CS 577 - Introduction to Algorithms

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- Ex: Given a kitchen with a stove, etc... and a pantry with chocolate chips, etc...

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients:

- 227g (1 cup) butter, softened
- 200g (1 cup) sugar
- 105g (½ cup) brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 250g (2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp soda
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 ½ cups of chocolate chips

Instructions:

1. Beat butter, sugars, eggs and vanilla until light and fluffy.
2. Add flour, soda, and salt; blend well.
3. Add chips.
4. Drop from a teaspoon 2 inches apart.
5. Bake 190°C for 9 min.

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- A.k.a Stable Matching Problem.
- There are more complicated variations of the model.
- Used in the real world (e.g. matching doctors to hospitals).
- Nobel Prize in Economics in 2012 (Shapley and Roth).

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    Choose such a man m
    Let w be the highest-ranked woman in m's preference list to whom m has not yet proposed
    if *w is free* **then**
        (m, w) become engaged
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- Efficient? With respect to what (time, space, ...)?

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About You

My current year in school is:

a. Freshman
b. Sophomore
c. Junior
d. Senior
e. Graduate Student
f. Other

About You

I took CS 200 with:

a. Marc Renault
b. Jim Williams
c. Summertime instructor
d. Skipped straight to 300 (AP, etc)
e. Other

About You

My primary reason for taking CS 577:

a. I am very interested in the subject.
b. I am curious to learn more about the subject.
c. It fulfils a requirement for my program, major or certificate.
d. It fits my schedule.
e. I've heard good things about the course.

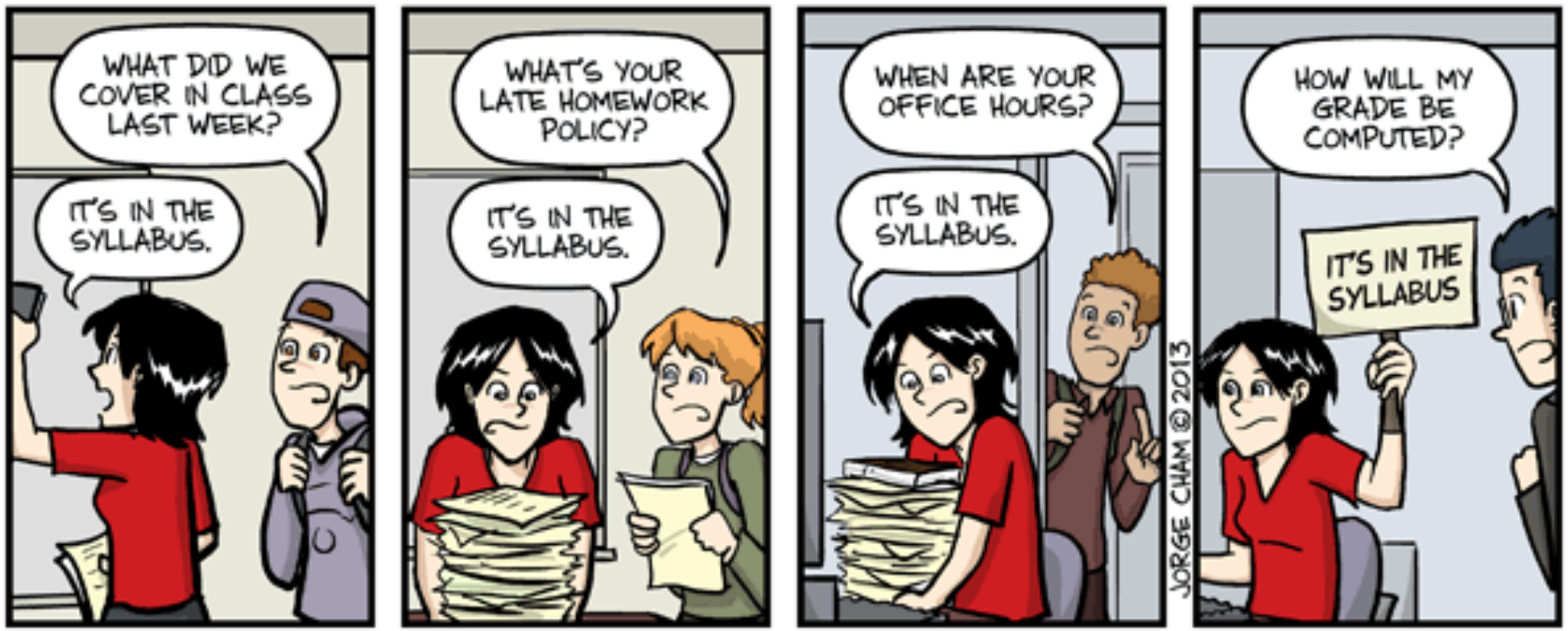
About You

My favourite Star Wars movie (from the trilogies) is:

a. I - The Phantom Menace
b. II - Attack of the Clones
c. III - Revenge of the Sith
d. IV - A New Hope
e. V - The Empire Strikes Back
f. VI - Return of the Jedi
g. VII - The Force Awakens
h. VIII - The Last Jedi
i. IX - The Rise of Skywalker
j. Never seen them

Syllabus (Course Logistics)

https://canvas.wisc.edu/courses/330455



Course Aim

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Overall

- Basic paradigms for the design and analysis of efficient algorithms:
  - greedy,
  - divide-and-conquer,
  - dynamic programming,
  - reductions, and
  - the use of randomness.
- Computational intractability including typical NP-complete problems and ways to deal with them.

