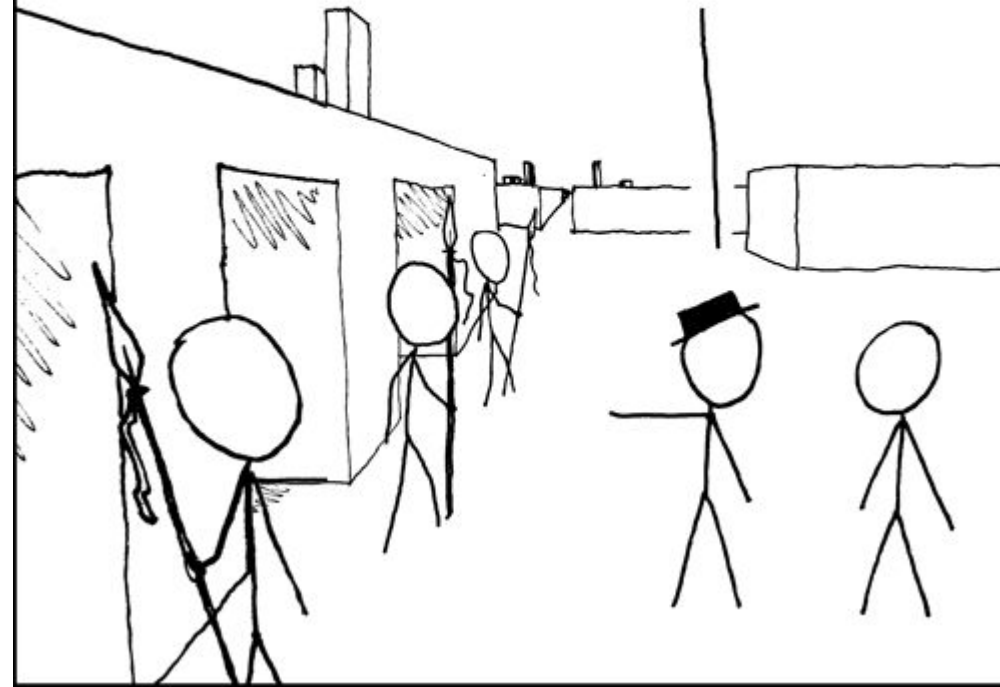




AND OVER THERE WE HAVE THE LABYRINTH GUARDS.
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Lecture 1: Course Introduction and Intro. to Binary

