CS 344: Design & Analysis of Computer Algorithms

Spring 2019, Sections 5-8, 4 Credits

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LECTURE: M-W 5:00-6:20 PM, LIV BE-AUD

OFFICE HOURS: W 2:00-4:00 PM

Section 5 Recitation : Monday 6:55 - 7:50 PM, LIV LSH-B117

Section 6 Recitation: Wednesday 6:55 - 7:50 PM, LIV LSH-B115

Section 7 Recitation: Wednesday 8:25 - 9:20 PM, LIV LSH-B267

Section 8 Recitation: Monday 8:25 - 9:20 PM, LIV BE-250

Prerequisites: 198:112 Data Structures, 198:206 Introduction to Discrete Structures II

Exams (No Makeup Exams!):

Midterm I: Feb 20 (covers 8 lectures);

Spring break: Sat March 16 - Sun March 24;

Midterm II: April 3 (incremental, covers 8 lectures)

Last lecture: May 6;

Final: TBA (cumulative).

Grading Guideline: The better of the two scores:

0.15 HW & Quizzes + 0.20 MIDTERM I + 0.20 MIDTERM II + 0.45 FINAL

0.15 HW & Quizzes + 0.25 MIDTERM II + 0.60 FINAL.

TOPICS: The course will cover a large subset of the following topics:

• Methods for expressing and comparing complexity of algorithms: worst and average cases, lower bounds, and asymptotic analysis.

• **Searching, sorting**. Lower bounds for comparison-based sorting; binsort and radix sort.

• **Divide and conquer.** Fast integer multiplication; recurrences; the master theorem; merge-sort; randomized median and selection algorithms; quicksort; fast matrix multiplication.

• **Graph search algorithms.** Graphs representations; depth first search; topological search; strongly connected components. Breadth first search and layered DAGs.

• **Greedy algorithms.** Spanning trees and cuts, union-find and path compression; minimum spanning tree (MST) algorithms; randomized algorithms.

• **Shortest Paths (SPs) in digraphs.** Single-source SPs for nonnegative edge weights; priority queues and Dijkstra's; SPs in DAGs; single-source SPs for general edge weights.

• **Dynamic programming.** Paradigm of SPs in DAGs; longest increasing subsequence; (approximate) string matching; integer and (0,1) knapsack problems; chain matrix multiplication; single-pair reliable SPs, all-pairs SPs; independent sets.

• **Network flows.** Max flow min cut theorem; bipartite matching; Menger's theorem and disjoint dipaths. Global minimum cuts.

• **Elements of NP-completeness & problem reductions.**

• **NP-hard problems.** Approximation algorithms.

Textbook: Algorithms, Dasgupta, Papadimitriou & Vazirani, McGraw Hill, 1st Edn, 2008.

Reference: Introduction to Algorithms, Cormen, Leiserson, Rivest & Stein, McGraw Hill, 3rd Edn, 2001. (Will be placed on reserve at SERC.)

Refresher Material: The Principle of Mathematical Induction, A Chapter from the book: PROOFS: From Schematic to Prose, Part I: Logic, Sets, & Elementary Topics, Iraj Kalantari, Available on Amazon.com.