# Mastering Algorithms and Data structures

### **Part I: Foundations**

#### **Chapter 1: Introduction to Algorithms and Data Structures**

* What is an Algorithm?
* What is a Data Structure?
* Importance of Efficiency
* Algorithm Analysis
  + Time Complexity
  + Space Complexity
* Big O Notation
* Basic Mathematical Foundations
  + Summations
  + Recurrences
  + Mathematical Induction

#### **Chapter 2: Basic Data Structures**

* **Arrays and Lists**
  + Arrays
  + Dynamic Arrays
  + Singly Linked Lists
  + Doubly Linked Lists
  + Circular Linked Lists
* **Stacks**
  + Implementation (Array-based and Linked List-based)
  + Applications
* **Queues**
  + Implementation (Array-based and Linked List-based)
  + Circular Queues
  + Priority Queues
  + Deques (Double-Ended Queues)
* **Hash Tables**
  + Hash Functions
  + Collision Resolution Techniques
    - Chaining
    - Open Addressing
  + Applications

#### **Chapter 3: Basic Algorithms**

* **Searching Algorithms**
  + Linear Search
  + Binary Search
  + Search Efficiency
* **Sorting Algorithms**
  + Bubble Sort
  + Selection Sort
  + Insertion Sort
  + Comparison of Basic Sorting Algorithms

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### **Part II: Intermediate Concepts**

#### **Chapter 4: Recursion and Divide and Conquer**

* Understanding Recursion
* Recursive vs. Iterative Approaches
* Solving Recurrence Relations
* Divide and Conquer Strategy
  + Merge Sort
  + Quick Sort
  + Binary Search (Revisited)

#### **Chapter 5: Trees**

* **Introduction to Trees**
  + Terminology (Nodes, Edges, Root, Leaves)
  + Properties of Trees
* **Binary Trees**
  + Binary Tree Traversals (In-order, Pre-order, Post-order)
  + Binary Search Trees (BST)
    - Operations (Insertion, Deletion, Searching)
    - Tree Balancing
* **Heaps**
  + Min-Heaps and Max-Heaps
  + Heap Operations
  + Heap Sort
* **Balanced Trees**
  + AVL Trees
  + Red-Black Trees

#### **Chapter 6: Graphs**

* **Graph Fundamentals**
  + Terminology (Vertices, Edges, Degree)
  + Types of Graphs (Directed, Undirected, Weighted)
* **Graph Representations**
  + Adjacency Matrix
  + Adjacency List
* **Graph Traversal Algorithms**
  + Depth-First Search (DFS)
  + Breadth-First Search (BFS)
  + Applications of DFS and BFS

#### **Chapter 7: Advanced Sorting Algorithms**

* **Efficient Sorting Algorithms**
  + Shell Sort
  + Radix Sort
  + Counting Sort
  + Bucket Sort
* **Comparison of Sorting Algorithms**
  + Time and Space Complexities
  + Stability
  + In-Place Sorting

#### **Chapter 8: Greedy Algorithms**

* **Introduction to Greedy Strategy**
* **Classic Greedy Problems**
  + Activity Selection Problem
  + Fractional Knapsack Problem
  + Huffman Coding
* **Greedy Algorithms in Graphs**
  + Prim's Algorithm
  + Kruskal's Algorithm
  + Dijkstra's Algorithm

#### **Chapter 9: Dynamic Programming**

* **Principles of Dynamic Programming**
  + Overlapping Subproblems
  + Optimal Substructure
* **Classic Dynamic Programming Problems**
  + Fibonacci Sequence
  + Longest Common Subsequence (LCS)
  + 0/1 Knapsack Problem
  + Matrix Chain Multiplication
* **Memoization vs. Tabulation**

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### **Part III: Advanced Topics**

#### **Chapter 10: Advanced Data Structures**

* **Trie (Prefix Tree)**
  + Structure and Operations
  + Applications in String Manipulation
* **Segment Trees**
  + Range Queries and Updates
* **Fenwick Trees (Binary Indexed Trees)**
  + Efficient Computation of Prefix Sums
* **Disjoint Set Union (Union-Find)**
  + Union by Rank
  + Path Compression
  + Applications in Kruskal's Algorithm
* **Suffix Trees and Arrays**
  + Construction and Applications

