

Course Summary

*Design & Analysis
of Algorithms*
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- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Tree Data Structures**
- 3. Average-Case Analysis**
- 4. Amortized Analysis**
- 5. Randomization/Expected Case**
- 6. Online/Competitive Analysis**
- 7. Complexity Theory Intermission**
- 8. Approximation**
- 9. Parallel Time**
- 10. Memory**

each chapter as *appetizer/door
opener* into its own full-fledged
contemporary research direction...

Design and Analysis of Algorithms

with respect to various notions of performance:

Modes of Analysis:

- worst-case,
- average-case,
- expected-case,
- amortized;
- competitive ratio,
- approxim.ratio etc.

Cost Measures:

(sequential) time
parallel runtime
memory use
#processors/gates
(communication volume)
etc ...

Purpose of Algorithm Analysis

Tradeoffs: *polynomial* vs. $O(\dots)$ vs. constant factors;
Count #operations, bit-cost, w/o access latency etc.

- Goal:** Predict the behavior of an algorithm
- before actual execution
 - independent of hardware details (e.g. clockrate)
 - realistically but simple
 - Indicate im/possibility of improvement/optimalilty.

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§1 Introduction & Recap

- "Virtues" of Computer *Science*
- Power of Abstraction
- Importance of asymptotic efficiency
- Classes of asymptotic growth
- Sorting: specification and optimality

§2 Tree Data Structures

- Abstract Data Types
 - Hide hardware/implementation/data structure
 - Recap: basic / derived/ linked data structures
- AVL Trees:
 - definition, properties
 - operations/maintenance, cost, deficiency
- Binomial Trees, Binomial Heaps:
 - definition, operations, analysis
 - ExtractMin, DecreaseKey, **Merge** in $O(\log n)$

§3 Average-Case Analysis

- Purpose&Modes of Algorithm Analysis
 - Motivation: Incrementing a Binary Counter
 - Example: naïve QuickSort
 - Simplex Algorithm
 - *Smoothed* Analysis
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- pivot choice

§4 Amortized Analysis

- Algorithmic Cost Analysis
 - Motivation Bit-Cost of Repeated Increment/Binary Add.
 - Amortized vs. Average vs. Worst-Case Analysis
- Fibonacci Heaps:
 - Relaxed Binomial Trees
 - ExtractMin and DecreaseKey
- Minimum Spanning Tree
 - Prim's Algorithm with Binomial vs. Fibonacci Heap
 - Kruskal's Algorithm: *Union-Find* data type
- Disjoint Set Data Structures
 - Fast and Slowly Growing Functions
 - Analysis of *Union-by-Weight*
 - Lazy Union-by-Rank with Path Compression

§5 Randomization

- Motivation: Reliability
- Sources of Randomness
- Las Vegas vs. Monte Carlo
- Primality Testing
- Errors and Amplification
- Blackbox Polynomial Test
- Schwartz-Zippel Lemma
- Perfect Matchings in Graphs
- Matchings via Tutte Determinant

§6 Competitive Analysis of Online Algorithms

- Motivation: Ski Rental
 - *Break-Even* Algorithm
 - is 2-competitive; optimality
- Online Paging
 - *Least-Recently Used* is k -competitive
 - *Least-Frequently Used* is not competitive
 - LRU is optimal among deterministic online
- Randomization and expected competitiveness
 - 1.84-competitive randomized Ski Rental

§7 Complexity Theory

- Complexity Classes \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{NP}
- Eulerian/Hamiltonian Cycle
- Edge/Vertex Cover
- Clique, Independent Set
- Comparing Decision Problems
- Travelling Salesperson (TSP)
- Knapsack

§8 Approximation

- metric Travelling Salesperson
 - *Christofides*: approximation ratio 2
- Knapsack
 - Strongly polyn.-time / Dynamic Programming
 - *Fully Polynomial-Time Approximation Scheme*
- Limits of Approximability

§9 Fast Parallel Algorithms

- Classification
- Parallel Prefix
- Carry-Lookahead
- Parallel Matrix
- Sorting Networks

§10 Memory-Efficient Algorithms

- Motivation
- Fibonacci, revisited
- Concise Boolean Matrix Powering
- Graph Reachability, revisited
- Cost/Methods of Memory Saving
- Memory \approx Parallel Time
- Streaming Algorithms
- Memory hierarchy-aware algorithms

Pedagogy/Teaching Philosophy

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Bloom's Hierarchy of cognitive learning:

Konrad Lorenz:
(Nobel Prize 1973)

- *What is thought is not said*
- *What is said is not heard*
- *What is heard is not understood*
- *What is understood is not believed*
- *What is believed is not yet advocated*
- *What is advocated is not yet acted on*
- *What is acted on is not yet completed*

