

# CS091M4041H: Algorithm Design and Analysis -- Fall 2017

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- *Textbooks (recommended, not required):*

- \* T.H. Cormen, C.E. Leiserson, R. Rivest, and C. Stein, [Introduction to algorithms \(2nd ed.\)](#), MIT Press, 2001. Widely available.

- \* J. Kleinberg and E. Tardos. [Algorithm Design](#), Addison-Wesley, 2005.

- \* R. Motwani and P. Raghavan, [Randomized Algorithms](#). Cambridge U. Press, 1995

- \* Christos H. Papadimitriou, Kenneth Steiglitz, Kenneth Steiglitz. [Combinatorial Optimization: Algorithms And Complexity](#). Courier Dover Publications, 1998.

- \* Ding-Zhu Du, Ker-I Ko, Xiaodong Hu. [Design and analysis of approximation algorithms](#). Springer, 2012

- \* Daming Zhu, Shaohan Ma. [Algorithm design and analysis](#). High Education Press, 2009.

*Other reading material:*

- \* Udi Manber, Introduction to Algorithms: A Creative Approach.

- \* M. Mitzenmacher and E. Upfal, Probability and Computer. Cambridge U. Press, 2005.

- \* M. R. Garey and D. S. Johnson. Computers and Intractability: A Guide to the Theory of NP-Completeness. W.H. Freeman, New York, 1979.

- *Goals:*

- \* to master the ability to extract mathematically clean core of a problem,

- \* then identify an appropriate algorithm design technique based on the problem structure observations,

- \* and analyze algorithm performance.

- *Prerequisites:*

We will assume knowledge of:

- \* Basic data structures such as lists, trees, heaps, sorting and searching
- \* Basic discrete mathematics such as proofs by mathematical induction;
- \* Computability and programming experience;

- *Topics:*

We will cover the following topics if time permits.

- \* Problem hardness, NP-completeness;
- \* Algorithm analysis techniques, including worst-case and average-case, amortized, randomization, and competitive;
- \* Basic algorithm techniques, including greedy, iteration, divide-and-conquer, dynamic programming, network flow, linear programming;
- \* Algorithm techniques for hard problems, including approximation algorithms, local search, primal-dual algorithms, linear programming;
- \* Randomized algorithms: basic techniques from discrete probability, and applications to optimization.
- \* Specific problems from computational biology and Bioinformatics (if time permits).

## Grading policies

Each student is expected to do 8 assignments and attend the final examination.

## Weekly Schedule

The week number is an active link -- each week has its own page that includes required reading, recommended reading, assignment (if any), teaching assistants, etc. (Topics for weeks beyond the current and next are always tentative.)

- Week 1,2,3: Introduction to algorithm and basic design techniques
  - Lecture 1: Introduction to algorithm: some representative problems;  
[Lec1.pdf](#);
  - Lecture 3: Divide-and-conquer technique, and the combination with randomization;  
[Lec5.pdf](#); [Lec5-FFT.pdf](#); [demo merge \(by K. Wayne\)](#); [demo merge inversion \(by K. Wayne\)](#)
  - Reading material:
    - Chapter 1 of Algorithm design,
    - Chapter 17 of Introduction to Algorithms,
    - Lecture 8, 9 of The Design and Analysis of Algorithms,
    - [On the solution of linear recurrence equations \(by Mohamad Akra and Louay Bazzi, 1998\)](#),
    - [College Admissions and the Stability of Marriage \(by Gale and Shapley, 1962\)](#),
    - [STABLE ALLOCATIONS AND THE PRACTICE OF MARKET DESIGN \(compiled by the Economic Sciences Prize Committee of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, 2012\)](#),
    - [Stable matching: Theory, evidence, and practical design \(INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC, The Nobel prize in economic sciences, 2012\)](#),