#### **Chapter 11: Advanced Graph Algorithms**

* **Shortest Path Algorithms**
  + Bellman-Ford Algorithm
  + Floyd-Warshall Algorithm
* **Maximum Flow Algorithms**
  + Ford-Fulkerson Method
  + Edmonds-Karp Algorithm
  + Dinic's Algorithm
* **Topological Sorting**
* **Strongly Connected Components**
  + Kosaraju's Algorithm
  + Tarjan's Algorithm
* **Eulerian and Hamiltonian Paths**

#### **Chapter 12: String Algorithms**

* **String Matching Algorithms**
  + Naïve String Matching
  + Rabin-Karp Algorithm
  + Knuth-Morris-Pratt (KMP) Algorithm
  + Boyer-Moore Algorithm
* **Advanced Topics**
  + Z-Algorithm
  + Suffix Automata
  + Applications in Bioinformatics

#### **Chapter 13: Computational Geometry**

* **Fundamental Concepts**
  + Points, Lines, and Planes
  + Convex Hulls
* **Algorithms**
  + Graham's Scan
  + Jarvis March
  + Line Segment Intersection
* **Applications**
  + Closest Pair of Points
  + Voronoi Diagrams

#### **Chapter 14: Randomized Algorithms**

* **Introduction to Randomization**
* **Monte Carlo vs. Las Vegas Algorithms**
* **Randomized Quick Sort**
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#### **Chapter 15: Amortized Analysis**

* **Understanding Amortized Analysis**
  + Aggregate Method
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  + Potential Method
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#### **Chapter 16: Approximation Algorithms**

* **When Exact Solutions Are Infeasible**
* **Approximation Techniques**
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* **Problems and Solutions**
  + Traveling Salesman Problem
  + Vertex Cover
  + Set Cover

#### **Chapter 17: Probabilistic and Heuristic Algorithms**

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* **Genetic Algorithms**
* **Ant Colony Optimization**
* **Applications in Optimization Problems**

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* **Backtracking**
  + N-Queens Problem
  + Sudoku Solver
* **Branch and Bound**
  + Traveling Salesman Problem (Exact)
* **Game Theory Algorithms**
  + Minimax Algorithm
  + Alpha-Beta Pruning

#### **Chapter 19: Parallel and Distributed Algorithms**

* **Introduction to Parallel Computing**
* **Parallel Algorithm Models**
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  + MapReduce Framework
* **Parallel Algorithms**
  + Parallel Sorting
  + Parallel Graph Algorithms
* **Distributed Systems and Algorithms**

#### **Chapter 20: Cryptographic Algorithms**

* **Fundamentals of Cryptography**
  + Symmetric Key Cryptography
  + Asymmetric Key Cryptography
* **Encryption Algorithms**
  + AES (Advanced Encryption Standard)
  + RSA Algorithm
* **Hash Functions**
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  + MD5 (and its vulnerabilities)
* **Blockchain Fundamentals**

#### **Chapter 21: Quantum Algorithms**

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  + Decision Trees
  + Support Vector Machines (SVM)
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  + Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
* **Deep Learning Basics**
  + Neural Networks
  + Backpropagation Algorithm

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* **B-Trees and B+ Trees**
* **Persistent Data Structures**
* **Concurrent and Lock-Free Data Structures**

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* **External Sorting Algorithms**
* **External Data Structures**
  + B-Trees (Revisited)
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* **Sketching Techniques**
  + Count-Min Sketch
* **Frequent Elements (Heavy Hitters)**
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This comprehensive guide is designed to take you from the fundamentals of algorithms and data structures all the way to the latest advancements in the field. Whether you're a beginner just starting out or an experienced programmer looking to deepen your knowledge, this guide provides a structured pathway to becoming a hero in algorithms and data structures.

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