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CSC3100 Data Structures Course information

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About instructor (Li Jiang)

► Background

- PhD: 2017-2021, CUHK
- Postdoc: 2021-2023, MPI-INF
- Assistant Professor: 2024-present, CUHK-SZ



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Prof. Li Jiang

► Research

- General area: computer vision, artificial intelligence
- Topics: 3D scene understanding, autonomous driving, etc.



Lecture location and time

- ▶ Two sessions in total
 - Leading instructor: Prof. Yixiang Fang

▼ CSC 3100 - Data Structures

Section [L01-LEC\(3504\)](#) **Enrollment Total** 98 **Status**

Session Regular **Enrollment Capacity** 100

Days & Times	Room	Instructor	Meeting Dates
MoWe 13:30 - 14:50	Teaching D Bldg 103	Li JIANG	2024/01/08 - 2024/05/10

Section [L02-LEC\(3505\)](#) **Enrollment Total** 80 **Status**

Session Regular **Enrollment Capacity** 100

Days & Times	Room	Instructor	Meeting Dates
MoWe 15:30 - 16:50	Teaching Complex C302	Yixiang Fang	2024/01/08 - 2024/05/10



Prof. Yixiang Fang



Lecture location and time

▶ Session by Li Jiang

- Lecture location: Room 103, Teaching D Building
- Lecture time (3 hours/week)
 - 13:30 pm ~ 14:50 pm on Monday
 - 13:30 pm ~ 14:50 pm on Wednesday
- Office hour
 - Time: 4:00 pm ~ 5:00 pm on every Monday
 - Location: Room 610, Teaching Complex C



TA information

► 7 TAs

- Leading TA: **Mr. Shu Wang**
- Host tutorials; assignments; exams; office hour



Shu Wang



Chunxu Lin



Yingli Zhou



Ziyi Zhao



Yuyang Xia



Yige Jiang



Xuanzhuo Liu



Office hours of TAs

► Office hours of TAs

- Thursday 14:00-16:00, pending
- Friday 14:00-16:00, pending

ID	Name	PGTA/USTF	Email address
1	Shu Wang (leading TA)	PGTA	shuwang3@link.cuhk.edu.cn
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Tutorials

► Tutorials

- Check announcements in your e-mail box or Blackboard
- Check Wechat group messages



Group: Spring-CSC3100



Valid until 1/14 and will update upon joining group

Tutorial time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18:00 - 18:50			TA305		
19:00 - 19:50		TA305	TA305		
20:00 - 20:50		TA305			



Tutorials

► Tutorial arrangement

Id	Content	PGTF/USTF	Instructor
1	JDK environment	Shu Wang	Yixiang Fang
2	Sorting	Yige Jiang	Yixiang Fang
3	Insertion Sort	Ziyi Zhao	Yixiang Fang
4	Linked List	Shu Wang	Yixiang Fang
5	Stack	Xuanzhu Liu	Yixiang Fang
6	Queue	Ziyi Zhao	Yixiang Fang
7	Binary Search Trees	Chunxu Lin	Li Jiang
8	AVL Trees	Xuanzhu Liu	Li Jiang
9	Heap	Yuyang Xia	Li Jiang
10	Hash	Chunxu Lin	Li Jiang
11	BFS & DFS of Graphs	Yige Jiang	Li Jiang
12	Dijkstra & Floyd	Yuyang Xia	Li Jiang



Assessment

Homework
39%

Midterm exam
20%

Final exam
40%

CTE
1%

	Release date	Due date	Weight	Instructor	TAs
Programming assignment 1	Jan 24	Feb 7	9%	Yixiang Fang	Yingli Zhou Yuyang Xia
Programming assignment 2	Mar 6	Mar 20	10%	Li Jiang	Yingli Zhou Xuanzhuo Liu
Midterm exam	Mar 23 ?	--	20%	Yixiang Fang	Shu Wang Chunxu Lin
Programming assignment 3	Mar 27	Apr 10	10%	Li Jiang	Yingli Zhou Yige Jiang
Programming assignment 4	Apr 17	May 1	10%	Yixiang Fang	Yingli Zhou Ziyi Zhao
Final exam	May 11 - 18 ?		40%	Li Jiang	Shu Wang Chunxu Lin

* For assignments, students can use Python/C/C++/Java to answer the questions in Online Judge (OJ) system