- [Who is Interested in Algorithms and Why? Lessons from the Stony Brook Algorithms Repository \(by Steven S. Skiena, 1999\)](#),
- [Gene coexpression measures in large heterogeneous samples using count statistics \(by Y. Wang, M. S. Waterman, and H. Huang, 2014\)](#),
- Chapter 2,15,16,7,33.4 of Introduction to Algorithms,
- Chapter 5,4,6 of Algorithm design,
- [Duality applied to the complexity of matrix multiplications and other bilinear forms \(by J. Hopcroft, and J. Musinski, 1973\)](#),
- [The Coppersmith-Winograd matrix multiplication algorithm \(by M. Anderson and S. Barman, 2009\)](#),
- [Some techniques for solving recurrences \(by George S. Lueker, 1980\)](#)
- [Karatsuba algorithm vs. grade-school method: experimental results \(by Carl Burch\)](#)
- [Fast Division of Large Integers --- A comparison of Algorithms \(by Karl Hasselstrom, 2003\)](#)
- [Quicksort \(by C. A. R. Hoare, 1962\)](#)
- [Ph. D. thesis of Michael Ian Shamos \(Section 6.2\)](#)
- [Finding and counting given length cycles \(by Noga Alon, Raphael Yuster, and Uri Zwick, 1994\)](#)
- [Closet Pair Data Structure: Applications \(by David Eppstein\)](#)
- [Dynamic Euclidean Minimum Spanning Trees and Extrema of Binary Functions \(by David Eppstein, 1995\)](#)
- [Fast Hierarchical Clustering and Other Applications of Dynamic Closest Pairs \(by David Eppstein, 1998\)](#)
- [Fourier analysis \(by Cleve Moler\)](#)
- [The complexity of computations \(by A. A. Karatsuba, 1995\)](#),
- [Sorting and selection on dynamic data \(by Aris Anagnostopoulos, et al, 2011\)](#),
- Week 3, 4, 5: More on basic algorithm design techniques;
  - Lecture 4: Dynamic programming technique;
    - [Lec6.pdf](#); [RNA secondary structure prediction \(by Sarah Aerni\)](#); [Edit distance \(by Andrew McCallum\)](#); [Public-key cryptosystem \(by Charles Clancy\)](#)
  - Reading material:
    - Chapter 2,15,16,7,33.4 of Introduction to Algorithms,
    - Chapter 5,4,6 of Algorithm design,
    - [Gaussian elimination is not optimal \(by V. Strassen, 1968\)](#)
    - [On Efficient Computation of Matrix Chain Products \(by S. S. Godbole\)](#)
    - [An  \$O\(n \log n\)\$  algorithm for computation of matrix chain products \(by T. C. Hu and M. T. Shing, 1981\)](#)
    - [A general method applicable to the search for similarities in the amino acid sequence of two proteins \(by Saul B. Needleman, Christian D. Wunsch, 1970\)](#)
    - [Identification of Common Molecular Subsequences \(by T.F.SMITH and M. S. WATERMAN, 1981\)](#)
    - [The statistical distribution of nucleic acid similarities \(by T.F.SMITH, M. S. WATERMAN, and C. Burks, 1985\)](#)
    - [Estimating statistical significance of sequence similarities \(by M. S. WATERMAN, 1994\)](#)
    - [Implementation of the Smith-Waterman Algorithm on a Reconfigurable Supercomputing Platform](#)