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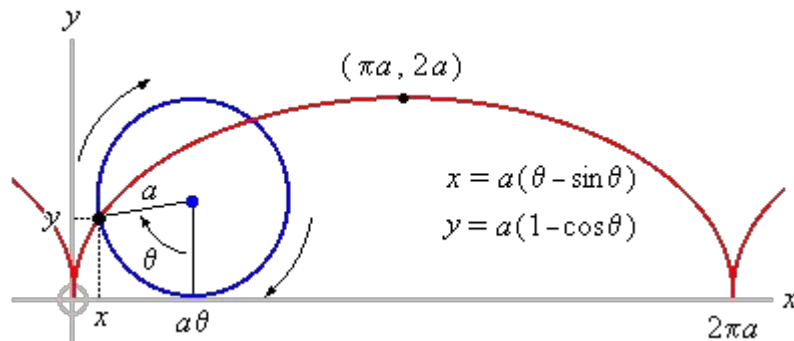
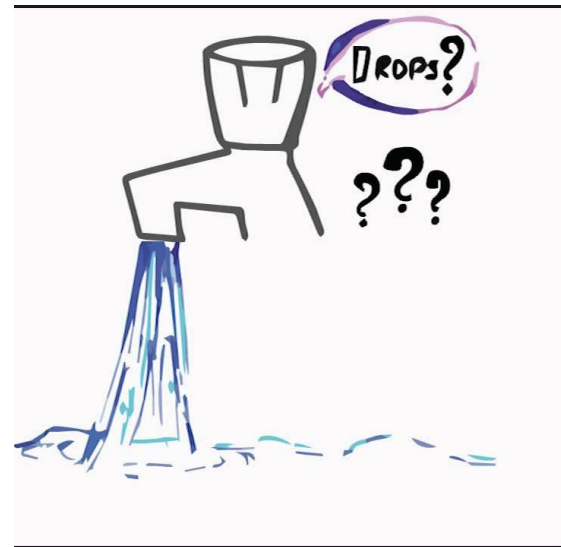
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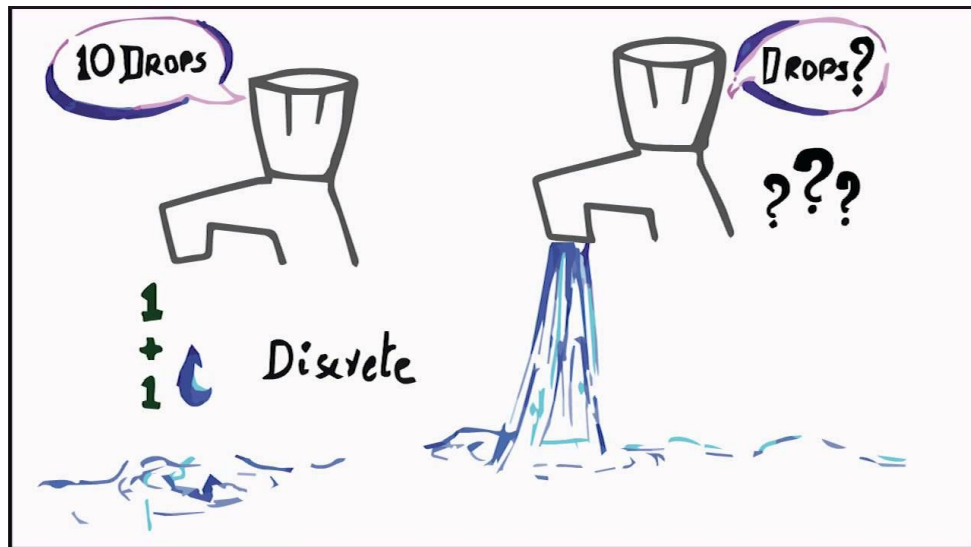
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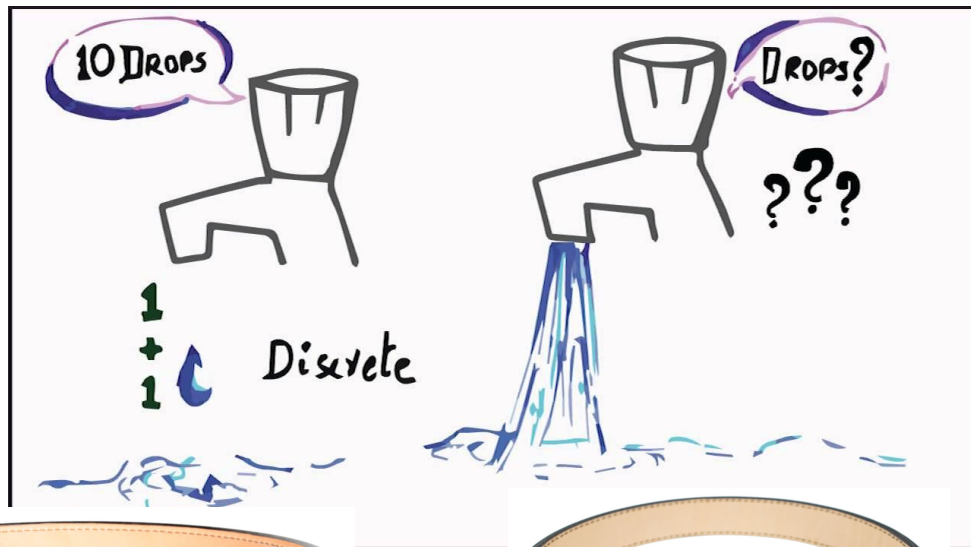
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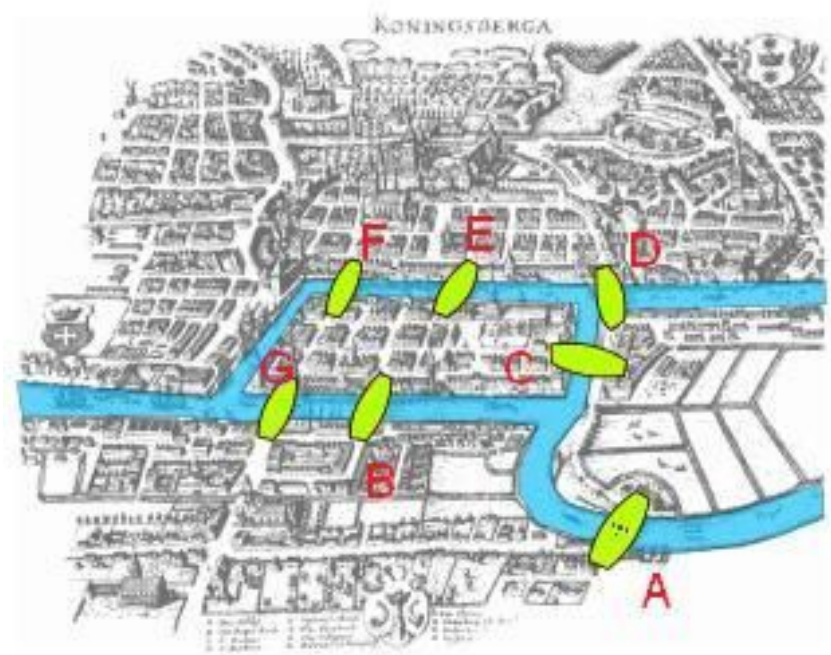
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Graph theory: Bridges of Königsberg