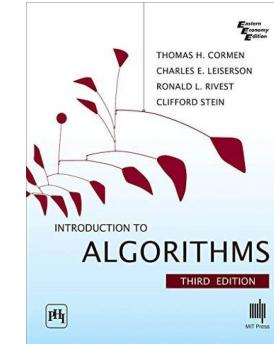
* OJ system url: <http://oj.cuhk.edu.cn/>



Textbook and references

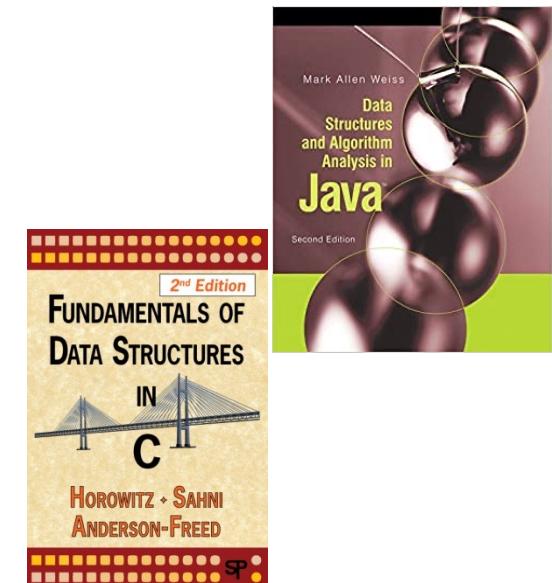
▶ Textbook

- T.H. Cormen, C.E. Leiserson, R.L. Rivest, C. Stein, Introduction to Algorithms, 3rd Edition, The MIT Press, 2009.
- https://edutechlearners.com/download/Introduction_to_algorithms-3rd%20Edition.pdf



▶ References

- M.A. Weiss, Data Structures and Algorithm Analysis in Java, 2nd Edition, Addison-Wesley, 2007.
- Ellis Horowitz, Sartaj Sahni, Susan Anderson-Freed, Fundamentals of Data Structures in C.





Teaching methods

- ▶ Lectures (3 hours/week)
 - Important materials from the textbook will be covered
 - Please ensure you stay up with the materials
 - Java will be used for illustrating the data structures
 - Feel free to interrupt to ask questions

- ▶ Tutorials (1 hour/week)
 - Illustrate more on the difficult parts
 - Show students more examples
 - Discuss assignment/exercise



How to do well in this course?

▶ Common suggestions

- Attend the lectures physically
- Slides of lectures/tutorials will be uploaded to Blackboard before lectures/tutorials; learn them in advance
- Use examples to facilitate learning
- Data structures are not just reading materials; you need to write more codes!!!

▶ Special suggestions

- If you feel difficult,
 - Try to focus on the content of slides and seek for help (TAs and instructors are ready to answer your questions!)
- If you feel easy,
 - Read more details (e.g., theoretical analysis) in the textbook
 - Use the learned techniques to solve ACM-ICPC problems



How to do well in this course?

- ▶ 100 Data Structure Problems in OJ
 - */**/*** refer to easy/normal/difficult
 - 8 categories in total

Category	Number
Array/Linked List	12
Stack/Queue	12
Tree (BST, Heap)	16
Graph (BFS, DFS, MST, SP)	16
Sorting	10
Hashing	8
Recursion/Divide-and-conquer	16
Strings	10

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Yiyu Ren, Frederick Khasanto

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Maximum Weight | ★★ - Chir". The URL is 10.26.200.13/problem/c... The page content includes:

- Maximum Weight ★★** (The ★★ rating is circled in red.)
- DESCRIPTION**: Given a connected weighted simple graph with n vertices and m edges. Consider an edge with id i . Let's determine for this edge the maximum integer weight we can give to it so that it is considered in all minimum spanning trees of the graph if we don't change the other weights.
- INPUT**: The first line contains two integers n and m ($2 \leq n \leq 2 \times 10^5, n - 1 \leq m \leq 2 \times 10^5$), where n and m are the number of vertices and the number of edges in the graph, respectively. Each of the next m lines contains three integers u, v and c ($1 \leq u, v \leq n, v \neq u, 1 \leq c \leq 10^9$) meaning that there is an edge between vertices u and v with weight c . Finally there is a number, indicating the edge id i .
- Submit solution**
- All submissions**
- Best submissions**
- Points: 100 (partial)**
- Time limit: 1.0s**
- Memory limit: 256M**
- Author: USACO**
- Problem type: 100 Data Structure Problems | Graph** (This section is also circled in red.)



