Oral Exam

Overview of Exam Structure

Based on your notes and classmates' experiences, the exam consists of 5 questions:

- 1 question on Coursework 1
- 1 question on Coursework 2
- 3 questions on course concepts
- Each question has a 3-minute time limit

Common Exam Topics

Coursework 1 Topics:

1. **ICP (Iterative Closest Point)**
2. **Dual Mesh / Halfedge Data Structure**

Coursework 2 Topics:

1. **Laplace-Beltrami Operator**
2. **Spectral Analysis**
3. **Implicit Smoothing**

Course Concept Topics:

1. **Parameterization (especially Tutte's Embedding)**
2. **Curvature and Differential Geometry**
3. **One-ring and Two-ring Neighbors**
4. **Remeshing**
5. **Frenet Frame**
6. **Edge Flipping**
7. **First Fundamental Form**
8. **Mesh Deformation**

Let me provide detailed explanations for each topic:

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1. ICP (Iterative Closest Point)

Core Concept: ICP aligns two 3D point clouds by iteratively finding the rigid transformation (rotation and translation) that minimizes the distance between corresponding points.

Algorithm Steps:

1. For each point in source point cloud P, find closest point in target cloud Q
2. Estimate transformation (R, t) that minimizes point distances

3. Apply transformation to source points
4. Iterate until convergence (error below threshold or max iterations reached)

Mathematical Formulation:

- Minimize error: $E(R,t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} |Rp_i + t - q_i|^2$
- Where $p_i \in P$ and $q_i \in Q$ are corresponding points

Computing Rotation via SVD:

1. Compute centroids: $\bar{p} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} p_i$ and $\bar{q} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} q_i$
2. Center points: $p_i' = p_i - \bar{p}$ and $q_i' = q_i - \bar{q}$
3. Compute covariance matrix: $H = \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_i'(q_i')^T$
4. Apply SVD: $H = U\Sigma V^T$
5. Compute rotation: $R = VU^T$
6. Compute translation: $t = \bar{q} - R\bar{p}$

Improvements/Variations:

- Point-to-plane ICP: Minimizes distance along normal direction
- Weighted ICP: Gives different weights to different point pairs
- Color/feature-augmented ICP: Considers additional attributes

Sub-sampling Benefits:

- Reduces computational cost (faster convergence)
- Improves robustness by potentially avoiding outliers
- Different strategies: uniform, random, or feature-based sampling

Limitations:

- Requires good initial alignment
- Sensitive to outliers
- Assumes complete overlap
- Can converge to local minima

2. Halfedge Data Structure & Dual Mesh

Halfedge Data Structure:

- Each edge split into two directed halfedges pointing in opposite directions
- Each halfedge stores references to:
    - Vertex (the vertex it points to)
    - Face (the face it belongs to)
    - Next halfedge (next around the face)
    - Opposite halfedge (the other half of the edge)

Benefits:

- Efficient neighborhood traversal (one-ring, two-ring)
- Quick access to adjacency information

- Supports complex topological operations

One-Ring Traversal Algorithm:

```
function getOneRing(vertex v):
    neighbors = empty list
    start_he = v.halfedge  // One outgoing halfedge
    current_he = start_he
    do:
        neighbor = current_he.to()
        add neighbor to neighbors
        current_he = current_he.opposite().next()
    while current_he != start_he
    return neighbors
```

Dual Mesh:

- A mesh where faces become vertices and vertices become faces
- Construction:
  - Each face centroid in primal mesh becomes a vertex in dual
  - Each primal vertex becomes a face in dual
  - Each primal edge has a corresponding dual edge perpendicular to it

Euler Characteristic:

- $V - E + F = 2(1-g)$ where g is the genus (number of "handles")
- Remains invariant between primal and dual meshes

3. Laplace-Beltrami Operator

Definition:

- Generalization of Laplace operator to manifolds
- Measures how a function deviates from its average value in a neighborhood

Continuous Definition:

- For a function f on a surface: $\Delta f = \mathrm{div}(\mathrm{grad}(f))$

Discrete Approximations:

1. **Uniform Laplacian:**
   - $L(f)(v_i) = \sum_{j \in N(i)} (f_j - f_i)/d_i$
   - d_i is vertex degree (number of neighbors)
   - Simple but geometry-agnostic
2. **Cotangent Laplacian:**
   - $L(f)(v_i) = \frac{1}{2A_i} \sum_{j \in N(i)} (\cot \alpha_{ij} + \cot \beta_{ij})(f_j - f_i)$
   - α_{ij} and β_{ij} are angles opposite to edge (i, j)
   - A_i is the area associated with vertex i (often Voronoi area)
   - Geometry-aware, better preserves properties

Matrix Representation:

- $L = M^{-1}C$ where:
  - M is the mass matrix (often diagonal)
  - C is the stiffness/cotangent matrix

Key Equations:

1. Harmonic equation: $\Delta f = 0$ (used in parameterization)
2. Poisson equation: $\Delta f = g$ (used in editing)
3. Eigenvalue problem: $\Delta\phi = \lambda\phi$ (spectral analysis)
4. Heat equation: $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \Delta f$ (smoothing)

Constructing the Matrix:

- For cotangent Laplacian:
  - Diagonal: $L_{ii} = \sum_{j \in N(i)} w_{ij}$
  - Off-diagonal: $L_{ij} = -w_{ij}$ for $j \in N(i)$, 0 otherwise
  - Where $w_{ij} = \frac{1}{2A_i}(\cot\alpha_{ij} + \cot\beta_{ij})$

4. Spectral Analysis

Core Concept:

- Analyzing shapes through the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of the Laplace-Beltrami operator
- Similar to Fourier analysis but for arbitrary manifolds

Process:

1. Compute the Laplace-Beltrami matrix L
2. Solve the generalized eigenvalue problem: $C\Phi = \lambda M\Phi$
3. Use eigenvectors as basis functions for shape analysis

Interpretation:

- Eigenvectors correspond to "vibration modes" of the surface
- Low eigenvalues = low-frequency, smooth functions
- High eigenvalues = high-frequency, oscillatory functions

Applications:

- Mesh compression: $x \approx \sum_{i=1}^{k}(x \cdot \phi_i)\phi_i$ for $k << n$
- Shape matching and retrieval
- Feature detection
- Signal processing on meshes

Spectral Reconstruction:

1. Project vertex positions onto eigenvectors: $\alpha_i = x \cdot \phi_i$
2. Reconstruct using k components: $x' = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \alpha_i\phi_i$
3. Higher k preserves more details

Relation to Fourier Transform:

- Eigenvectors of Laplacian = basis functions (analogous to sines/cosines)
- Coefficients = spectrum (analogous to Fourier coefficients)
- Different from image Fourier transform due to irregular domain

5. Implicit Smoothing

Explicit vs. Implicit Smoothing:

1. **Explicit Smoothing:**
   - Update directly: $x' = x + \lambda Lx$
   - Simple but unstable for large λ
   - Can cause volume shrinkage
2. **Implicit Smoothing:**
   - Solve system: $(I - \lambda L)x' = x$
   - Stable for any time step
   - Better volume preservation

Mathematical Formulation:

- Solving the heat equation: $\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = \Delta x$
- Discretized form: $\frac{x' - x}{\Delta t} = Lx'$
- Rearranging: $(I - \Delta t L)x' = x$
- Where $\lambda = \Delta t$

Implementation:

1. Construct Laplacian matrix L
2. Form system matrix $A = (I - \lambda L)$
3. Solve $Ax' = x$ for each coordinate (x,y,z) independently
4. Use sparse solver like Conjugate Gradient

Advantages of Implicit:

- Unconditionally stable
- Better volume preservation
- Smoother results with fewer iterations
- More control over smoothing amount

Connection to Mean Curvature Flow:

- Mean curvature vector: $\Delta x = -2Hn$
- Implicit smoothing approximates mean curvature flow

6. Parameterization (Tutte's Embedding)

Core Concept:

- Maps a 3D mesh to a 2D domain while preserving certain properties
- Creates a one-to-one correspondence between 3D and 2D points

Tutte's Embedding:

- Fixes boundary vertices to a convex shape (often circle or square)
- Interior vertices are positioned as weighted averages of neighbors
- Solves Laplace equation: $\Delta u = 0$, which becomes $Cu = 0$

Mathematical Details:

- u is an $N{\times}2$ matrix containing 2D coordinates for each vertex
- C is the Laplacian matrix (often cotangent Laplacian)
- System: $Cu = 0$ subject to boundary constraints
- Full formula: $\begin{pmatrix} C_{int} & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{int} \\ u_{bnd} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ u_{bnd} \end{pmatrix}$

Properties:

- Guaranteed to produce a valid (non-overlapping) embedding if boundary is convex
- Not necessarily angle or area preserving
- Simple to implement

Extensions/Other Methods:

- Angle-Based Flattening (ABF): preserves angles better
- Least Squares Conformal Maps (LSCM): minimizes conformal distortion
- As-Rigid-As-Possible (ARAP): preserves local rigidity

Applications:

- Texture mapping
- Remeshing
- Shape analysis
- Detail transfer

7. Curvature and Differential Geometry

Curves

Frenet Frame:

- Local coordinate system {T, N, B} where:
  - T: Tangent vector: $T = \frac{r'(t)}{|r'(t)|}$
  - N: Normal vector: $N = \frac{T'}{|T'|}$
  - B: Binormal vector: $B = T \times N$

Curve Curvature:

- Measures how sharply a curve bends: $\kappa = \frac{|r' \times r''|}{|r'|^3}$
- Torsion: $\tau = \frac{(r' \times r'') \cdot r'''}{|r' \times r''|^2}$

Surfaces

First Fundamental Form:

- Measures distances and angles on surface
- For parameterization (u, v): $I = \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix}$
- Where $E = x_u \cdot x_u$, $F = x_u \cdot x_v$, $G = x_v \cdot x_v$
- x_u and x_v are partial derivatives of surface

Second Fundamental Form:

- Measures how surface bends in embedding space
- $II = \begin{pmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{pmatrix}$
- Where $L = x_{uu} \cdot n$, $M = x_{uv} \cdot n$, $N = x_{vv} \cdot n$
- n is surface normal

Principal Curvatures:

- Maximum and minimum normal curvatures at a point
- Eigenvalues of $II \cdot I^{-1}$

Gaussian Curvature:

- $K = \kappa_1 \times \kappa_2$
- Intrinsic property (invariant under isometric deformations)
- For discrete mesh: $K(v_i) = (2\pi - \sum_j \theta_j)/A_i$
- Where θ_j are angles around vertex

Mean Curvature:

- $H = (\kappa_1 + \kappa_2)/2$
- Extrinsic property
- For discrete mesh: $2H\vec{n} = \Delta\vec{x}$

Surface Classification:

- Elliptic points (K > 0): Like sphere, all curvatures same sign
- Hyperbolic points (K < 0): Saddle points, curvatures opposite signs
- Parabolic points (K = 0, H ≠ 0): One principal curvature is zero
- Flat points (K = 0, H = 0): Both principal curvatures are zero

Computing x_u and x_v on Meshes:

- For a point with 3D parameterization:
  1. Find tangent plane using vertex normal
  2. Create local 2D coordinate system in tangent plane
  3. Fit a function to nearby points
  4. Compute derivatives of the fitted function

8. Remeshing

Core Concept:

- Creating a new mesh that approximates the same surface with better properties

Techniques:

1. **Delaunay Triangulation:**
    - Maximizes the minimum angle of triangles
    - Empty circumcircle property: no vertex inside circumcircle of any triangle
    - Produces well-shaped triangles
2. **Centroidal Voronoi Diagram (CVD):**
    - Voronoi cells where generating point is at centroid
    - Produces evenly distributed points
    - Lloyd's algorithm:
        1. Compute Voronoi diagram
        2. Move each point to centroid of its Voronoi cell
        3. Repeat until convergence

Parameterization-based Approach:

1. Parameterize mesh to 2D
2. Apply remeshing in 2D domain
3. Map back to 3D using inverse mapping

Surface-based Approach:

- Work directly in 3D
- More challenging but avoids parameterization distortion

Quality Metrics:

- Triangle aspect ratio
- Angle distribution
- Vertex valence (ideally 6 for interior vertices)
- Feature preservation

Applications:

- Simulation meshes
- Level-of-detail rendering
- Mesh simplification
- Feature preservation

9. One-ring and Two-ring Neighbors

One-ring Neighbors:

- All vertices directly connected to a given vertex

- Essential for many mesh operations

Traversal Using Halfedge:

```
function getOneRing(vertex v):
    neighbors = empty list
    start_he = v.halfedge
    current_he = start_he
    do:
        neighbor = current_he.to()
        add neighbor to neighbors
        current_he = current_he.opposite().next()
    while current_he != start_he
    return neighbors
```

Two-ring Neighbors:

- Vertices that are at most two edges away from central vertex
- Include one-ring neighbors and their one-ring neighbors
- Implementation: iterate through one-ring and collect their one-rings

Applications:

- Multi-resolution analysis
- Feature detection
- Computing higher-order differential properties
- Subdivision schemes

10. Edge Flipping

Core Concept:

- Local operation that replaces adjacent triangles by flipping shared edge
- Changes connectivity without moving vertices

Algorithm:

1. Identify edge to flip
2. Identify four vertices (two triangles)
3. Check if flip is valid (resulting triangles must be proper)
4. Update connectivity information

Implementation with Halfedge:

```
function flipEdge(halfedge he):
    // Get relevant halfedges and vertices
    a = he.vertex
    b = he.opposite.vertex
    c = he.next.vertex
    d = he.opposite.next.vertex

    // Ensure flip is legal (check for Delaunay criterion or other metrics)
    if not isFlipLegal(a, b, c, d):
        return false

    // Update halfedge connections
    // This involves carefully rewiring multiple halfedge pointers

    // Update vertex, edge, and face references
    return true
```

Applications:

- Implementing Delaunay triangulation
- Improving mesh quality
- Feature-preserving simplification
- Edge-collapse operations

Delaunay Criterion:

- Flip edge if opposite vertex is inside circumcircle of triangle
- Maximizes minimum angle

11. Implicit/Explicit Surface Representations

Core Concept:

- Surfaces can be represented either explicitly (e.g., triangle mesh) or implicitly (e.g., level set of a function)
- Each has distinct advantages and applications

Explicit Representation:

- Direct representation of surface geometry (vertices, edges, faces)
- Examples: triangle meshes, quad meshes, point clouds, NURBS
- Advantages:
    - Direct access to surface points
    - Efficient rendering
    - Good for modeling and animation
- Disadvantages:
    - Difficult for topology changes
    - Complex Boolean operations
    - Challenging for adaptive resolution

Implicit Representation:

- Surface defined as level set of a function: $f(x, y, z) = 0$
- Examples: signed distance functions, algebraic surfaces, RBF
- Advantages:
    - Easy Boolean operations
    - Natural handling of topology changes

    - Inside/outside test is trivial
- Disadvantages:
    - Indirect surface access
    - Less efficient rendering
    - May require more memory

Conversion Algorithms:

Marching Cubes (Implicit → Explicit)

Core Concept:

- Extract triangle mesh from scalar field (e.g., signed distance function)

Algorithm Steps:

1. Divide space into cubic grid
2. For each cube:
    - Sample function values at 8 corners
    - Determine which corners are inside/outside
    - Look up triangulation pattern (256 possible configurations, reduced to 15 by symmetry)
    - Generate triangles for the cube
3. Merge triangles from all cubes

Implementation Details:

- Edge interpolation for vertex positions:
    - For edge with endpoints (v_1, f_1) and (v_2, f_2), where $f_1 < 0$ and $f_2 > 0$
    - Surface vertex = $v_1 + \frac{f_1}{f_1 - f_2}(v_2 - v_1)$
- Adaptive refinement strategies for better detail
- Normal computation from gradient of scalar field

Limitations:

- Aliasing artifacts (staircase effect)
- Ambiguous cases and topological inconsistencies
- May miss small features between grid points

Fast Marching Method (Explicit → Implicit)

Core Concept:

- Computes signed distance field from explicit surface

Algorithm Steps:

1. Initialize distance values:
    - Set distance = 0 at surface points
    - Set distance = +∞ elsewhere
    - Mark surface points as "Fixed"

    - Add neighbors of surface points to "Narrow Band" with estimated distances
2. While Narrow Band is not empty:
    - Find point P with smallest distance in Narrow Band
    - Mark P as "Fixed"
    - For each neighbor Q of P that is not "Fixed":
        - Compute new distance estimate for Q
        - Update Q's distance if new estimate is smaller
        - Add Q to Narrow Band if not already there