- [A linear space algorithm for computing maximal common subsequences \(by D. S. Hirschberg, 1975\)](#).
  - [Basic Local Alignment Search Tool \(by S. Altschul, et al. 1990\)](#)
  - [P-value calculation \(by J. Zhang.\)](#)
  - [PAM matrix for BLAST algorithm \(by C. Alexander, 2002\)](#)
  - [On a routing problem \(by Bellman Ford, 1958\)](#)
  - [Richard Bellman on the birth of dynamic programming \(by Stuart Dreyfus, 2002\)](#)
  - [Computing Partitions with Applications to the Knapsack problem \(by E. Horowitz and S. Sahni, 1974\)](#)
  - [The rise and fall of Knapsack cryptosystems \(by A. M. Dolyzko\)](#)
  - [A dynamic programming approach to sequencing problems \(by Michael Held and Richard M. Karp, 1962\)](#)
  - [Knapsack problems \(by Hans Kellerer, Ulrich Pferschy, and David Pisinger, 2003\)](#)
- Week 5, 6: Still more on basic algorithm design techniques;
    - Lecture 5: Greedy technique  
[Lec7.pdf](#); [demo of Dijkstra's algorithm](#); [demo of Interval Scheduling algorithm \(by K. Wayne\)](#),  
[Lec7-Heap.pdf](#); [Lec7-UnionFind.pdf](#); [DemoBinaryHeap.pdf \(by Kevin Wayne\)](#),  
[DemoHeapify.pdf \(by Kevin Wayne\)](#),
    - Lecture 2: Basic algorithm analysis techniques, worst-case, average-case, and amortized analysis;  
[Lec2.pdf](#), [demo of TableInsert \(by C. Leiserson\)](#),
    - Reading material:
      - Chapter 2,15,16,7,33.4 of Introduction to Algorithms,
      - Chapter 5,4,6 of Algorithm design
      - [a note by Sleator](#),
      - [A note on two problems in connexion with graphs \(by E. W. Dijkstra, 1959\)](#)
      - [Algorithm 97: Shortest path \(by Robert W. Floyd, 1962\)](#)
      - [Top-down analysis of path compression \(by Raimund Seidel and Micha Sharir, 2005\)](#)
      - [Set merging algorithms \(by Hopcroft J. E., Ullman J. D., 1973\)](#)
      - [Efficiency of equivalence algorithms \(by M. Fischer, 1972\)](#)
      - [Efficiency of a good but not linear set union algorithm \(by R. Tarjan, 1975\)](#)
      - [Worst-case analysis of set union algorithms \(by R. Tarjan, 1984\)](#)
      - [A theorem on Boolean matrices \(by Stephen Warshall, 1962\)](#)
      - [Efficient algorithms for shortest paths in sparse networks \(by Donald B. Johnson, 1977\)](#)
      - [Disjoint paths in networks \(by J. W. Suurballe, 1974\)](#)
      - [An interview with Edsger W. Dijkstra \(Conducted by Philip L. Frana 2001\)](#)
      - [On the shortest spanning subtree of a graph and the traveling salesman problem \(by Joseph B. Kruskal Jr., 1955\)](#)
      - [Shortest Connection Networks and Some Generalizations \(by Robert. C. Prim, 1957\)](#)
      - [A Mathematical Theory of Communication \(by C. E. Shannon, 1948\)](#)
      - [An interview with Claude Shannon \(Conducted by Robert Price, 1982\)](#)
      - [An interview with Robert M. Fano \(Conducted by Arthur L. Norberg, 1989\)](#)
      - [A Method for the Construction of Minimum-Redundancy Codes \(by DAVID A. HUFFMAN, 1952\)](#)
      - [Profile: David A. Huffman Encoding the “Neatness” of Ones and Zeroes \(by Gary Stix, 1991\)](#)

- [Binary Essence: Various aspects of data compression](#)
- [Algorithm 245, TreeSort 3 \(by Robert M. Floyd, 1964\)](#)
- [Discovery of Huffman Codes \(by Inna Pivkina, 2010\)](#)
- [Binomial Heap Script \(by Sotirios Stergiopoulos, 2001\)](#)
- [Fibonacci Heap Animation \(by Jason Huang Hu and Wei Wang, 2003\)](#)
- [What is a matroid? \(by James Oxley, 2003\)](#)
- [On the abstract properties of linear dependence \(by Hassler Whitney, 1935\)](#)
- [Non-separable and planar graphs \(by Hassler Whitney, 1932\)](#)
- [Matroids and greedy algorithms \(by Jack Edmonds, 1971\)](#)
- [A Data Structure for Manipulating Priority Queues \(by Jean Vuillemin, 1978\)](#),
- [Fibonacci heaps and their uses in improved network optimization algorithms \(by M. Fredman and R. Tarjan, 1987\)](#),
- [Robert Tarjan --- the art of the algorithms \(by Jamie Beckett, 2004\)](#),
- [Amortized Analysis Explained \(by Rebecca Fiebrink\)](#)
- Week 7, 8: Linear programming
  - Lecture 6: Linear programming: Simplex algorithm  
[Lec8.pdf](#), [an example of cycling in simplex algorithm \(given by E. M. L. Beale, 1955\)](#), [an example of Klee-Minty cube](#), [a script to generate Klee-Minty cube \(with noise\)](#), [a script to generate Klee-Minty cube \(without noise\)](#), [the DIET problem \(in.math format\)](#),
  - Reading material:
    - Chapter 29 of Introduction to Algorithms, Combinatorial optimization: algorithm and complexity.
    - [The life and times of the father of linear programming \(by Saul I. Gass\)](#),
    - [An interview with George B. Dantzig: the father of linear programming \(Conducted by Watts, Griffis and McOuat, 1986\)](#),
    - [Mathematical Methods of Organizing and Planning Production \(by L. Kantorovich, 1939\)](#),
    - [The First Algorithm for Linear Programming: An Analysis of Kantorovich's Method \(by C. van de Panne and F. Rahnama, 1985\)](#),
    - [CONCEPTS OF OPTIMALITY AND THEIR USES \(Nobel memorial lecture, by T. Koopmans, 1975\)](#),
    - [Mathematics in Economics: Achievements, Difficulties, Perspectives \(Nobel memorial lecture, by L. Kantorovich, 1975\)](#),
    - [The diet problem \(by George B. Dantzig, 1990\)](#),
    - [A primal-dual algorithm \(by George B. Dantzig, L. R. Ford, D. R. Fulkerson 1956\)](#),
    - [The cost of subsistence \(by George Stigler, 1945\)](#),
    - [Linear programming \(by George B. Dantzig, 2002\)](#),
    - [Linear programming and extensions PART I \(by George B. Dantzig, 1963\)](#),
    - [Linear programming and extensions PART II \(by George B. Dantzig, 1963\)](#),
    - [Ellipsoid Method \(by Steffen Rebennack, 2008\)](#),
    - [Lecture notes on the ellipsoid algorithm \(by Michel Goemans, 2009\)](#),
    - [The Ellipsoid Method: A Survey](#)
    - [Primal-Dual methods for linear programming \(by Philip E. GILL, Walter MURRAY, Dulce B. PONCELEON and Michael A. SAUNDERS, 1994\)](#),
    - [Interior point methods and linear programming \(by Robert Robere, 2012\)](#),

