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CSC3100 Data Structures Course information

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About instructor (Yixiang Fang)

► Background

- PhD: 2013-2017, HKU
- Postdoc: 2017-2018, HKU
- Postdoc: 2018-2020, UNSW
- Associate Professor: 2021-present, CUHK-SZ



► Contact

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► Research

- General area: querying, mining, and analytics of big data
- Topics: graph queries, graph mining, graph learning, etc.



Lecture location and time

- ▶ Three sessions
 - Leading instructor: Yixiang Fang

▼ CSC 3100 - Data Structures

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Section	L01-LEC(3192)	Enrollment Total	157 Status ●
Session	Regular	Enrollment Capacity	180 <small>the remaining quota is reserved</small>
Days & Times	Room	Instructor	Meeting Dates
MoWe 10:30 - 11:50	Teaching B Bldg 202	Yixiang Fang	2022/09/05 - 2022/12/16

Section	L02-LEC(3193)	Enrollment Total	90 Status ●
Session	Regular	Enrollment Capacity	180 <small>the remaining quota is reserved</small>
Days & Times	Room	Instructor	Meeting Dates
MoWe 15:30 - 16:50	Teaching B Bldg 103	Benyou WANG	2022/09/05 - 2022/12/16

Section	L03-LEC(3194)	Enrollment Total	85 Status ●
Session	Regular	Enrollment Capacity	180 <small>the remaining quota is reserved</small>
Days & Times	Room	Instructor	Meeting Dates
TuTh 14:00 - 15:20	Administration Bldg E101	Zhizheng WU	2022/09/05 - 2022/12/16



Prof. Zhizheng Wu



Prof. Benyou Wang



Lecture location and time

- ▶ Session by Yixiang Fang
 - Lecture location: Room 202, Teaching B Building
 - Lecture time (3 hours/week)
 - 10:30 am ~ 11:50 am on Monday
 - 10:30 am ~ 11:50 am on Wednesday
 - Mix-mode teaching
 - Zoom ID: [671 987 8160 \(No password\)](#)
 - The videos are available online (see Blackboard)
 - Office hour
 - Time: 4:30 pm ~ 5:30 pm on every Thursday
 - Location: Room 417d, Dao Yuan Building
 - Online: [671 987 8160 \(No password\)](#)

A break of 5~10 mins



TA information

- ▶ 10 TAs (5 PGTAs + 5 USTFs)
 - Leading TA: Mr. Yingli Zhou
 - Host tutorials; mark assignments & exams; office hour





Office hours of TAs

ID	Name	ZOOM-ID	PGTA/USTF	Room	Office hour	Email address
1	Yingli Zhou (leading TA)	322 497 0842	PGTA	Dao Yuan Building 2th Floor, Room 224	Fri 16:00 - 17:00	yinglizhou@link.cuhk.edu.cn
2	Junyi Ao	435 279 9601	PGTA	H.L. Tu Building, RB311	Wed 16:30 - 17:30	junyiao1@link.cuhk.edu.cn
3	Xi Chen	994 444 9359	PGTA	The bigger room of SDS Research Lab (4th Floor, Zhi Xin Building), seat no. 100	Wed 16:00 - 17:00	xichen7@link.cuhk.edu.cn
4	Xueyao Zhang	670 422 4188	PGTA	The bigger room of SDS Research Lab (4th Floor, Zhi Xin Building), seat no. 78	Thu 16:00 - 17:00	xueyaozhang@link.cuhk.edu.cn
5	Yaomin Wang	374 048 9343	PGTA	The bigger room of SDS Research Lab (4th Floor, Zhi Xin Building), seat no. 110	Thu 15:00 - 16:00	222042013@link.cuhk.edu.cn
6	Biaolin Wen	509 139 1757	USTF	TBA	Thu 14:00 - 15:00	biaolinwen@link.cuhk.edu.cn
7	Jie Pan	437 883 9639	USTF	TBA	Mon 16:00 - 17:00	121090434@link.cuhk.edu.cn
8	Qingshuo Guo	827 451 5237	USTF	TBA	Wed 14:00 - 15:00	121090151@link.cuhk.edu.cn
9	Derong Jin	809 737 4794	USTF	TBA	Thu 19:00 - 20:00	120090562@link.cuhk.edu.cn
10	Tianci Hou	447 624 4293	USTF	TBA	Wed 19:00 - 20:00	121090184@link.cuhk.edu.cn



Tutorials

► Tutorials in mix-mode

- The zoom IDs are the same as those of TAs' office hours in the previous slide
- Check announcements in your e-mail box or Blackboard
- Check Wechat group messages



