



Introduction

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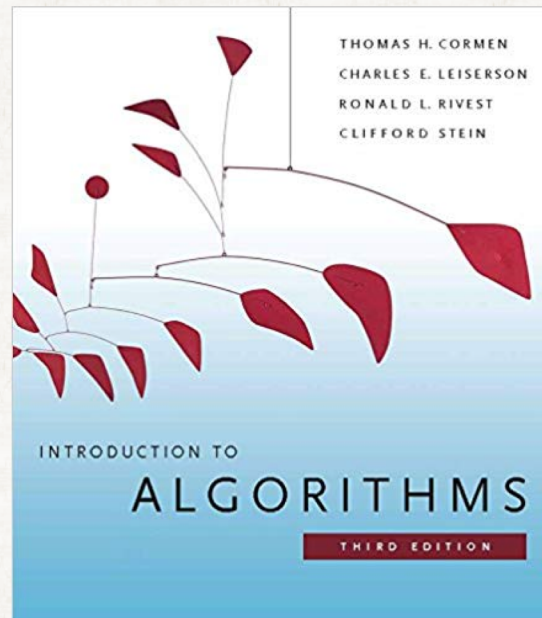
Office hour: Thr 16:00-17:00 (by appointment)

Textbook

Introduction to Algorithms, 3rd Ed.

MIT Press

T. Cormen, C. Leiserson, R. Rivest, and C. Stein



Evaluation

Midterm Exam 35% : Oct. 24 (Thr) 7:00pm

Final Exam 35% : Dec. 19 (Thr) 7:00pm

2 C++ Homeworks 20%

Attendance 10%

Topics

• Data structure

- List, stack, queue, skip list
- Trees – binary heap, BST, AVL, red-black tree, B-tree
- Hashing / Bloom filter
- Graph – Dijkstra algorithm

• Algorithm

- Sorting – insertion, merge, quick, counting, radix
- Complexity analysis – Big-oh, recursion tree, amortized analysis, NP completeness
- Dynamic programming
- Graph – DFS, topological sort, minimum spanning tree, disjoint set, Bellman-Ford

What is an algorithm?

• What is a *problem*?

- A well-specified input and output.

• What is an *algorithm*?

- A well-defined procedure to solve a problem.

A problem example

- Cooking instant noodles
 - Input
 - Chinese noodles,
 - powder soup,
 - an egg,
 - green onions,...
 - Output
 - Cooked instant noodles

A computer algorithm

• *A computer algorithm*

- A well-defined *computational* procedure to solve a *computational* problem

• *A computational problem example*

- Computing the sum of integers from 1 to n
 - $S = 1 + 2 \dots + n$

An algorithm example

• Algorithm

- Boil 500cc of water.
- Put Chinese noodles and powder soup.
- Boil for 4 minutes.
- Put an egg and green onion.
- Boil for 1 minute.

Computer algorithm examples

• Elementary school algorithm

- Compute each addition one by one from the left.
- $S = (...(((1 + 2) + 3) + 4)...) + n$

• High school algorithm

- $S = n(n+1) / 2$

• Are the algorithms above correct?

Correctness of algorithms

• Elementary school algorithm

- Obvious

• High school algorithm

- $S = n(n+1) / 2$
 - $2S = 2(1 + 2 + \dots + n)$
 - $2S = (1 + 2 + \dots n-1 + n) + (n + n-1 + \dots 2 + 1)$
 - $2S = n(n + 1)$
 - $S = n(n + 1)/2$

Comparison of algorithms

- **Which one is better?**
 - Elementary school algorithm
 - High school algorithm

Performance of algorithms

● Performance of algorithms

- Running time
- Space consumption

Performance of algorithms

• Performance of algorithms

- Running time
 - Elementary school algorithm?
 - High school algorithm?
- Space consumption
 - Elementary school algorithm?
 - High school algorithm?

Problem instance

• Problem

- Computing the sum of integers from 1 to n
 - $S = 1 + 2 \dots + n$

• A problem instance

- Computing the sum of integers from 1 to 100
 - $1 + 2 \dots + 100$

Class outline

• Problem

- Why the problem?
- Problem definition.

• Algorithm

- Description
- Correctness
- Performance