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Books for Reference

The following is a list of books related to algorithms that may be useful for reference. This list, partially compiled by Prof. John Casey, contains both introductory texts as well as advanced books. Most of these books are available in Snell Library; some of these books are on the reserve list of the library.

Introductory books on algorithms

1. Steven Skiena. *The Algorithm Design Manual.* Springer-Verlag, 1998.

   This text is an implementation-oriented study of algorithms. The book also lists a number of sources for good implementations of various algorithms. Also, the book has a CD-ROM full of code, plus practical advice on choosing algorithms for large-scale problems.

2. Sara Baase and Allen Van Gelder. *Computer Algorithms: Introduction to Design and Analysis.* Addison-Wesley, 2000.

   A newer improved edition of the textbook by Baase below. A friendly, undergraduate-oriented book. Some of the topics covered in our course are also covered in this book.

3. Gregory J. E. Rawlins. *Compared to what?: An Introduction to the Analysis of Algorithms.* Computer Science Press/W. H. Freeman, 1998.

   This text is a friendly, undergraduate-oriented book.

4. Sara Baase. *Computer Algorithms: Introduction to Design and Analysis.* Addison-Wesley, 1988.

   "General reference, although the exposition is sometimes terse or sketchy." – Leonidas Guibas

5. Udi Manber, *Introduction to Algorithms: A Creative Approach*, Addison-Wesley, 1989.

   This is a good undergraduate-level textbook on algorithms.

6. Alfred V. Aho, John E. Hopcroft, and Jeffrey D. Ullman. *The Design and Analysis of Computer Algorithms.* Addison-Wesley, 1974.

   A classic, yet a bit outdated now.

7. Donald E. Knuth. *The Art of Computer Programming.* Addison-Wesley, 1968-1974.

   Encyclopaedic work in three volumes: (1) Fundamental Algorithms, (2) Seminumerical Algorithms, (3) Sorting and Searching. A fourth volume is in progress. Knuth had originally planned for seven volumes.

   This set of books is one of the greatest collections in computer science.

8. Donald E. Knuth. *The Stanford GraphBase.* Addison Wesley, 1993.

   This is a collection of data and actual C programs implementing a variety of graph and related algorithms.

Basic Mathematics

1. Kenneth Rosen. *Discrete Mathematics and its Applications.* McGraw-Hill, 1998.

   A standard textbook for discrete mathematics.

2. Judith Gersting. *Mathematical Structures for Computer Science.* W. H. Freeman & Co., 1998.

   Chapter 2 of this text (Proofs, Recurrences, and Analysis of Algorithms) is a useful chapter to look at.

3. Ralph Grimaldi. *Combinatorial and Discrete Mathematics: An Applied Introduction.* Longman Publishing Group, 1994.

   Another introductory book on discrete mathematics.

4. Donald E. Knuth. *Fundamental Algorithms*, volume 1 of *The Art of Computer Programming.* Addison-Wesley, 1968.

   This book covers a lot of the basic discrete mathematics that is useful throughout the course.

5. C. L. Liu. *Introduction to Combinatorial Mathematics.* McGraw-Hill, 1968.

   This an old yet quite useful book on elementary descrete mathematics.

6. Tom Apostol. *Calculus, Volume 1.* Blaisdell, 1967.

   This book provides a more thorough treatment than you probably had in your calculus textbooks.

7. Jim Pitman. *Probability.* Springer-Verlag, 1993.

   This book is an excellent elementary introduction to probability theory.

8. Kai Lai Chung. *Elementary Probability Theory with Stochastic Processes.* Springer-Verlag, 1974.

   This is a readable and intuitive introduction to probability theory.

A few advanced books

1. Dexter Kozen. *The Design and Analysis of Algorithms.* Springer-Verlag, 1992.

   An excellent set of lecture notes on advanced algorithms. The clear, concise, and elegant description makes it a compelling read for any course on advanced algorithms.

2. Mikhail J. Atallah, editor. *Algorithms and Theory of Computation Handbook.* CRC Press, 1999.

   A new handbook of algorithms with contributions on a variety of topics from leading researchers in the area.

3. Bernard M. E. Moret and Henry D. Shapiro. *Algorithms from P to NP.* Benjamin-Cummings, 1991.

   This book contains algorithms for the computationally hard problems, with practical advice on what happens on real machines.

4. Robert Sedgewick and Philippe Flajolet. *An Introduction to the Analysis of Algorithms.* Addison-Wesley, 1996.

   This book describes introductory as well as advanced techniques for analyzing algorithms.

5. Robert Tarjan. *Data Structures and Network Algorithms.* Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, 1983.

   This is an advanced book with succinct descriptions of lots of good ideas.

Other fun books

1. Ronald Graham, D. E. Knuth, and Mark Patashnik. *Concrete Mathematics.* Addison-Wesley, 1994.

   This is a fun book to read. It provides a number of techniques for summations and solving combinatorial problems. All of the text is flanked by funny (and often distracting) graffiti.

2. David Harel. *Algorithmics: the Spirit of Computing.* Addison-Wesley, 1992.

   It's just what the title claims. The book originated as a popular TV series.

3. Jon Bentley. *Writing efficient programs* (1982), *Programming Pearls*(1986), and *More Programming Pearls* (1988). Addison-Wesley.

   Jon Bentley, one of the leading authorities on programming, provides suggestions for improving the code you write.