC09/problems/K1/>
2. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=4705&rd=7993](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=4705&rd=7993)
3. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=7741&rd=10671](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=7741&rd=10671)
4. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=6464&rd=9994](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=6464&rd=9994)
5. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=3501&rd=6529](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=3501&rd=6529)
6. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=4567&rd=6539](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=4567&rd=6539)

e. Meet in the middle [Intermediate].

- problems 1.

<http://www.spoj.pl/problems/MAXISET/>

1. <http://acm.zju.edu.cn/onlinejudge/showProblem.do?problemCode=2868>

f. Hill Climbing [Advanced].

g. Regular Iteration to reach a fixed point [Advanced].

- NewtonRaphson

method to find root of a mathematical function.

- Iterations to solve linear nonhomogeneous

system of equations.

h. Randomized Algorithms [Intermediate]■

QuickSort.

12.General programming issues in contests >

a. Arithmetic Precision [

Beginner].

- Suggested Reading 1.

<http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=integersReals>

b. Representing sets with bitmasks and manipulating bitmasks [

Beginner].

- Suggested Reading 1.

<http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=bitManipulation>

- problems refer

to the tutorial link in Suggested reading section.

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