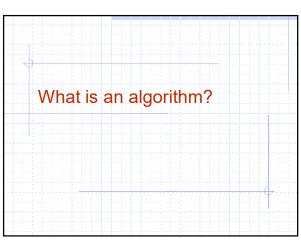


Lecture 1: Theoretical
Computer Science or,
What problems can computers
solve?

Locating infinity in the study of
algorithms.



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What is an algorithm?

An algorithm is a step-by-step procedure for solving a problem in a finite amount of time.

Has a unique first step
Each step has a unique successor step
Sequence of steps terminate with a solution (or a statement that the problem is insoluble)

Input

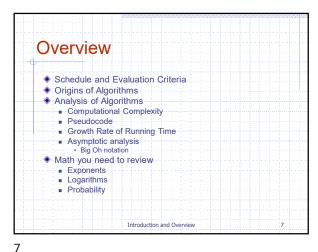
Algorithm
Output

Wholeness Statement

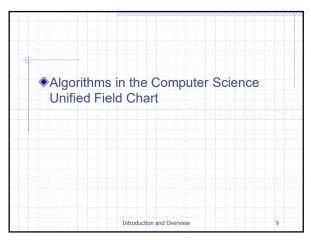
The study of algorithms is a core part of computer science and brings the scientific method to the discipline; it has its theoretical aspects (a systematic expression in mathematics), can be verified experimentally, has a wide range of applications, and has a record of achievements.

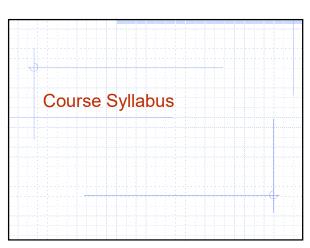
SCI also has theoretical and experimental aspects, and can be applied and verified universally by anyone.

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## Course Goal The goal of the course is to learn how to design and analyze various algorithms to solve a computational problem, such as how to evaluate algorithm efficiency, select from a range of possible design strategies and/or abstract data types, and justify those selections in the design of a solution. This goal will be achieved by exploring a range of algorithms, including their design, analysis, implementation, and experimentation.

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Course Objectives

Students should be able to:

1. Design an algorithm to solve a computational problem based on one or more of the basic design strategies: exhaustive search, divide-and-conquer, greedy, dynamic programming, memoization, randomization, and/or decrease-and-conquer.

2. Explain and use big O notation to specify the asymptotic bounds of an algorithm's space and time complexity, e.g., the computational complexity of the principal algorithms for sorting, searching, selection, and hashing.

3. Create complex algorithms using various abstract data structures as building blocks.

4. Explain factors other than computational efficiency that influence the choice of algorithms, such as programming time, simplicity, maintainability, and the use of application-specific patterns in the input data.

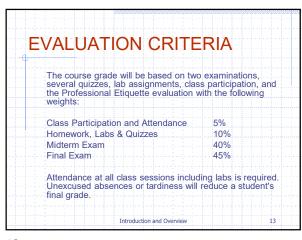
5. Deduce and solve recurrence relations that describe the time complexity of recursively defined algorithms.

6. Design solutions to graph problems by incorporating the fundamental graph algorithms, including depth-first and breadth-first search, single-source shortest paths, transitive closure, topological sort, and/or a minimum spanning tree algorithms.

7. Explain the connection between the Science of Consciousness and Algorithm Analysis and Design.

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COURSE TEXTBOOK

The following textbook is required for this course. Reading assignments will be made from this text.

\* Algorithm Design: Foundations, Analysis, and Internet Examples, by M. Goodrich & R. Tamassia, published by Wiley & Sons, 2002.

OTHER REFERENCES

 An Introduction to Algorithms by T.H. Cormen, C.E. Leiserson, R.L. Rivest published by McGraw-Hill (1000 pages, difficult reading but a great reference.)

 The Algorithm Design Manual by Steve S. Skiena published by Springer-Verlag 1998 (500 pages, a unique and excellent book containing an outstanding collection of real-life challenges, a survey of problems, solutions, and heuristics, and references help one find the code one needs.)