- [ON PROJECTED NEWTON BARRIER METHODS FOR LINEAR PROGRAMMING AND AN EQUIVALENCE TO KARMARKAR'S PROJECTIVE METHOD \(by Philip E. Gill, Walter MURRAY, Michael A. SAUNDERS, J.A. TOMLIN, Margaret H. WRIGHT, 1986\)](#),
- [A new polynomial-time algorithm for linear programming \(by N. Karmarkar, 1984\)](#),
- [C++ implementation of Khachiya algorithm for the minimum enclosing \(or covering\) ellipsoid \(by Bojan Nikolic\)](#),
- [In memoriam: Leonid Khachiyan](#),
- [Klee-Minty example \(by H. Greenberg\)](#),
- [Simplex examples](#),
- [Smoothed complexity \(by D. Spielman and S. Teng\)](#),
- [Smoothed Analysis of Algorithms: Why the Simplex Algorithm Usually Takes Polynomial Time \(by D. Spielman and S. Teng, 2001\)](#),
- [GLPK \(GNU Linear Programming Kit](#)
- [A new polynomial-time algorithm for linear programming \(by N. Karmarkar, 1984\)](#),
- [The interior-point revolution in optimization: history, recent developments, and lasting consequences \(by Margaret H. Wright, 2004\)](#),
- [Why a pure primal Newton barrier step may be infeasible? \(by Margaret H. Wright, 1995\)](#),
- [Numerical Optimization \(by Nocedal, Jorge, Wright, S., 2006\)](#),
- [Solving Inequalities and Proving Farkas's Lemma Made Easy \(by David Avis and Bohdan Kaluzny\)](#),
- Week 9, 10: Linear programming (cont'd)
  - Lecture 9: Linear programming: duality;  
[Lec9.pdf](#), [A gnuplot script to illustrate Lagrangian dual](#), [Lec9-DIET.math](#), [Lec9-DIET-Dual.math](#), [Lec9-DIET-b1-2001.math](#), [Lec9-DIET-b2-56.math](#), [Lec9-DIET-b3-801.math](#)
  - Reading material:
    - Chapter 29 of Introduction to Algorithms,
    - Combinatorial optimization: algorithm and complexity.
    - [On the theory of games of strategy \(by John von Neumann, 1928\)](#),
    - [Non-Cooperative Games \(by John Nash, 1951\)](#),
    - [Zero-sum Two-person Games \(by T. E. S. Raghavan, 1994\)](#),
    - [KKT Examples \(by Stanley B. Gershwin\)](#),
    - [KKT conditions and applications \(by Michel Baes\)](#),
    - [Duality and KKT conditions \(by S. Cui\)](#),
    - [The Lagrangian Relaxation Method for Solving Integer Programming Problems \(by Marshall Fisher, 2004\)](#),
    - [Lagrange relaxation and KKT conditions \(\)](#),
    - [Applied integer programming --- modelling and solution](#)
- Week 11, 12: Network flow
  - Lecture 10: Network flow and its applications;  
[Lec10.pdf](#), [Network-flow applications](#), [demo of Ford-Fulkerson algorithm](#), , [demo of Edmonds-Karp algorithm](#), [demo of Dinic algorithm](#), [Irrational capacities might lead to endless iterations](#),
  - Reading material:



- Chapter 26 of Introduction to Algorithms,
- Chapter 7 of Algorithm design, Combinatorial optimization: algorithm and complexity,
- [Network-flow research history \(by A. Schrijver\)](#),
- [Maximal flow through a network \(by L. R. Ford Jr. and D. R. Fulkerson, 1956\)](#),
- [Algorithm for solution of a problem of maximum flow in a network with power estimation \(by E. A. Dinic, 1970\)](#),
- [Dinitz' Algorithm: The Original Version and Even's Version \(by Yefim Dinitz, 2006\)](#),
- [Finding disjoint paths in networks \(by D. Sidhu, R. Nair, and S. Abdallah, 1991\)](#),
- [Theoretical Improvements in Algorithmic Efficiency for Network Flow Problems \(by Jack Edmonds and Richard M. Karp, 1972\)](#),
- [Network Flow Algorithms \(Andrew V. Goldberg, Eva Tardos and Robert E. Tarjan, 1990\)](#),
- [Maximum Matching and a Polyhedron With  \$O, 1\$ -Vertices \(by Jack Edmonds, 1964\)](#),
- [Paths, Trees and Flowers](#),
- [Paths, Trees and Flowers \(by Jack Edmonds, 1965\)](#),
- [Faster scaling algorithms for general graph matching problems \(by H. N. Gabow, R. Tarjan, 1991\)](#),
- [A Scaling Algorithm for Maximum Weight Matching in Bipartite Graphs \(by Ran Duan, Hsin-Hao Su, 2012\)](#),
- [Efficient Algorithms for Finding Maximal Matching in Graphs \(by Zvi Galil, 1983\)](#),
- [Linear-Time Approximation for Maximum Weight Matching \(by Ran Duan, Seth Pettie, 2014\)](#),
- [Max-Product for Maximum Weight Matching: Convergence, Correctness, and LP Duality \(by Mohsen Bayati, Devavrat Shah, and Mayank Sharma, 2008\)](#),
- [A Primal Method for Minimal Cost Flows with Applications to the Assignment and Transportation Problems \(by Morton Klein, 1967\)](#),
- [Max flows in  \$O\(nm\)\$  time, or better \(by James Orlin, 2012\)](#),
- [Trees: A Mathematical Tool for All Seasons, including History of algorithms to find minimum cost spanning trees \(by Joe Malkevitch\)](#)
- [50 Years of Integer Programming 1958-2008: From the Early Years to the State-of-the-Art, Springer, 2010 \(Edited by M. Juenger, T. M. Kiebling, D. Naddef, G. L. Nemhauser, W. R. Pulleyblank, G. Reinelt, G. Rinaldi, and L. A. Wolsey\)](#)
- [Finding minimum-cost circulations by successive approximation \(by Andrew V. Goldberg, Robert E. Tarjan, 1987\)](#),
- [What energy functions can be minimized via graph cuts \(by Vladimir Kolmogorov, Ramin Zabih, 2004\)](#),
- [Polyhedral Combinatorics and Combinatorial Optimization \(by Alexander Schrijver\)](#),
- [Two theorems in graph theory \(by Claude Berge, 1957\)](#),
- [An  \$\mathcal{O}\(n^{5/2}\)\$  Algorithm for Maximum Matchings in Bipartite Graphs \(by J. Hopcroft, and R. Karp, 1973\)](#),
- [On representatives of subsets \(by P. Hall, 1935\)](#),
- [A Primal Method for the Assignment and Transportation Problems \(by M. L. Balinski and R. E. Gomory, 1964\)](#),
- [The Hungarian Method for the Assignment Problem \(by H. W. Kuhn, 1955\)](#),
- [Variants of The Hungarian Method for Assignment Problems \(by H. W. Kuhn, 1956\)](#),
- [On the history of combinatorial optimization \(by Alexander Schrijver, 2005\)](#),
- [Jenő Egerváry: from the origins of the Hungarian algorithm to satellite](#)