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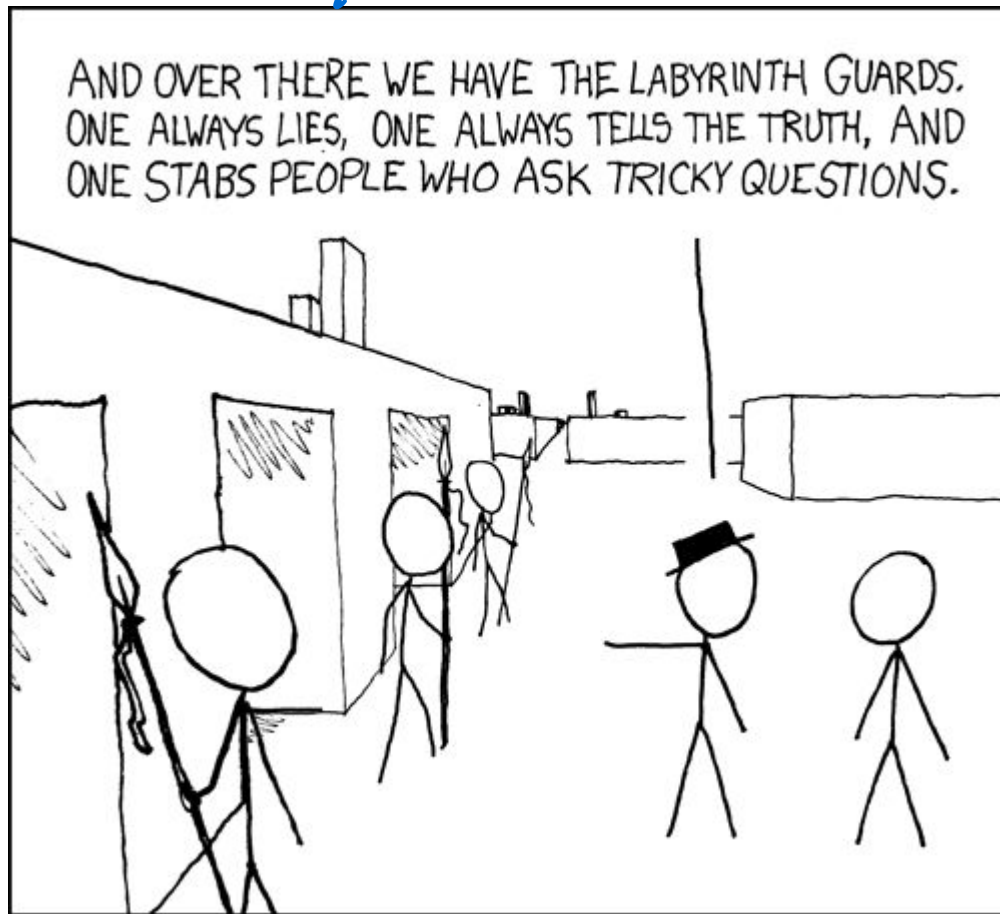
Is there a path that traverses each bridge exactly once?