 Data Structures, Algorithms, and Applications in Java by Sartaj Sahni published by McGraw-Hill Companion website: http://www.mhhe.com/engcs/compscl/sahnijava/. (Java code for many algorithms.)

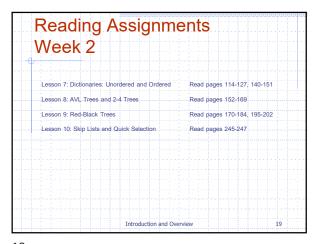
 Foundations of Algorithms, Using Java Pseudocode by Richard Neapolitan and Kumarss Naimipour published by Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 2004 (600 pages, all mathematics is fully explained; clear analysis)

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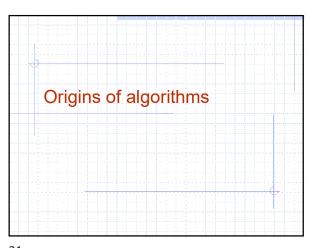
**Daily Schedule** Morning: 10am-12:15pm lecture (with a break) 12:15-12:30pm morning meditation Afternoon: 12:30-1:30pm 1:30-2:45pm lecture or homework 2:55-3:20pm group meditation 3:30-4:00pm class as needed Evening: dinner, homework, rest Introduction and Overview 17 **Reading Assignments** Week 1 Lesson 1a: Overview & Algorithm Analysis Read pages 4-20, 31-33, 42-46 Lesson 1b: Mathematical Review Read pages 21-28 Lesson 2: Stacks, Queues, Vectors, Lists, Read pages 56-74 and Sequences Lesson 3: Amortization and Trees Read pages 34-41, 75-93 Lesson 4: Priority Queues and Sorting Read pages 94-113 Lesson 5: Divide-and-Conquer: Merge-Sort and Quick-Sort Read pages 218-224, Read pages 235-238, 263-267 Lesson 6: Master Method, Sorting Lower Bound, and Linear Time Sorting Read pages 268-270 Read pages 239-244 Introduction and Overview 18

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Reading Assignments Weeks 3 and 4 Lesson 11: Greedy Method and Dynamic Programming Read pages 258-262 Read pages 274, 278-281 Lesson 12: Graphs & Graph Traversal Read pages 288-315 Lesson 13: Weighted Graphs & Shortest Paths Read pages 340-359 Lesson 14: Minimum Spanning Trees Read pages 360-375 Lesson 15: P vs. NP or Is P = NP? Read pages 592-599 Lesson 16: NP-Completeness and Approximation Algorithms Read pages 499-617, Read pages 618-626 Lesson 17: Directed Graphs Read pages 316-334 Introduction and Overview

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Once upon a time...

Introduction and Overview

In 1928 in the world of mathematics

There was hope that a set of axioms
(rules) could be identified that could unlock
all the truths of mathematics

Properly applied, these rules could be
applied to solve any math problem

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Key figures in the story...

David Hilbert

Tried to find a general algorithmic procedure (a set of rules) for answering all mathematical inquiries

Hilbert's agenda

Three questions at the heart of his agenda were:

Is mathematics consistent?

Can no statement ever be proven both true and false with the rules of math?

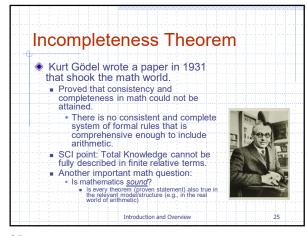
Is mathematics complete?

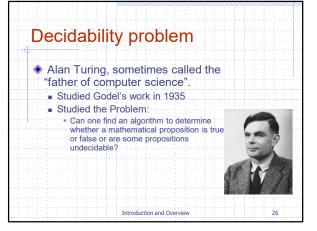
Can every assertion either be proven or disproven with the rules of math?