Learn more and practice more



acm International Collegiate Programming Contest

▶ ACM-ICPC

- ACM: Association for Computing Machinery
- ICPC: International Collegiate Programming Contest

▶ Online Judge (OJ) systems

- Many programming problems
- CUHK SZ OJ (campus only)
 - <http://oj.cuhk.edu.cn/>
- SJTU OJ
 - <https://acm.sjtu.edu.cn/OnlineJudge/>
- PKU OJ
 - <http://poj.org/>



CUHK-SZ programming team

- ▶ Coaches: Yixiang Fang, Chenhao Ma
- ▶ Student coach: Yuyang Xia
- ▶ The first CUHK-SZ programming contest
 - Time: April 2, 2023
 - Duration (hours): 4
 - Questions: 12
 - Participates: 235
 - Awards: 45
 - Bonus (RMB): 50+K
 - Sponsor: Bopu





CUHK-SZ programming contest





Bonus of programming contest

- ▶ Students who got awards (e.g., First/Second/Third Prizes) in CUHK-SZ programming contest, 广东省省赛, ICPC/CCPC, NOI/ NOIP
 - Bonus: exemption from 4 programming assignments
 - Duty: be the tutorial helpers; presentation in tutorials and answer students' questions
 - If you are interested in the bonus above, please send an email to the leading TA with supporting materials (e.g., award certificates) **before Jan 14, 2024**
 - Mr. Shu Wang, shuwang3@link.cuhk.edu.cn



Course policy

- ▶ Your work **MUST** be your own
 - Cheating is against “fair-play” and will not be tolerated under any circumstances

- ▶ Assignments
 - Penalty will be imposed on copying assignments; minimum penalty is zero mark for the assignments
 - **There will be penalty for late submission:**
 - 0~24 hours after deadline: **final score = your score × 0.8**
 - 24~72 hours after deadline: **final score = your score × 0.5**
 - 72+ hours after deadline: **final score = your score × 0**



Examples of code plagiarism

← 返回 | 代码对比

.cpp 与 1.cpp 相似度为 100%

```
#include<bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
int n,a[100100],r[100100];
long long ans=0;
void mergesort(int s,int t)
{
    if(s==t) return ;
    int mid=(s+t)/2;
    mergesort(s,mid);
    mergesort(mid+1,t);
    int i=s, j=mid+1, k=s;
    while(i<=mid&&j<=t)
    {
        if(a[i]<a[j]) r[k++]=a[i++];
        else r[k++]=a[j++], ans+=mid-i+1;
    }
    while(i<=mid) r[k++]=a[i++];
    while(j<=t) r[k++]=a[j++];
    for(int i=s;i<=t;++i)
        a[i]=r[i];
    }

int main()
{
    scanf("%d",&n);
    for(int i=1;i<=n;++i)
        scanf("%d",&a[i]);
    mergesort(1,n);
    printf("%lld\n",ans);
}
```

```
#include<bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
int n,a[500500],r[500500];
long long ans=0;
void msort(int s,int t)
{
    if(s==t) return ;
    int mid=(s+t)/2;
    msort(s,mid);msort(mid+1, t);
    int i=s, j=mid+1, k=s;
    while(i<=mid&&j<=t)
    {
        if(a[i]<a[j]) r[k++]=a[i++];
        else r[k++]=a[j++], ans+=mid-i+1;
    }
    while(i<=mid) r[k++]=a[i++];
    while(j<=t) r[k++]=a[j++];
    for(int i=s;i<=t;++i)
        a[i]=r[i];
    }

int main()
{
    scanf("%d",&n);
    for(int i=1;i<=n;++i)
        scanf("%d",&a[i]);
    msort(1,n);
    printf("%lld\n",ans);
}
```



Examples of code plagiarism

Sample1.cpp 与 Sample2.cpp 相似度为 100%

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

void foo1() {
    // an easy function
    int a = 10;
    cout<<a;
}

void foo2() {
/* I
 * am
 * comments*/
    int b = 20;
    cout<<b;
}

int main() {
    foo1();
    foo2();
}
```

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

void fun2() {
    int c=20; cout<<c;
}

void fun1() {
    int d=10; cout<<d;
}

int main() {
    fun1();
    fun2();
}
```

Changing the variable and function names, and re-organizing function orders are typical kinds of code plagiarism... We will use a software tool to detect code plagiarism automatically!

