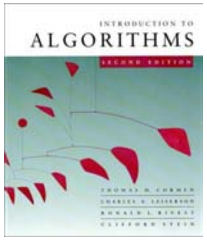

The divide-and-conquer design paradigm

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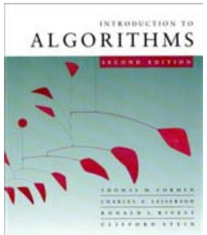

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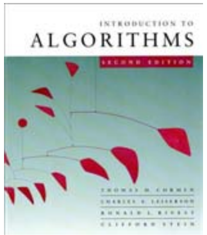

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and regularity condition

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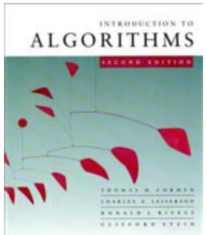

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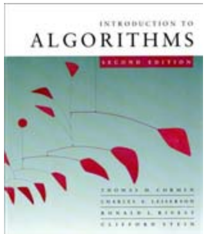

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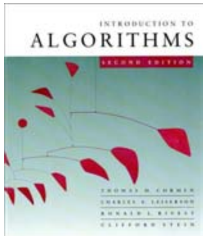

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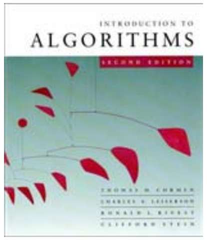

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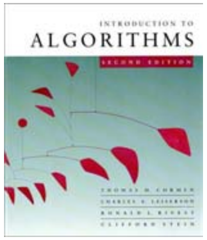

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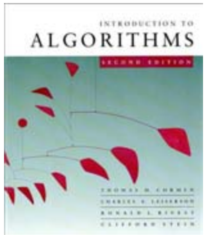

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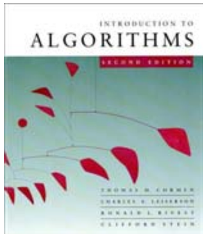

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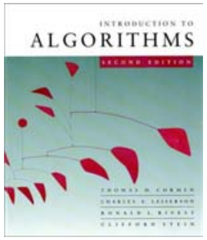

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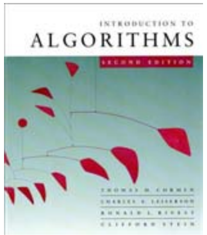

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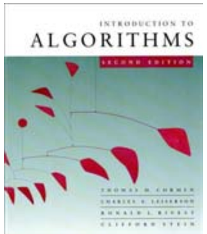

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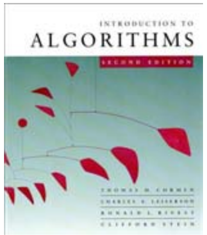

Matrix multiplication

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$\left.\right\}$ $i, j = 1, 2, \ldots, n$.

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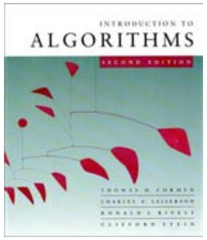

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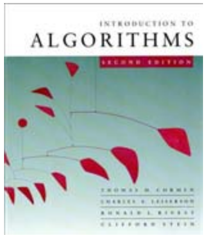

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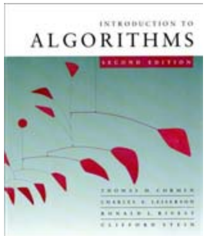

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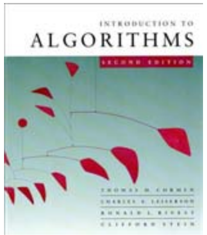

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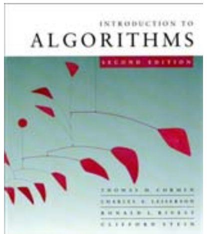

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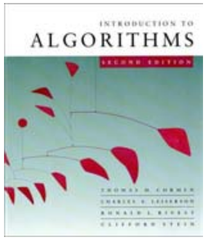

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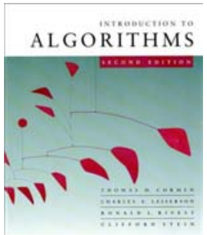

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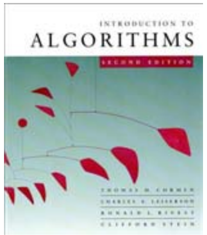

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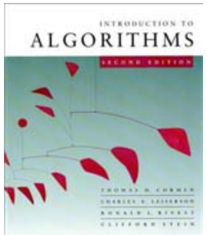

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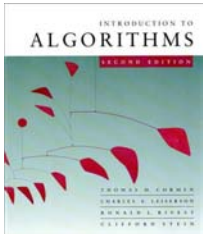

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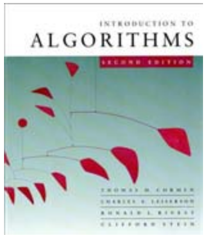

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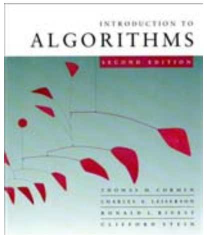

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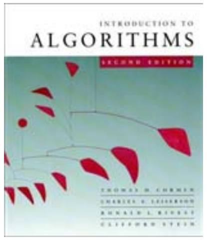

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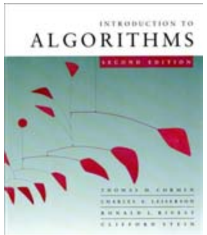

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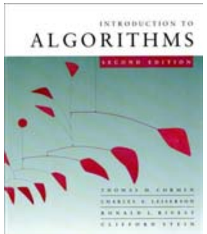

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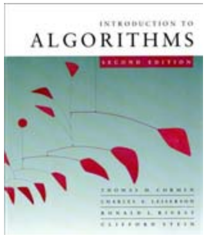

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