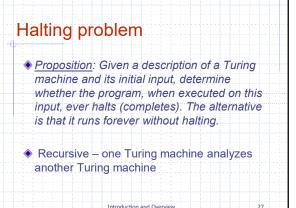
Is mathematics decidable?

Are there definite steps that would prove or disprove any assertion?

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Does this program ever halt? A perfect number is an integer that is the sum of its positive factors (divisors), not including original number: 6 = 1 + 2 + 3 Algorithm FindOddPerfectNumber() Input: none Output: Returns an odd perfect number n ← 1 sum ← 0 while sum = n do  $n \leftarrow n + 2$ sum ← 0 for fact  $\leftarrow$  1 to n -1 do if fact is a factor of n then sum ← sum + fact return n Introduction and Overview 28

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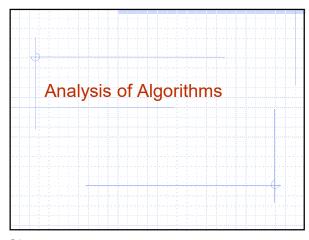
## What can computers do? ◆ What problems are computable? ■ Theory of computation ◆ What is the time and space complexity of a problem? ■ Complexity analysis (an important focus of this course) ◆ Computer models (theory of computation) ■ Deterministic finite state machine ■ Push-down automata ■ "Turing machine" – a tape of instructions ■ Random-access machine (the model we will use)

Main Point

1. The Halting Problem as well as other problems are provably non-computable, i.e., undecidable. That is, there cannot exist a universal method (algorithm) that can be used to determine whether every given mathematical proposition is true or false, such as whether or not a given program halts on a specific input. Such an algorithm would be finite but it would have to answer the question for an infinite number of propositions or programs.

Science of Consciousness: Total Knowledge, which is infinite, cannot be fully described in the finite relative. However, as we develop higher consciousness, we can experience and thus verify the existence of Total Knowledge as the unbounded silence at the source of thought which is the basis of human creativity and apply it for the good of everything and everyone.

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Algorithm Analysis

Answers the questions:

Can a problem be solved by algorithm?

Can it be solved efficiently?

Algorithms may look very similar, but be very different

Or

They may look very different, but be equivalent (in running time)

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Computational Complexity

The theoretical study of time and space requirements of algorithms

Time complexity is the amount of work done by an algorithm

Roughly proportional to the critical (inherently important) operations

Running Time (§1.1)

Most algorithms transform input objects into output objects.

The running time of an algorithm typically grows with the input size.

Average case time is often difficult to determine.

So we usually focus on worst case running time.

Easier to analyze

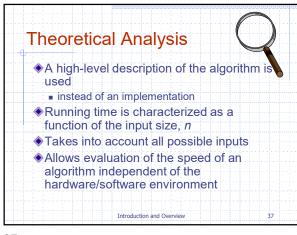
Crucial to applications such as games, finance and robotics

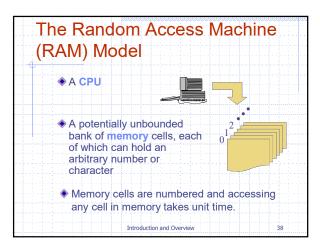
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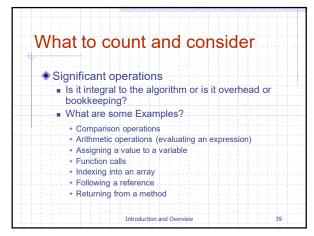
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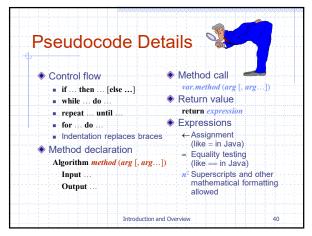
Experimental Studies (§ 1.6) Write a program implementing the algorithm Run the program with inputs of varying size and 5000 composition Use a method like 3000 System.currentTimeMillis() to get an accurate measure of the actual running time Plot the results 100 Input Size Introduction and Overview