Don't send your source codes to others, which may make you be the one who is copied from! (抄和被炒都会有处罚，默认就是0分)



Students with diverse backgrounds

Year	Percentage
1 st year	0%
2 nd year	57.3%
3 rd year	24.2%
4 th year	18.5%
Overall	100%

► Student distribution (178)

- **SME (63): 35.4 %**
 - Financial engineering: 56
 - Finance: 4
 - Economics: 1
 - Global Business Studies: 2
- **SSE (25): 14.0%**
 - Electrical and Computer Engine: 4
 - Mathematics and Applied Mathem: 16
 - Electronic Info Engineering: 5
- **SDS (87): 48.9%**
 - Data Science and Big Data Tech: 14
 - Computer Science and Engineering: 61
 - Statistics: 12
- **Others (3): 1.7%**
 - Bioinformatics: 1
 - English Studies: 2

Please try to consider your classmates before complaining



Feedback & acknowledgements

- ▶ Feedback is important and also welcome!
 - Talk to course instructors and TAs, or send us emails
 - Please talk to us before complaining to others
 - Questionnaire

- ▶ Acknowledgements
 - Lecture slides
 - Prof. Tianshu Yu (CUHK-SZ), Prof. Xiang Wan (CUHK-SZ), Prof. Kaiming Shen (CUHK-SZ), Prof. Wenye Li (CUHK-SZ), Prof. Minming Li (CityU, HK), Prof. Zengfeng Huang (FDU), Prof. Jane You (PolyU, HK), Prof. Sibo Wang (CUHK)
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CSC3100 Data Structures

Lecture 1: Introduction

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Outline

▶ Introduction

- Why take this course?
- Basic concepts, e.g., abstract data type (ADT)
- Relationship of ADT, data structures, and algorithms
- Topics in this course
- Tentative teaching plan



Why take this course?

- ▶ Required course
 - Also very important and very useful
 - A fundamental course in computer science
- ▶ Learn to save the data (**data structure**) and manipulate the data (**algorithms**) effectively and efficiently
- ▶ No single data structure fits all scenarios
 - Array: friendly to search (if sorted), not friendly to updates
 - List: friendly to updates, not friendly to search
- ▶ How useful in practice?
 - E.g., validate one Chinese ID in 1.4 billion people
 - E.g., find the best driving route
 - E.g., find webpages in Google



Real examples

Route planning

- Find the shortest path between two specific locations
- Input:**
 - A road network
 - A source node (location)
 - A destination node (location)
- Output**
 - A path, or a sequence of edges, with the shortest total distance





Real examples

▶ Google search

- Find the documents matching your query keywords
- Use sophisticated algorithms to create an index structure which is just a data structure

30 trillion (30×10^{12}) webpages

The screenshot shows a Google search results page for the query "data structure". The search bar at the top contains the query. Below it, there are tabs for All, Books, Images, Videos, and More, followed by a Tools button. A red box highlights the search result snippet: "About 3,290,000,000 results (0.65 seconds)". The snippet describes a data structure as a specialized format for organizing, processing, retrieving, and storing data. It mentions several basic and advanced types of data structures designed to arrange data for specific purposes. Below the snippet is a link to a TechTarget definition of data structure. Further down, another result from GeeksforGeeks provides a detailed explanation of what a data structure is and its purpose, mentioning storage and organization of data. The "People also ask" section at the bottom lists common questions about data structures.

Google search results for "data structure":

- About 3,290,000,000 results (0.65 seconds)
- A data structure is a specialized format for organizing, processing, retrieving and storing data. There are several basic and advanced types of data structures, all designed to arrange data to suit a specific purpose. Data structures make it easy for users to access and work with the data they need in appropriate ways.
- <https://www.techtarget.com/definition/data-structure>
- [What are Data Structures? - Definition from WhatIs.com](#)
- <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/data-structures>
- [Data Structures - GeeksforGeeks](#)
- Aug 10, 2022 — A data structure is a storage that is used to store and organize data. It is a way of arranging data on a computer so that it can be accessed ...
- [Introduction to Data Structures · Data Structure Alignment · Data Structures \[129\]](#)

People also ask :

- What is data structure and types?
- What is data structure and its example?
- Where is data structures used?
- What are the four basic data structures?