Logic

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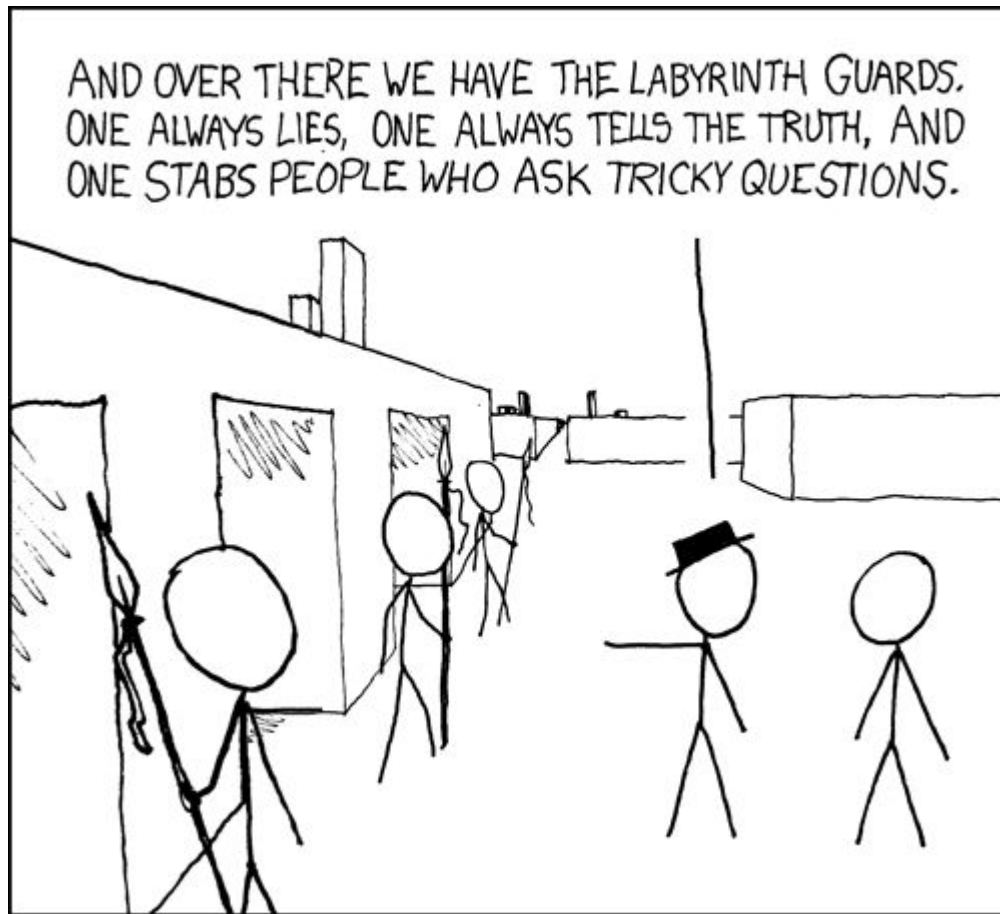
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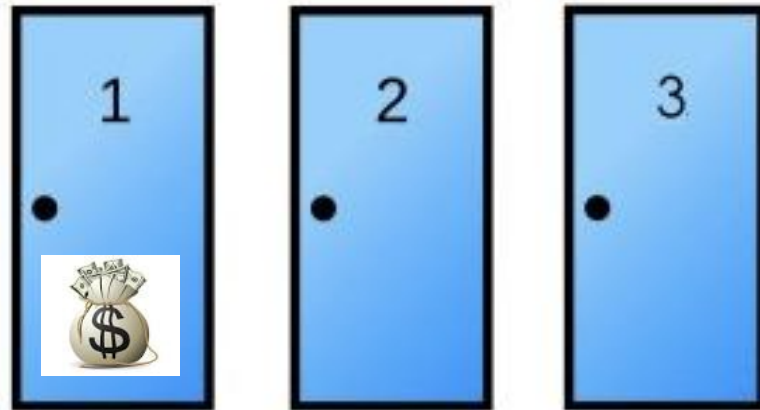
- Two doors, guarded by two guards.
- One door goes where you want to, but the other leads to certain death.
- One always lies, and one always tells the truth.
- **How can you ask only one of them only one question to discover which door is which?**