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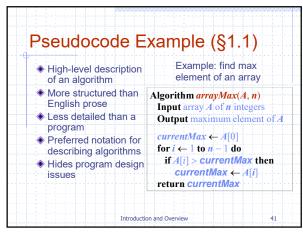


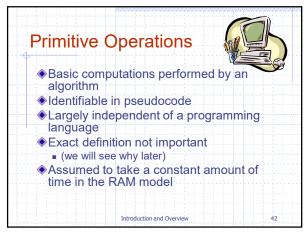






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## Counting Primitive Operations (§1.1) Inspect the pseudocode to determine the maximum number of primitive operations executed by an algorithm as a function of the input size Algorithm arrayMax(A, n) # operations currentMax ← A[0] for i ← 1 to n − 1 do if A[t] > currentMax then currentMax ← A[i] { increment counter i (add & assign) } return currentMax Total

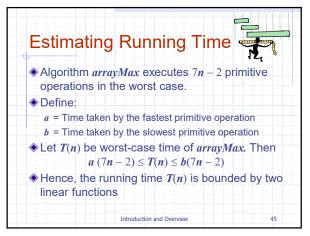
Counting Primitive
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Inspect the pseudocode to determine the maximum number of primitive operations executed by an algorithm as a function of the input size

Algorithm arrayMax(A, n) # operations current $Max \leftarrow A[0]$  2
for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to n - 1 do 1 + n if A[i] > currentMax then 2(n - 1) current $Max \leftarrow A[i]$  2(n - 1) {increment counter i (add & assign) } 2(n - 1) return currentMax 1

Total 7n - 2

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Main Point

2. Complexity analysis determines the resources (time and space) needed by an algorithm so we can compare the relative efficiency of various algorithmic solutions. To design an efficient algorithm, we need to be able to determine its complexity so we can compare any refinements of that algorithm so we know when we have created a better, more efficient solution.

Science of Consciousness: Through regular deep rest (transcending) and dynamic activity we refine our mind and body until our thoughts and actions become most efficient; in the state of enlightenment, the conscious mind operates at the level of pure consciousness, which always operates with maximum efficiency, according to the natural law of least action, so we can spontaneously fulfill our desires and solve even non-computable problems.

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Asymptotic Analysis

Asymptote:

A line whose distance from a given curve approaches zero as they tend to infinity
A term derived from analytic geometry
Originates from the Greek word asymptotos which means not intersecting
Thus an asymptote is a limiting line
Asymptotic:
Relating to or having the nature of an asymptote
Asymptotic analysis in complexity theory:
Describes the upper (or lower) bounds of an algorithm's behavior in terms of its usage of time and space
Used to classify computational problems and algorithms according to their inherent difficulty

We are going to classify algorithms in terms of functions of their input size
Therefore, how can we draw graphs of quadratic or cubic functions so the graphs look and behave like asymptotes (a limiting line)?

Log-Log Graph

A two-dimensional graph that uses logarithmic scales on both the horizontal and vertical axes.

The scaling of the axes is nonlinear

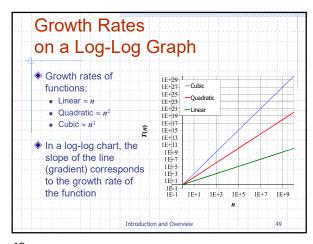
■ So a function of the form y = ax<sup>b</sup> will appear as a straight line

■ Note that

b is the slope of the line (gradient)

a is the y value when x = 1

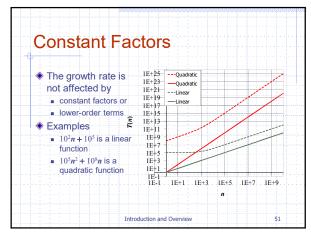
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Growth Rate of Running Time

◆The hardware/software environment
■ Affects T(n) by a constant factor,
■ But does not alter the asymptotic growth rate of T(n)
◆For example: The linear growth rate of the running time T(n) is an intrinsic property of algorithm arrayMax