Feedback



One sentence about this course

This course is about how to use computing resources and tools to solve practical problems **correctly** and **efficiently**

Logical thinking and math

Good at data structures,
algorithms, and programming





Data abstraction

- ▶ A clear **separation** between
 - the **abstract properties** of **a data type** and
 - the **concrete details** of its implementation
- ▶ Example: smartphone
 - Users do not know
 - How calls are made (e.g., CPU, memory, battery, and electric wire)
 - How the phone accesses the Internet
 - How the data is stored in the phone
 - Users do know
 - To make a call: input a person's phone number
 - To access the Internet: open the browser



Abstract Data Type (ADT)

- ▶ An ADT is for encapsulation (information hiding)
 - The implementation of an ADT and its operations can be localized to one section of the program
 - Procedures that make use of the ADT can safely ignore its implementation details
- ▶ Benefit of ADT
 - User-friendly: users do not need to know the mechanisms of how to connect to the Internet
 - Designer-friendly: designer can change mechanisms without affecting users
 - Protection: others cannot know your secrets!



How to separate?

- ▶ An ADT only provides the definition of operations
 - It consists of names of every operation (function), the type of its arguments, and the type of its result

```
1  ADT IntegerSet
2    IntegerSet createEmptySet();
3    IntegerSet addElementToSet(integer, SetA);
4    Boolean search(integer, SetA);
5    IntegerSet intersection(setA, setB);
6    IntegerSet union(setA, setB);
7    IntegerSet difference(setA, setB);
```

- Does not reveal the internal implementation details
 - How the set is represented? Array, List, Tree, etc.?
 - How the operations are implemented? Many different ways



Relationships: ADT, DS, algorithms

- ▶ A data structure (DS): **implementation** of an ADT
 - List ADT
 - Implementation: ArrayList or LinkedList
 - Set ADT
 - Implementation: Hash Table or Red-Black Tree
- ▶ An algorithm: **implementation of operations** in ADT





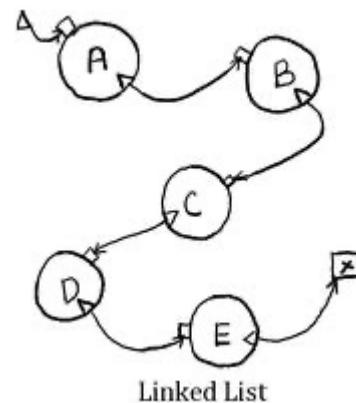
What are the common ADTs?

- ▶ Arrays, lists, stacks, queues, trees, graphs, etc.

Array:

23	4	6	15	5	7
0	1	2	3	4	5

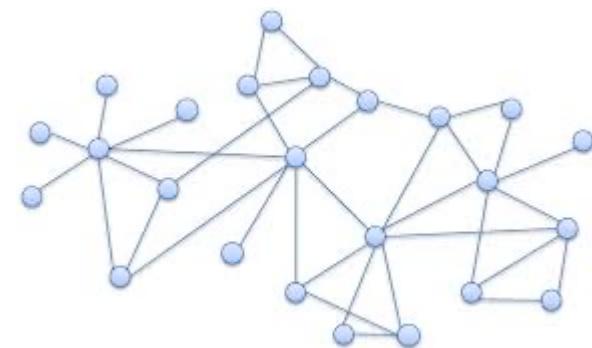
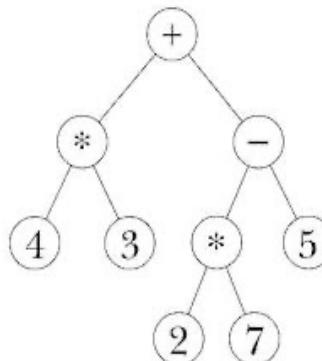
Array index



Linked List



Tree





Topics covered

- ▶ How to define "efficient"?
 - Time complexity analysis
- ▶ No single data structure fits all scenarios
 - Array: Efficient for sorting and search, not for updates
 - List: Efficient for updates, but not in searching/sorting
 - Stack/queues: Fast for certain types of updates, not in searching/sorting
 - Trees: Heap & binary search trees
 - Hash tables: Hash functions
 - Graphs: Graph algorithms
- ▶ Efficient operations
 - Sorting
 - Searching/Updates on different data structures (Discussed when learning the specific data structure)



Tentative teaching plan

*This tentative teaching plan is subject to change as the instructor sees fit.