Mathematical Formulation:

- Solves the Eikonal equation: $|\nabla u| = 1$
- With boundary condition $u = 0$ on the surface
- Resulting u is the signed distance field

Implementation Details:

- Narrow Band maintained as min-heap for efficiency
- Distance computation uses upwind scheme
- Inside/outside determination requires normal information

Applications:

- Collision detection
- Morphing between shapes
- Level-of-detail control
- Medial axis extraction

Boolean Operations with Implicit Surfaces:

- Union: $f_{A \cup B}(p) = \min(f_A(p), f_B(p))$
- Intersection: $f_{A \cap B}(p) = \max(f_A(p), f_B(p))$
- Difference: $f_{A-B}(p) = \max(f_A(p), -f_B(p))$
- Blending: $f_{blend}(p) = f_A(p) + f_B(p) - \sqrt{f_A(p)^2 + f_B(p)^2}$

12. Mesh Deformation

Core Concept:

- Methods to manipulate mesh shape while preserving important characteristics
- Balance between user control and natural-looking results

Laplacian-based Deformation:

Mathematical Formulation:

- Original Laplacian coordinates: $\delta_i = Lx_i = x_i - \frac{1}{|N(i)|} \sum_{j \in N(i)} x_j$
- These encode local details (differences from neighborhood average)
- After user manipulation, solve for new positions that preserve Laplacian coordinates

Deformation System:

- Minimize: $E(x') = \sum_i |L'x' * i - \delta_i|^2 + \sum *j \in C|x'_j - c_j|^2$
- Where:
  - L' is the Laplacian operator for deformed mesh
  - δ_i are original differential coordinates
  - C is the set of constrained vertices
  - c_j are target positions for constrained vertices

Rotation-invariant Formulation:

- Basic Laplacian deformation doesn't handle rotations well
- Improved version: transform differential coordinates using local transformations
- $E(x') = \sum_i |L'x' * i - T_i\delta_i|^2 + \sum *j \in C|x'_j - c_j|^2$
- T_i are local transformations (often rotations) estimated during optimization

As-Rigid-As-Possible (ARAP) Deformation:

Core Concept:

- Preserves local rigidity of surface elements
- Allows global deformation while minimizing local distortion

Algorithm:

1. User specifies handle vertices and their target positions
2. Alternating optimization:
   - Estimate optimal rotation for each element (SVD-based)
   - Solve for vertex positions that respect these rotations and constraints
3. Iterate until convergence

Energy Function:

- $E(x') = \sum_{(i,j)\in E} w_{ij}|(x'_i - x'_j) - R_i(x_i - x_j)|^2$
- Where:
  - w_{ij} are edge weights (often cotangent weights)
  - R_i is the estimated rotation at vertex i

Properties:

- Handles large deformations well
- Preserves local shape features
- More computationally expensive than basic Laplacian

Cage-based Deformation:

Core Concept:

- Enclose model in simpler mesh (cage)
- Deform cage instead of original mesh

- Transfer cage deformation to original mesh via coordinates

Common Coordinate Systems:

1. **Mean Value Coordinates:**
    - Generalization of barycentric coordinates
    - Smooth and well-defined for arbitrary shapes
    - Formula: $\phi_i(p) = \frac{w_i(p)}{\sum_j w_j(p)}$ where $w_i(p)$ involves angles
2. **Harmonic Coordinates:**
    - Satisfy Laplace equation: $\Delta\phi_i = 0$
    - Zero on all cage vertices except one
    - Properties: partition of unity, linear precision
3. **Green Coordinates:**
    - Consider both vertex and face normals of cage
    - Better preservation of shape details
    - Handle rotations more naturally

Deformation Process:

1. Create cage around original model
2. Compute coordinate weights for each vertex of original mesh
3. User manipulates cage vertices
4. Original mesh vertices follow using their coordinate weights

Advantages:

- Intuitive control with fewer handles
- Smoother deformations
- Can preserve volume better
- Works well for character animation

Detail Preservation Techniques:

Multi-resolution Approach:

1. Create mesh hierarchy (fine to coarse)
2. Deform coarse level
3. Propagate deformation to finer levels while preserving details

Detail Transfer:

1. Extract details as displacement vectors or normal maps
2. Deform base surface
3. Re-apply details to deformed surface

Volume Preservation:

- Add volume constraint: $\sum_{i,j,k} \det(x'_i, x'_j, x' * k) = \sum *i, j, k \det(x_i, x_j, x_k)$
- Or approximate using local volume preservation terms

Applications:

- Character animation
- Industrial design
- Medical visualization
- Virtual try-on
- Architectural modeling

Sample Question Answers

Now I'll provide concise answers to some of the specific questions that your classmates mentioned:

1. ICP Algorithm

"ICP aligns two point clouds through iterative steps: (1) Find closest point correspondences, (2) Compute optimal rotation and translation to align these points, (3) Apply transformation, and (4) Repeat until convergence. Key assumptions include decent initial alignment and significant overlap between point clouds. Sub-sampling improves speed without sacrificing much accuracy by reducing the number of points processed in each iteration."

2. Laplace-Beltrami Operator Construction

"The Laplace-Beltrami operator can be discretized using the cotangent formula. For each vertex, we construct a row in the matrix where the diagonal element is the sum of all cotangent weights, and off-diagonal elements are negative cotangent weights for edges connecting to neighbors. Specifically, for vertex i and its neighbor j, the weight is $-(\cot \alpha_{ij} + \cot \beta_{ij})/2$, where α and β are the angles opposite to the edge ij."

3. Tutte's Embedding Explanation

"Tutte's embedding solves the equation $LU = 0$ where L is the Laplacian matrix and U is an $N \times 2$ matrix containing the 2D coordinates of interior vertices. Boundary vertices are fixed to form a convex polygon. This creates a valid embedding by positioning each interior vertex at the weighted average of its neighbors. It guarantees a bijective mapping but doesn't necessarily preserve angles or areas."

4. Frenet Frame

"The Frenet frame provides a local coordinate system along a curve with three orthonormal vectors: T (tangent), N (normal), and B (binormal). T follows the curve direction, N points in the direction the curve is turning, and B is perpendicular to both. T is computed by normalizing the curve's first derivative, N comes from normalizing T's derivative, and B is the cross product $T \times N$."

5. First Fundamental Form

"The First Fundamental Form describes how to measure distances and angles on a surface. For a parameterized surface $x(u,v)$, it's given by the matrix $[E\ F; F\ G]$ where $E = x_u \cdot x_u$, $F = x_u \cdot x_v$, and $G = x_v \cdot x_v$. To compute it for a triangle mesh, we need to estimate the partial derivatives x_u and x_v at each point, which can be done using finite differences or local parameterization."

Preparation Strategy

1. **Focus on core concepts**: Rather than memorizing details, understand the fundamental ideas behind each topic.
2. **Practice concise explanations**: Structure your answers with a clear definition, key components, and applications.
3. **Connect topics**: Show how different concepts relate to each other (e.g., how Laplace-Beltrami relates to smoothing, spectral analysis, and parameterization).
4. **Visualize examples**: Be ready to identify concepts on physical examples (like the professor's magnet mesh or hand soap bottle).
5. **Prepare for follow-up questions**: The professor might ask you to extend your answers or apply concepts to new scenarios.
6. **Practice pseudo-code**: For algorithmic questions, be ready to sketch the key steps in code.

Exam Response Strategies

1. **Structure each answer:**
    - Start with clear definition
    - Highlight key components/steps
    - Mention applications or examples
    - Note advantages/limitations
2. **Be prepared for physical demonstrations:**
    - The professor may use physical objects (magnet mesh, soap bottle)
    - Practice identifying features on curved surfaces
    - Be ready to trace algorithms on actual meshes
3. **Connect concepts:**
    - Show relationships between topics
    - Mention how Laplacian relates to parameterization, smoothing, etc.
    - Demonstrate understanding of the "big picture"
4. **When writing pseudo-code:**
    - Focus on core algorithm logic
    - Skip implementation details
    - Show correct handling of edge cases
5. **For the 3-minute time constraint:**
    - Start with most important information
    - If time permits, add details and examples
    - Practice timing your explanations

I hope this comprehensive guide helps you prepare for your oral exam. Focus on understanding the core concepts rather than memorizing details, and you'll be well-prepared for whatever specific questions emerge. Good luck!