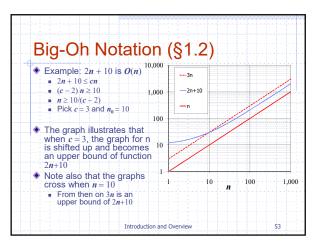
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Big-Oh Notation (§1.2)

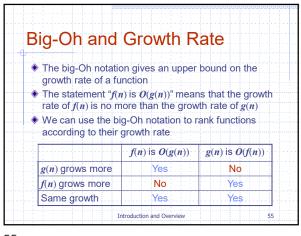
Definition:
Given functions f(n) and g(n), we say that f(n) is O(g(n)) if there are positive constants c and  $n_0$  such that  $f(n) \le cg(n)$  for  $n \ge n_0$ Example:
prove that 2n + 10 is O(n)

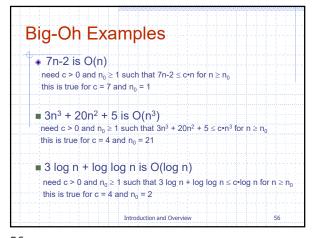
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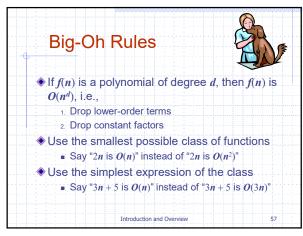


Big-Oh Example Example: the function ---100n 100,000  $n^2$  is not O(n)---10n  $n^2 \le cn$ 10,000  $n \le c$ 1,000 The above inequality cannot be satisfied 100 since c must be a constant 10 1,000 Introduction and Overview

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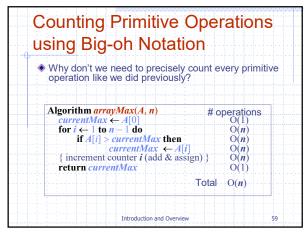




Asymptotic Algorithm Analysis The asymptotic analysis of an algorithm determines the running time in big-Oh notation To perform the asymptotic analysis ■ We find the worst-case number of primitive operations executed as a function of the input size · We express this function with big-Oh notation Example: ■ We determine that algorithm arrayMax executes at most 7n-2 primitive operations ■ We say that algorithm arrayMax "runs in O(n) time" Since constant factors and lower-order terms are eventually dropped, we can disregard them when counting primitive operations Introduction and Overview 58

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**Computing Prefix Averages**  We further illustrate asymptotic analysis with  $\square X$ 30 two algorithms for prefix  $\square A$ averages 25 ◆ The i-th prefix average of 20 an array X is average of the 15 first (i + 1) elements of X: A[i] = (X[0] + X[1] + ... + X[i])/(i+1)10 Computing the array A of prefix averages of another array X has applications to financial analysis Introduction and Overview

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Prefix Averages (Quadratic) The following algorithm computes prefix averages in quadratic time by applying the definition Algorithm prefixAverages1(X, n) Input array X of n integ Output array A of prefix averages of X #operations  $A \leftarrow$  new array of n integers n for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to n-1 do n  $s \leftarrow X[0]$ n for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to i do 1+2+...+(n-1) $s \leftarrow s + X[j]$ 1+2+...+(n-1) $A[i] \leftarrow s / (i+1)$ n return A Introduction and Overview

Arithmetic Progression

The running time of prefixAverages1 is O(1+2+...+n)The sum of the first n integers is n(n+1)/2Thus, algorithm prefixAverages1 runs in  $O(n^2)$  time

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Prefix Averages (Linear) The following algorithm computes prefix averages in linear time by keeping a running sum Algorithm prefix Averages 2(X, n) Input array X of n integers Output array A of prefix averages of X#operations  $A \leftarrow$  new array of n integers  $s \leftarrow 0$ for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to n-1 do n  $s \leftarrow s + X[i]$ n  $A[i] \leftarrow s / (i+1)$ n ◆ Algorithm prefixAverages2 runs in O(n) time Introduction and Overview 63