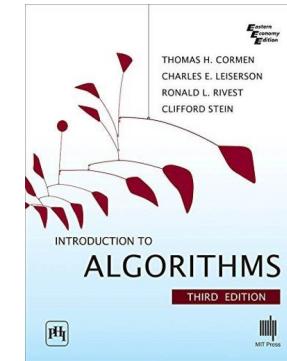
Tutorial time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18:00 - 18:50		TA111, TA204, TA205	TA111, TA204		
19:00 - 19:50	TA111, TA204		TA111	TA111, TA205, TA204	TA111



Textbook and references

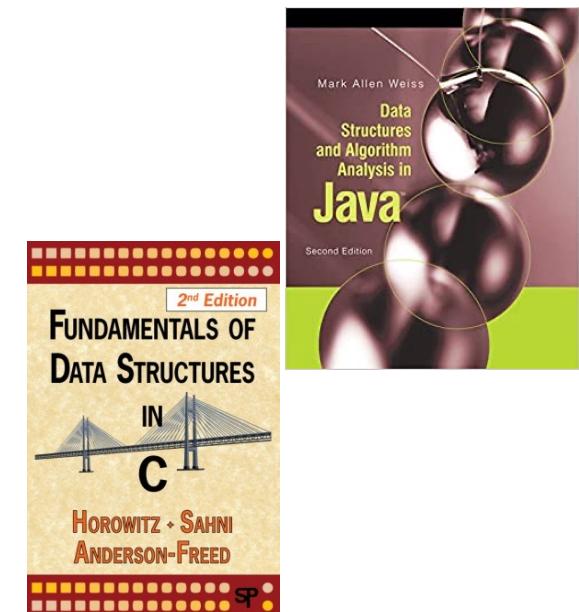
▶ Textbook

- 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
 - Answer students' questions



How to do well in this course?

▶ Common suggestions

- 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



Learn more and practice more

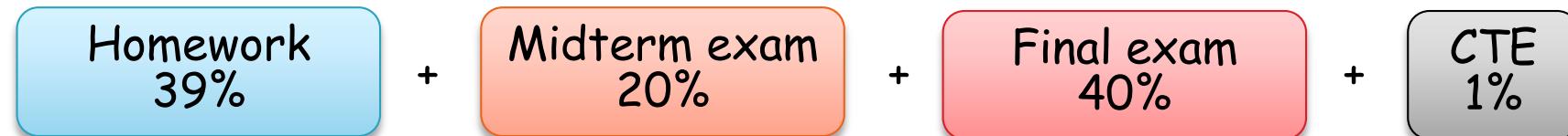
- ▶ ACM-ICPC
 - ACM: Association for Computing Machinery
 - ICPC: International Collegiate Programming Contest
- ▶ Online Judge (OJ) systems
 - CUHK SZ OJ: [10.26.200.13 \(access in campus\)](http://10.26.200.13)
 - SJTU OJ: <https://acm.sjtu.edu.cn/OnlineJudge/>
 - PKU OJ: <http://poj.org/>
- ▶ CUHK-SZ programming team
 - Coaches: Yixiang Fang, Pinjia He
 - Campus programming contest: Oct or Nov, 2022
(one or two weeks after midterm exam)



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Course assessment



	Release date	Due date	Weight	
Written assignment 1	Sep 23	Oct 7	9%	
Programming assignment 1	Oct 21	Nov 4	10%	Python/C/C++/ Java are ok
Midterm exam	Oct 29	--	20%	
Written assignment 2	Nov 11	Nov 25	10%	
Programming assignment 2	Dec 2	Dec 16	10%	Python/C/C++/ Java are ok
Final exam	Dec 17 - 24		40%	

*The above table is subject to change as the instructors see fit.



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 \times 0.8
 - 24~72 hours after deadline: final score = your score \times 0.5
 - 72+ hours after deadline: final score = your score \times 0



Students with diverse backgrounds

Year	Percentage
1 st year	0
2 nd year	45.2%
3 rd year	50.3%
4 th year	4.5%
Overall	100%

► Student distribution (157)

- **SME (18): 11.5%**
 - Financial engineering: 18
- **SSE (24): 15.3%**
 - Electronic Info Engineering: 20
 - Mathematics and Applied Mathem: 4
- **SDS (115): 73.2%**
 - Data Science and Big Data Tech: 90
 - Computer Science and Engineering: 25

Please try to consider your classmates before complaining



Feedback & acknowledgements

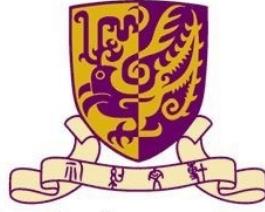
- ▶ Feedback is important and also welcome!
 - Talk to course instructors and TAs, or send us emails
 - Please talk to us before complaining to others
 - Questionnaire