Discrete Probability

Three doors problem

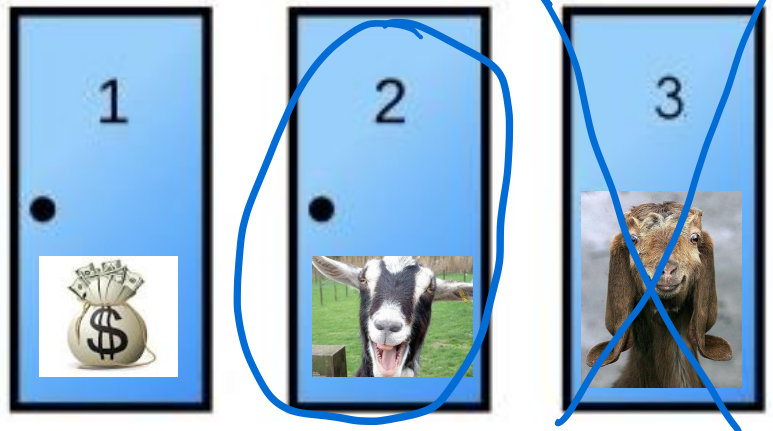
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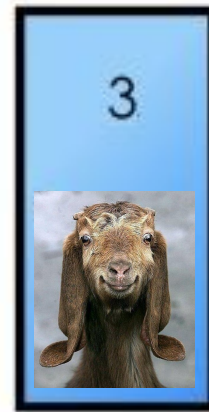
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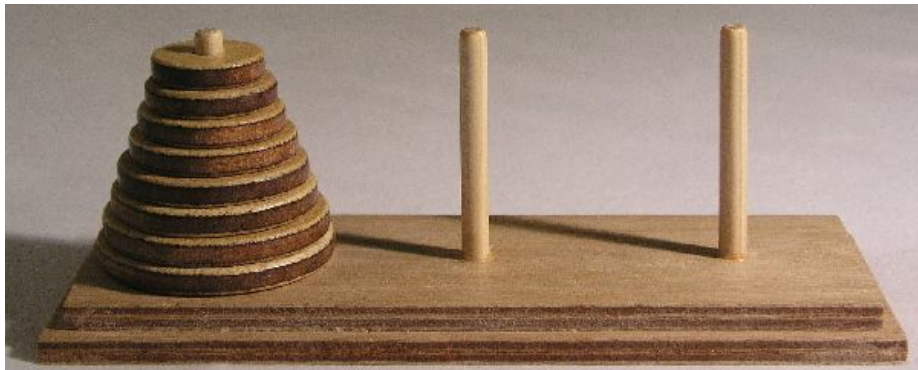
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- *Complexity* of algorithms (100 prisoners and a light bulb)
- Anything related to data science

Recursion

Tower of Hanoi

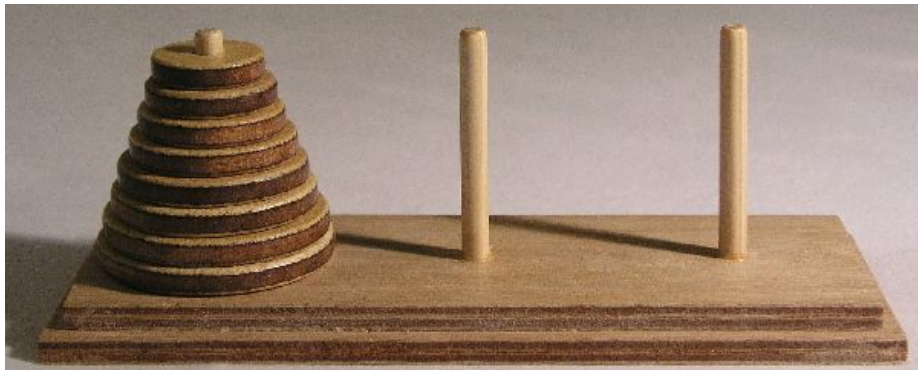
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- Recursions often yield more readable code, as well as elegant solutions
- Recursions are often frowned upon because of stack memory issues
- Still, recursions can shed some light on how a nice “for” loop can work