Optimality
 Can be proven by showing that every possible algorithm has to do at least some number of critical operations to solve the problem
 Then prove that a specific algorithm attains this lower bound
 Simplicity is an important practical consideration!!
 Course motto: consider efficiency, but favor simplicity

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Main Point

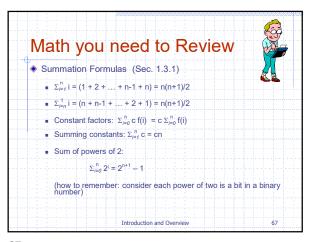
3. An algorithm is "optimal" if its computational complexity is equal to the "maximal lower bound" of all algorithmic solutions to that problem; that is, an algorithm is optimal if it can be proven that no algorithmic solution can do asymptotically better.

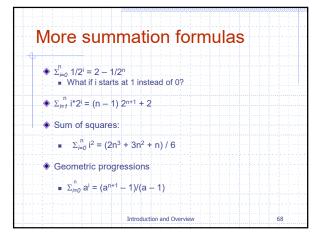
Science of Consciousness: An individual's actions are optimal if they are the most effective and life-supporting. Development of higher states of consciousness results in optimal action because thoughts are performed while established in the silent state of pure consciousness, the source of creativity and intelligence in nature.

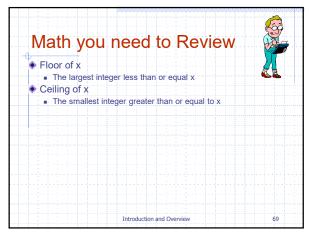
Math you need to Review

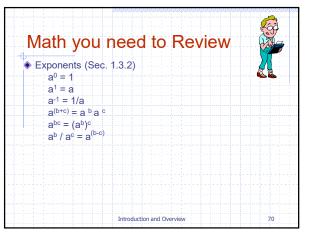
Summations (Sec. 1.3.1)
Logarithms and Exponents (Sec. 1.3.2)
Proof techniques (Sec. 1.3.3)
Basic probability (Sec. 1.3.4)

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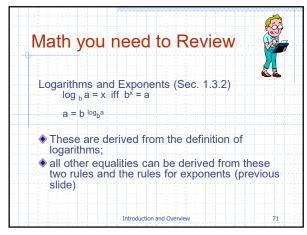


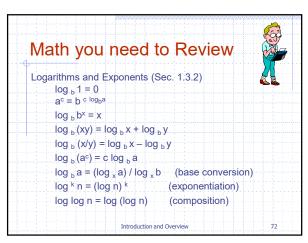




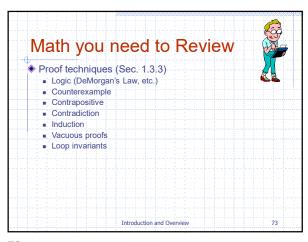


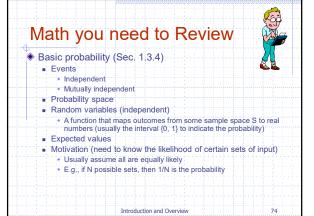
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## Connecting the Parts of Knowledge with the Wholeness of Knowledge 1. An algorithm is like a recipe to solve a computable problem starting with an initial state and terminating in a definite end state.

2. To help develop the most efficient algorithms possible, mathematical techniques have been developed for formally expressing algorithms (pseudocode) so their complexity can be measured through mathematical reasoning and analysis; these results can be further tested empirically.

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- 3. Transcendental Consciousness is the home of all knowledge, the source of thought. The TM technique is like a recipe we can follow to experience the home of all knowledge in our own awareness.

  4. Impulses within Transcendental Consciousness: Within this field, the laws of
- Consciousness: Within this field, the laws of nature continuously calculate and determine all activities and processes in creation.
- Wholeness moving within itself: In unity consciousness, all expressions are seen to arise from pure simplicity—diversity arises from the unified field of one's own Self.

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