- ▶ Acknowledgements
 - Lecture slides
 - Prof. 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)
 - Tutorial slides
 - Mr. Xingchao Wang (CUHK-SZ), Mr. Panwen Hu (CUHK-SZ), Mr. Ziteng Weng (CUHK-SZ)



Extra bonuses

- ▶ Extra bonuses for students who perform very well
 - Recommend industry internship in companies like BATH
 - Offer research assistant (RA) positions and you may have the chances to publish academic papers!
 - High chances to be PhD students in my research team
 - Write recommendation letters for your Master or PhD applications



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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

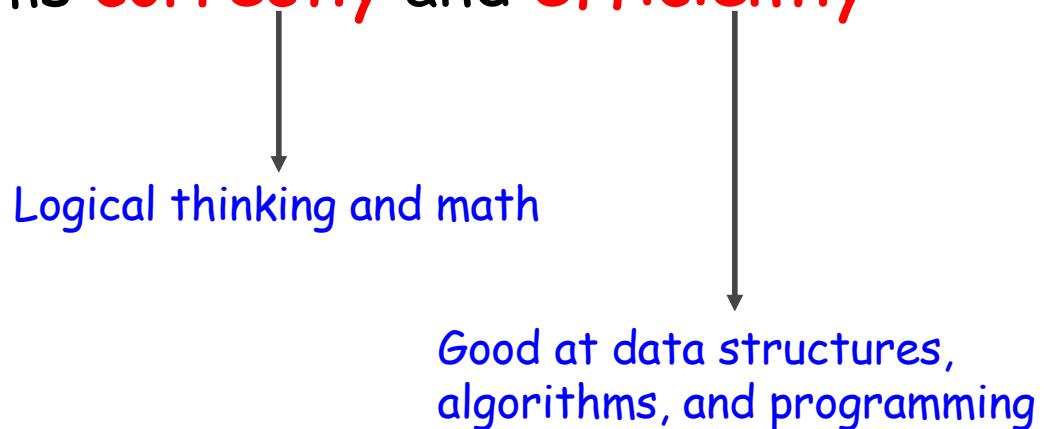
The screenshot shows a Google search results page with the query "data structure" in the search bar. The results section displays the following information:

- About 3,290,000,000 results (0.65 seconds)** (highlighted with a red box)
- A brief definition: "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](#)
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- <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 \[129\]](#)
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- 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?



One sentence about this course

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





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





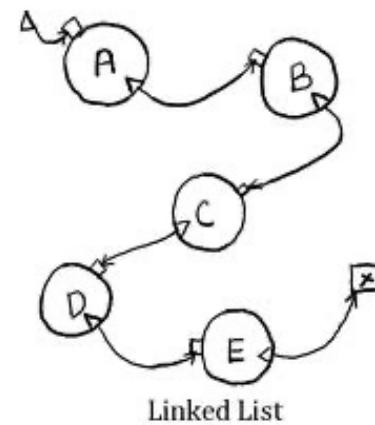
What are the common ADTs?

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

Array:

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

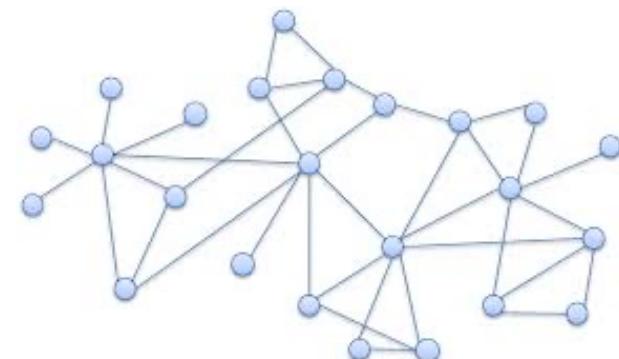
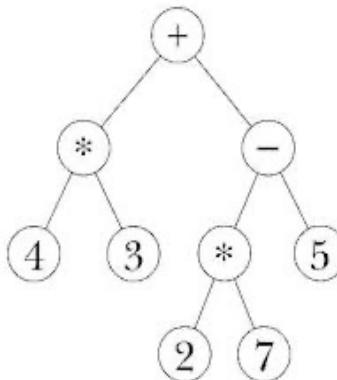
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Array index



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
1	Course overview, Java basics
2	Arrays, insertion/merge sort
3	Time complexity
4	List
5	Stack, queues
6	More sorting algorithms
7	Trees

Week	Content
8	Midterm exam
9	Trees
10	Hashing
11	Graphs
12	Graphs
13	Graphs, other data structures
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:

$$X^A = B \text{ if and only if } \log_x B = A$$

- ▶ 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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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.,

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

► 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