EC504 Fall 2025 – Syllabus

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This is a syllabus for lectures, exercises and programming exercise. The reference will include posted background notes and selected topics from Cormen, Leiserson, Rivest, and Stein, Introduction to Algorithms MIT press:

1. Fundamentals [CRLS] 1-4
   - Analysis of algorithms
     - Asymptotic notation
     - Recurrences
     - Average Case
     - Amortized analysis [CRLS] 17
   - Overview of C/C++ – Style vs Efficiency

2. Basic 1D data structures and algorithms
   - Searching and Sorting
     - Worst, best, average case analysis of algorithms
   - Stacks and queues [CRLS] 10
   - Execution of function calls.

3. Basic Trees and Data Structures [CRLS] 12,13,14
   - Balanced search trees
     - Insertion and Deletion in AVL
   - Priority queues CRLS] 18,19,20,21
     - Heaps, binomial heaps
     - Files systems
     - Huffman Coding.

4. 2D Graphs and Networks [CRLS] 22,23,24,25
   - Representations
     - Traversals
   - Minimum spanning trees
     - Shortest paths – Max Flow
     - MinCost flow
5. Optimization and Data Organization
   - Knapsack, Job Scheduling [CRLS] 16.2, 16.5
   - String Matching [CRLS] 32
   - Union Find

6. Possible Advanced topics
   - Fast Fourier Transforms
   - Machine Learning
   - Quantum Computing