Changing gear: Course Logistics

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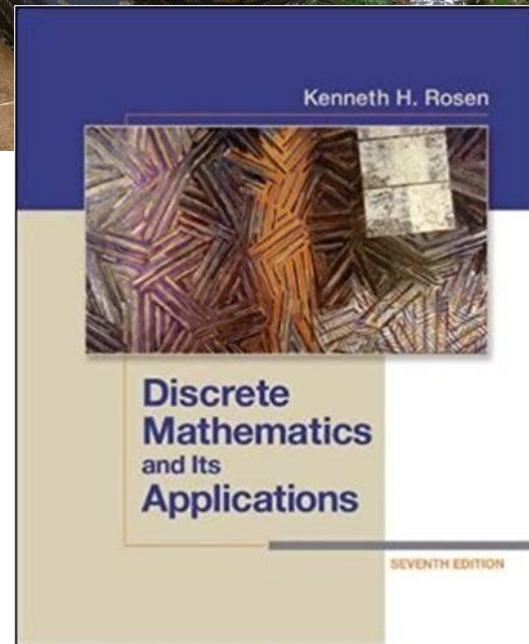
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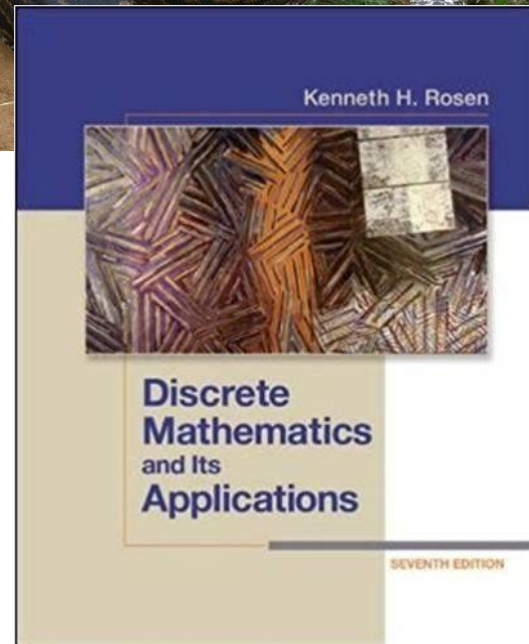
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Rachel's class: *csci2824-Rachel*

searching "csci 2824"
Fall 2018?

→ moodle.cs.colorado.edu

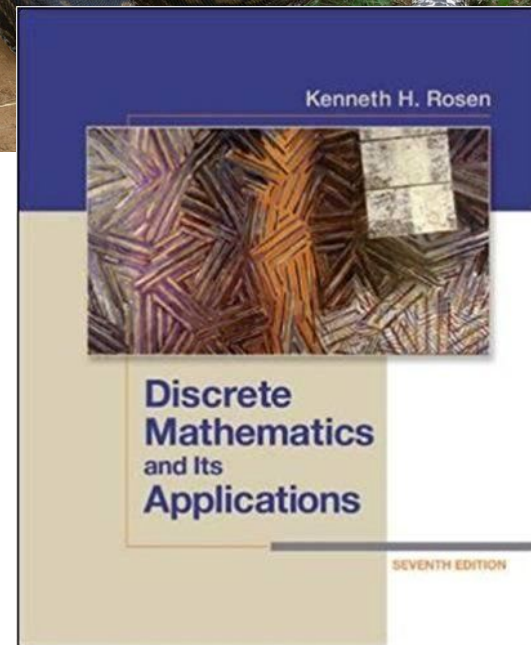


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← every 5 or
Wed. of
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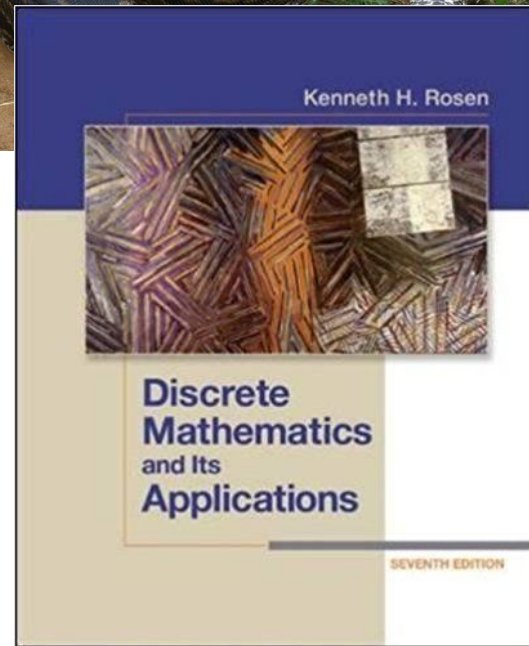
Quizlets:

- 5-15 minutes
- Build off of examples, concepts from class
- We'll announce them in class some days...
- ... and they'll be due by noon on the next class meeting day
- We'll also add them to the course calendar once assigned
- Like a pop quiz that you can do in your pajamas over the course of 2 days

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- Keep track of things via the [course webpage \(Piazza\)](#)
- Read the [syllabus](#) and [schedule](#) for more details!
 - Especially regarding due date and collaboration policies
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* Send me & Rachel Piazza
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→ keeps things organized