- [communication \(by Silvano Martello, 2009\)](#),
  - [On combinatorial properties of matrices \(by Jeo Egervary, 1931, Translated by H. Kuhn\)](#),
  - [Solutions of games by differential equations \(by G. W. Brown, von Neumann, In: H. W. Kuhn and A. W. Tucker, Eds., Contributions to the Theory of Games I, Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1950\)](#),
  - [A certain zero-sum two-person game equivalent to the optimal assignment problem \(by von Neumann, In: H. W. Kuhn and A. W. Tucker, Eds., Contributions to the Theory of Games I, Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1950\)](#),
  - [Algorithms for the assignment and transportation problems \(by James Munkres, 1957\)](#),
  - [A bibliography of graph matching \(by Seth Pettie\)](#),
  - [Differential gene expression analysis using coexpression and RNA-Seq data \(by Tao Jiang et al. 2013\)](#),
- Week 13, 14: Problem intrinsic property: Hardness
  - Lecture 11: Problem hardness: Polynomial-time reduction;  
[Lec3.pdf](#)
  - Reading material:
    - Computer and intractability,
    - Chapter 8 of Algorithm design,
    - Chapter 34 of Introduction to Algorithms
    - [Reducibility among combinatorial problems \(by R. M. Karp, 1972\)](#), [slides](#)
    - [Molecular Computation of Solutions to Combinatorial Problems \(by Leonard M. Adleman, 1994\)](#),
    - [Computing with DNA \(by Leonard M. Adleman, 1998\)](#),
    - [Computer in a testtube \(by Hendrik Jan Hoogeboom, 2010\)](#),
    - [How to apply de Bruijn graphs to genome assembly \(by Phillip E. C. Compeau, Pavel A. Pevzner, and Glenn Tesler, 2011\)](#),
- Week 14, 15: NP-Completeness
  - Lecture 12: NP-Hard problems: packing problem, covering problems, sequencing problem, partitioning, coloring, SAT, numbering problems, etc.  
[Lec4.pdf](#), [Turing machine demo \(by Zhen Ji\)](#), [Turing machine demo \(by Andrew Hodges\)](#), [Turing machine \(by K. Wayne\)](#), [Computability \(by K. Wayne\)](#), [2SAT is in P \(by D. Moshko\)](#),
  - Reading material:
    - Computer and intractability,
    - Chapter 8 of Algorithm design,
    - Chapter 34 of Introduction to Algorithms
    - [The complexity of theorem-proving procedures \(by Stephen A. Cook, 1971\)](#)
    - [The P versus NP problem \(by Stephen Cook\)](#),
    - [A compendium of NP optimization problems \(Edited by Pierluigi Crescenzi, Viggo Kann, M. Halldorsson, M. Karpinski, and G. Woelfinger\)](#)
- Week 16, 17: Solving hard problems: approximation and randomization
  - Lecture 11: Approximation algorithm: a brief introduction;  
[Lec11.pdf](#), [Parametric pruning algorithm for K-Center problem \(by P. Potikas\)](#), [Lec11-SetCover-Primal.math](#), [Lec11-SetCover-Dual.math](#), [Lec11-MakeSpan.math](#),
  - Reading material:



- Chapter 35 of Introduction to Algorithms,
- Chapter 11 of Algorithm design,
- Approximation algorithm by V. Vazirani.
- [Branch and bound algorithms --- principles and examples \(by Jens Clausen, 1999\)](#)
- [Parameterized complexity and approximation algorithms \(by Daniel Marx, 2005\)](#)
- [CS266 -- Parameterized Algorithms and Complexity \(by Ryan Williams, 2013\)](#)
- [Invitation to parameterized algorithms \(by Rolf Niedermeier, 2002\)](#)
- [Assignment 8](#)
- [Hint of Assignment 8](#)
- Week 18: Solving hard problems: approximation and randomization
  - Lecture 12: Randomized algorithm: a brief introduction;  
[Lec12.pdf](#), [Hashing \(by K. Wayne\)](#)
  - Reading material:
    - Chapter 35 of Introduction to Algorithms,
    - Chapter 13 of Algorithm design,
    - Randomized Algorithm by R. Motwani and P. Raghavan.  
[Randomized algorithms \(by P. Raghavan\)](#), [Global Min-cuts in RNC, and other ramifications of a simple min-cut algorithm \(by David R. Karger, 1992\)](#),
- Week 19: Solving hard problems: special cases and heuristics
  - Lecture 13: Extending limits of tractability;  
[Lec13.pdf](#), [TreePack: rapid side-chain prediction using tree-decomposition](#)
  - Reading material:
    - Chapter 10 of Algorithm design,
    - lectures by D. P. Williamson.
    - [Rapid side-chain prediction via tree decomposition \(by Jinbo Xu, 2005\)](#),
    - [Protein Threading using PROSPECT: Design and Evaluation \(by Ying Xu and Dong Xu, 2000\)](#),
  - Lecture 14: Heuristics (local search strategy);  
[Lec14 Local Search \(by K. Wayne\)](#)
  - Reading material:
    - Chapter 11 of Algorithm design,
    - Combinatorial optimization: algorithm and complexity.

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