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Specific Learning Outcomes

- Design and analyze efficient algorithms based on the paradigms of divide-and-conquer, dynamic programming, and greed.
- Formulate abstractions of computational problems, and design and analyze efficient reductions between computational problems.
- Know, understand, and apply paradigmatic algorithms and reductions dealing with numbers, strings, graphs, and networks.
- Recognize computational intractability, demonstrate NP-hardness, and understand its repercussions.

Getting Started

Getting Started Checklist

https://canvas.wisc.edu/courses/3088865

Checklist

1. Review the Syllabus
2. Activate Piazza account
3. Register for Gradescope
4. TopHat Registration
5. Exam Conflicts
6. OPTIONAL: Sign up for the zyBook

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`http://piazza.com/wisc/spring2023/cs577001and002`
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Online question resource

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Rules

- Be courteous.
- Don't post answers to homework!
- Search first, post second.

3. Register for Gradescope

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Submission, Testing, and Grading Tool

1. For each assignment, you will upload a pdf of the assignment (and code if there is a coding portion).
2. Once uploaded, you will get some autograder feedback if there is a coding portion.
3. No submission limit or delay.
4. Human-grading will also happen via Gradescope.

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- Will have 1 week to answer questions.

5. Exam Conflicts and Accommodations

Conflicts and Accommodations (by week 5)

- Possible Midterm exam: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 from 17:45 to 19:15.
- Wednesday, May 10, 2023 @ 7:45AM to 9:45AM
- By week 5, enter your conflicts or accommodations into the following Google form:
  `https://forms.gle/75XDHDgp6dCGDb8p8`

6. OPTIONAL: Sign-up for the zyBook

zyBook Bonus

- 5% possible bonus points:
  - 2% bonus points for completing all particiption activities by May 6, 2023 @ 23:59.
  - 3% bonus points for completing designated exercises by May 6, 2023 @ 23:59. Submitted to Gradescope and graded based on participation like homework.
  - Will get credit for percentage completed.
- This is OPTIONAL - there are no extensions or 80%. This is not required to earn full marks.
- Go to `learn.zybooks.com` and use code WISCCOMPSCI577RenaultSpring2023.
- Cost is $58.

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  - Assignments (15%)
    - 13 assignments in total (due Thursday 23:59)
    - Graded on participation not correctness!
    - Participation credit requires a reasonable attempt to answer a question.

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  - 30 minute Canvas quiz (honorlock); on Wednesdays: open from 16:30 - 20:30.
  - In-person option available at 17:45. Must sign-up for in advance.
  - Let a be an array (0 based indexing) containing your 6 quiz scores, in order, from highest to lowest.

    $$\text{Quizzes score} = a[0]\cdot 15 + a[1]\cdot 8 + a[2]\cdot 4 + a[3]\cdot 2 + a[4]\cdot 1 + a[5]\cdot 0$$

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Flexibility Built-in for Everyone

- 80% rule for Participation.
- Generous quiz aggregation.

Course Expectations

Doing less than 80% of the assigned discussions, classes, and assignments risk: altering the knowledge and skills of the course, lowering the academic standards, and fundamental altering the nature of the course.

- We expect every student to attend lectures, discussions, submit all homework, and do all the quizzes.
- The flexibility is provide because life happens NOT because we expect students to only do 80% of the work or skip quizzes.

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Bonus Points

- Bonus calculations are as is. No extensions, flexibility, or exceptions.
- In-Person Lecture Attendance (5%):
  - Determined by TopHat attendance.
  - Student's responsibility to ensure app is working for them.
- zyBook (5%):
  - 2% for participation activities.
  - 3% for designated exercises (see assignment on Canvas).

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Academic Integrity

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- It is academic misconduct to help another student commit academic misconduct.

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Peer Help on Assignments

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- Process:
  - If you receive or give help on an assignment, be sure to cite them.

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Getting Help

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https://canvas.wisc.edu/courses/280151

Help!

- Piazza Online Discussion
- Weekly Discussions
- Weekly Study Groups on Specific Topics (Watch Piazza for sign-ups)
- TA Office Hours
- Instructor Office Hours

Appendix

References

Image Sources I

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