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General Information

Edit

Lectures

Section 001: MWF 9-9:50 AM in FLMG 155 with Rachel Cox

Section 002: MWF 11-11:50 AM in HUMN 1B50 with Tony Wong

Office hours

Rachel: T/Th 10:30am-12:00pm in ECCR 241

Tony: TBD

Course assistants: In CSEL - <https://goo.gl/i7BA3u>

Course calendar (including lecture slides)

<https://goo.gl/DFuboZ>

Course syllabus

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- Read the other questions before posting your own!
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“private note”

Expectations

- Come to class **prepared**, at least skim the material beforehand
- Be willing to **contribute**
 - To classroom discussion
 - As well as on Piazza
(students helping one another is one of the reasons why we use it!)
- Be **on time**. If you are late, do not be disruptive
- If you use a **laptop**, **sit in the back** so you do not distract others (unless you have a documented special need)
 - More on this in a moment...
 - Handwritten notes and notes on a tablet are okay anywhere.



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Let's talk laptops.



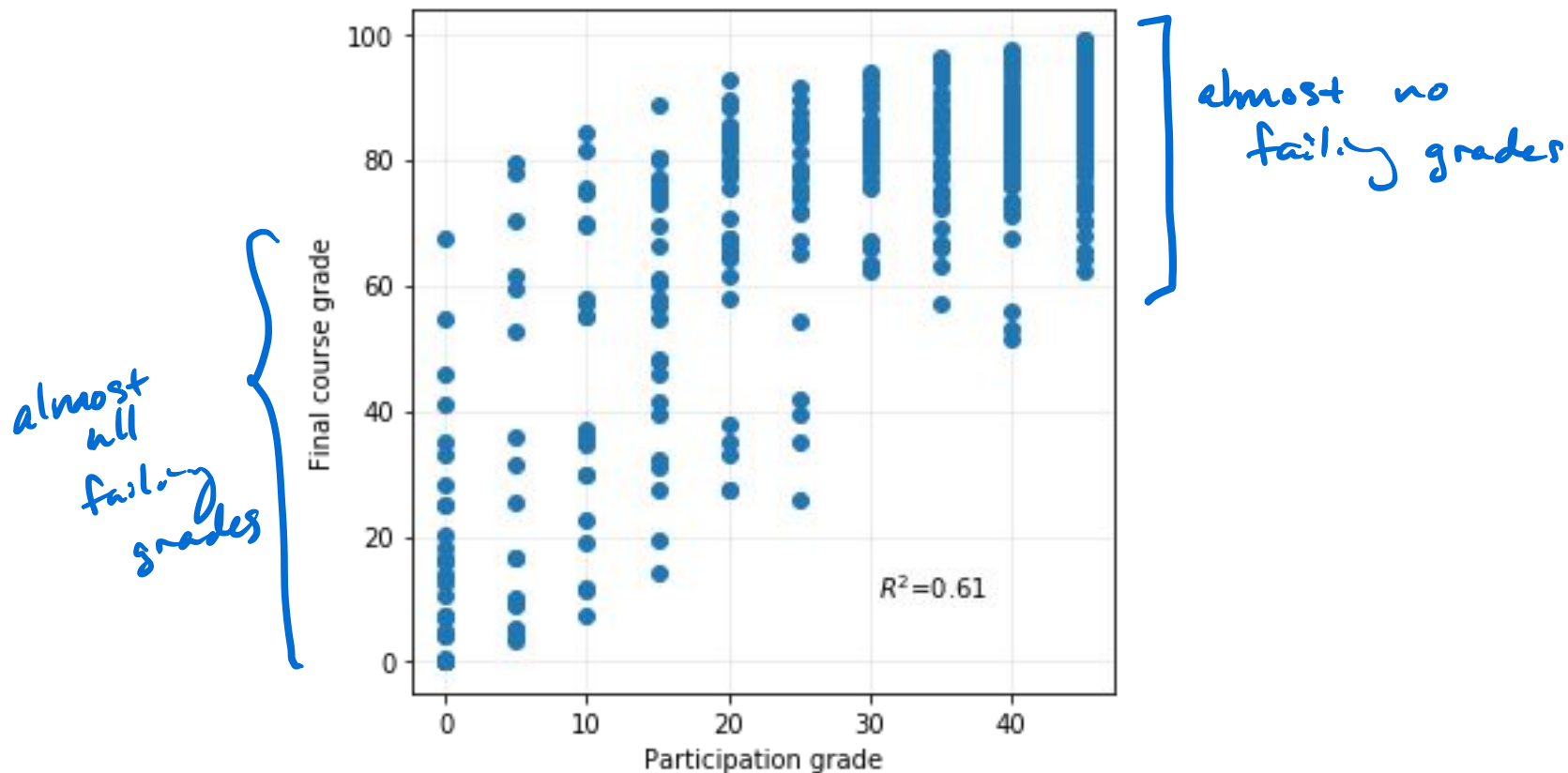
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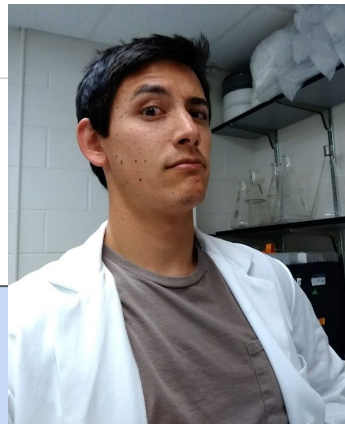
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About Me