Week	Content	Week	Content
1	Course overview, Java basics	8	Midterm exam
2	Arrays, insertion/merge sort	9	Trees
3	Time complexity	10	Hashing
4	List	11	Graphs
5	Stack, queues	12	Graphs
6	More sorting algorithms	13	Graphs, other data structures
7	Trees	14	Course review

Throughout this course, we will see:

- How to estimate the time cost of a program
- How to select proper data structure(s) to solve real problems
- Techniques to improve the speed of a program



Example: selection problem

- ▶ Problem
 - Given N numbers, determine the k^{th} largest, where $N > k$
- ▶ Solution 1:
 - 1) read N number into an array
 - 2) sort the array in descending order
 - 3) return the element in position k
- ▶ Solution 2:
 - 1) read the first k elements into an array and sort them in descending order
 - 2) each remaining element is read one by one,
 - 2.1) it is ignored if it is smaller than or equal to the k^{th} element in the array
 - 2.2) otherwise, it is placed in its correct spot in the array, bumping one element out of the array
 - 3) the element in the k^{th} position is returned as the answer



Example: selection problem

- ▶ Two natural questions:
 - Which solution is better ?
 - By simulation
 - By theoretical analysis
 - Is either algorithm good enough (particularly when N is very large)?
 - A simulation using 1 million elements and $k = 500,000$ will show that NEITHER algorithm finishes in a reasonable amount of time
 - Is there a better algorithm?
- ▶ What is the conclusion?
 - Writing a working program is not good enough!
 - The optimum solution: a correct algorithm with minimum resources and minimum running time



Exercise

- ▶ Is it possible to find a better algorithm to select the k^{th} largest number?



Mathematics review

► Exponents

$$X^A X^B = X^{A+B}$$

$$\frac{X^A}{X^B} = X^{A-B}$$

$$(X^A)^B = X^{AB}$$

$$X^N + X^N = 2X^N \neq X^{2N}$$

$$2^N + 2^N = 2^{N+1}$$



Mathematics review

- ▶ Logarithm definition:

$X^A = B$ if and only if $\log_x B = A$

- ▶ All log are to be **base 2** unless specified otherwise

– Useful equalities

$$\log_A B = \frac{\log_c B}{\log_c A}; C > 0$$

$$\log AB = \log A + \log B$$

$$\log\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) = \log A - \log B$$

$$\log x < x, \quad \forall x > 0$$

$$\log 1 = 0, \log 2 = 1, \log 1024 = 10, \log 65536 = 16$$



Mathematics review

► Series: arithmetic series

$$\sum_{i=1}^N i = \frac{N(N+1)}{2}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N i^2 = \frac{N(N+1)(2N+1)}{6}$$

Example: To find the sum
 $2+5+8+\dots+(3k-1)$

$$= 3(1+2+3+\dots+k) - (1+1+1+\dots+1)$$

$$= \frac{3k(k+1)}{2} - k$$



Mathematics review

- ▶ Series: geometric series

$$\sum_{i=0}^N A^i = \frac{1 - A^{N+1}}{1 - A}$$

If $0 < A < 1$, then

$$\sum_{i=0}^N A^i \leq \frac{1}{1 - A}$$

- ▶ Derivation

$$\text{Let } S = 1 + A + A^2 + \dots \quad (1)$$

where, $0 < A < 1$

$$\text{then } AS = A + A^2 + A^3 + \dots \quad (2)$$

Subtracting (1) and (2), we get $S - AS \leq 1$, i.e.

$$S \leq \frac{1}{1 - A}$$



Mathematics review

- ▶ To prove a false statement:
 - proof by counter example
- ▶ To prove a correct statement
 - proof by induction
 - (1) proving a base case
 - (2) inductive hypothesis
 - proof by contradiction
 - (1) assume it is false
 - (2) show that this assumption is false

e.g., Fibonacci number:

$$F_0 = 1, F_1 = 1, F_{k+1} = F_k + F_{k-1}$$

To show the statement $F_k \leq k^2$ is false, we can compute a concrete counter example, e.g.,

$$F_{11} = 144 > 11^2.$$