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Lecture notes from previous years are included below. While they do not follow the current schedule, these are still good resources for the course.

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1	Introduction	No notes for Lecture 1
2	Linear programming (LP): basic notions, simplex method	(PDF) (Courtesy of Alice Oh. Used with permission.)
3	LP: Farkas Lemma, duality	(PDF) (Courtesy of Abhinav Kumar and Nodari Sitchinava. Used with permission.)
4	LP: complexity issues, ellipsoid method	(PDF) (Courtesy of Reina Riemann. Used with permission.)
5	LP: ellipsoid method	(PDF) (Courtesy of Dennis Quan. Used with permission.)
6	LP: optimization vs. separation, interior-point algorithm	(PDF) (Courtesy of Bin Song and Hanson Zhou. Used with permission.)
7	LP: optimality conditions, interior-point algorithm (analysis)	(PDF) (Courtesy of Nick Hanssens and Nicholas Matsakis. Used with permission.)
8	LP: interior-point algorithm wrap up Network flows (NF)	(PDF) (Courtesy of Jelena Spasojevic. Used with permission.)
9	NF: Min-cost circulation problem (MCCP)	(PDF) (Courtesy of Jasper Lin. Used with permission.)
10	NF: cycle cancelling algs for MCCP	(PDF) (Courtesy of Ashish Koul. Used with permission.)
11	NF: Goldberg-Tarjan alg for MCCP and analysis	(PDF) (Courtesy of Mohammad Hajiaghayi and Vahab Mirrokni. Used with permission.)
12	NF: cancel-and-tighten Data structures (DS): Binary search trees	(PDF) (Courtesy of David Woodruff and Xiaowen Xin. Used with permission.)
13	DS: Splay trees, amortized analysis, dynamic tree	(PDF) (Courtesy of Naveen Sunkavally. Used with permission.)
14	DS: dynamic tree operations	(PDF) (Courtesy of Sanmay Das. Used with permission.)
15	DS: analysis of dynamic trees NF: use of dynamic trees for cancel-and-tighten	(PDF) (Courtesy of Timothy Danford. Used with permission.)
16	Approximation algorithms (AA): hardness, inapproximability, analysis of approximation algorithms	(PDF) (Courtesy of Nicole Immorlica and Mana Taghdiri. Used with permission.)

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18	AA: primal-dual alg for generalized Steiner tree	( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) (Courtesy of Johnny Chen and Ahmed Ismail. Used with permission.)
19	AA: derandomization	( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) (Courtesy of Shalini Agarwal and Shane Swenson. Used with permission.)
20	AA: MAXCUT, SDP-based 0.878-approximation algorithm	( <a href="#">PDF</a> <a href="#">1.2 MB</a> ) (Courtesy of William Theis and David Liben-Nowell. Used with permission.)
21	AA: polynomial approximation schemes, scheduling problem: $P  C_{\max}$	( <a href="#">PDF</a> )
22	AA: approximation Scheme for Euclidean TSP	( <a href="#">PDF</a> - <a href="#">1.2 MB</a> )* (Courtesy of Salil Vadhan (Thomas D. Cabot Associate Professor of Computer Science). Used with permission.)
23	AA: multicommodity flows and cuts and embeddings of metrics	( <a href="#">PDF</a> - <a href="#">7.2 MB</a> )**

\* There were no scribe notes for this lecture for the Fall 2001 term. The notes from a previous term cover the same topic and are linked here.

\*\* There were no scribe notes for this lecture for the Fall 2001 term. Section 8 of the notes from a previous term cover the same topic and are linked here.

Linear Programming ([PDF](#) - [5.1 MB](#))

Network Flows ([PDF](#) - [3.1 MB](#))

Approximation Algorithms ([PDF](#) - [7.2 MB](#))

The lecture notes below were provided by students who took the class in an earlier term:

- A Simple Mincut Algorithm ([PDF](#)) (Courtesy of Roberto De Prisco (Associate Professor at the University of Salerno, Italy). Used with permission.)
- Euclidean TSP Approximation Scheme ([PDF](#) - [1.2 MB](#)) (Courtesy of Salil Vadhan (Thomas D. Cabot Associate Professor of Computer Science). Used with permission.)
- Lattices ([PDF](#) - [2.2 MB](#)) (Courtesy of David Wilson. Used with permission.)

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