- Call me **Tony**. Or **Dr. Wong** if you're more comfortable with that
- Second year teaching in **CS**
- Before this: Postdoc at **Penn State**. And taught **Earth Science**
Grad student in **Applied Math**. And taught Calc/Diff Eq
- Research interests:
 - Stats: Uncertainty quantification, Markov chains, (Bayesian) model calibration
 - Applications: Storm surge/sea-level projections, climate risk management
- **Office:** ECOT 623
- **Office hours:** W 3-4, Th 10-12
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⇒ Abort only if (111)



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recipe: each digit = how much of each "ingredient"

powers of 10

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Quizlet 0: Watch
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 - b. So from the previous example,

$$11011_2 = 27_{10}$$

Converting the number N from decimal to binary

- Start from right (the ones place) and move to the left.
- If the first digit is odd, then the first bit is a 1. Otherwise, it's a 0.
 - Reset $N \rightarrow (N-1) / 2$ if N was odd.
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7 odd \rightarrow first bit is 1
 \rightarrow proceed w/ $\frac{47-1}{2} = 23$

3 odd \rightarrow second bit is 1
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1 odd \rightarrow third bit is 1
 \rightarrow go w/ $\frac{11-1}{2} = 5$

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Proceed with $(11-1) / 2 = 5$

5 is odd, so fourth bit is a 1
Proceed with $(5-1) / 2 = 2$

2 is even, so sixth bit is a 0
Proceed with $2/2 = 1$

End with a 1: $47_{10} = 101111_2$

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 - Next iteration, we have $706/2 = 353$.
- First digit is odd, so fourth bit is 1.
 - Next iteration, we have $(353-1)/2 = 176$.
- First digit is even, so fifth bit is 0.
 - Next iteration, we have $176/2 = 88$.
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- ... eventually, find $2824_{10} = 101100001000_2$

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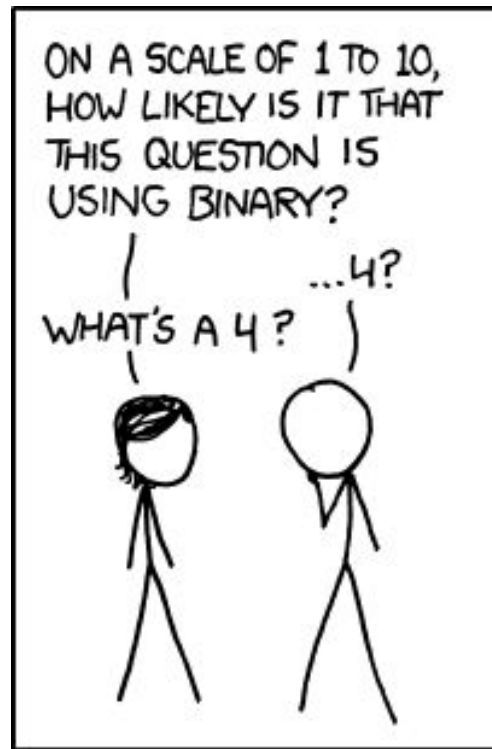
Recap:

Today, we...

- Confirmed that we are in the right classroom at the right time
- Learned what the goals and logistics for this class are
- Learned how to represent decimal numbers as binary, and vice versa

Next time:

- We **dig deeper into binary**, and
- Play with Python!



**Bonus
material!**

