

Roadmap to Computing Topic: Computational Costs

Our next Roadmap Topic is 'Computational Costs.' The introductory talk (~34 minutes) is at

<http://vimeo.com/17277312>

Below are suggested related topics for research reports. There are many other possible topics. Whichever topic you choose, in addition to identifying and presenting as precisely as possible the core concept of the topic, you may explore its development, social impact, and related controversies, both technical and social/political. If you choose a person, your report and presentation should focus on the contributions of the person to the topic at hand and present biography only as background.

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Juris Hartmanis

Karp reduction

NP-complete

$P \neq NP$

RSA algorithm

Raymond Smullyan

Richard Karp

Stephen Cook

approximation algorithm

complexity of bin packing

complexity of factoring

complexity of graph isomorphism

complexity of primality testing

complexity of searching

complexity of sorting algorithms

intractable problem

measures (resources) of computational complexity

polynomial vs exponential functions

probabilistic algorithm

public key cryptography

rate of growth of functions

suffix tree

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