

CSci 127: Introduction to Computer Science



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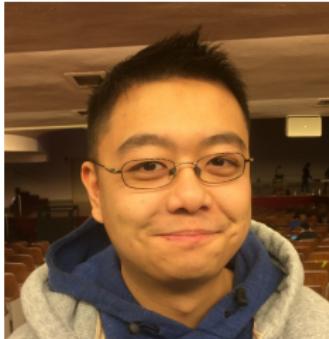
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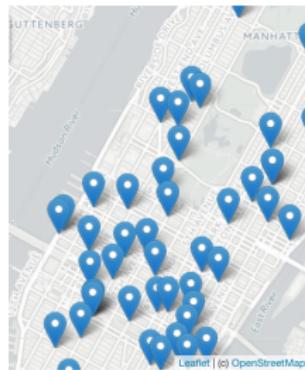
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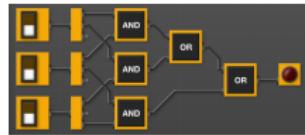
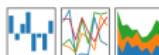
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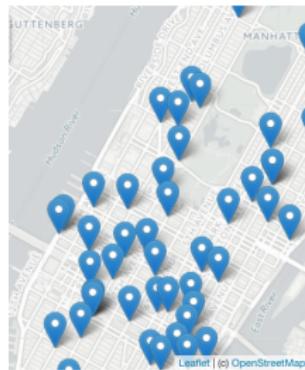


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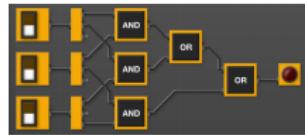
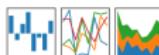


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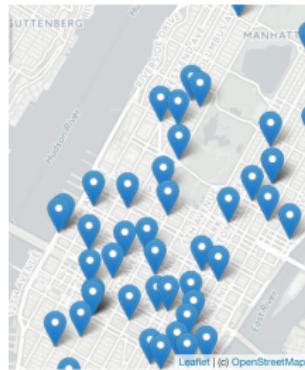


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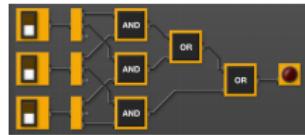
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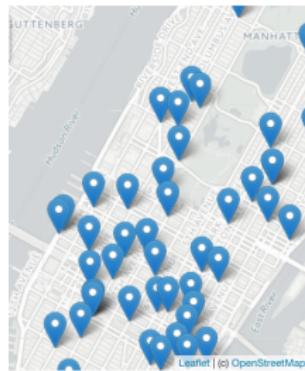
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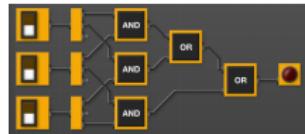
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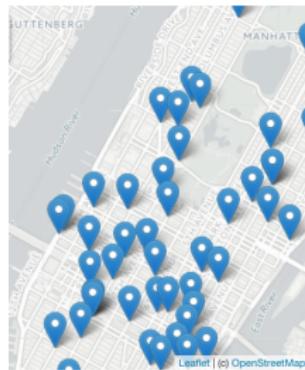
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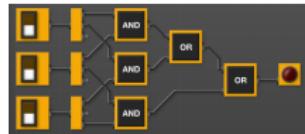
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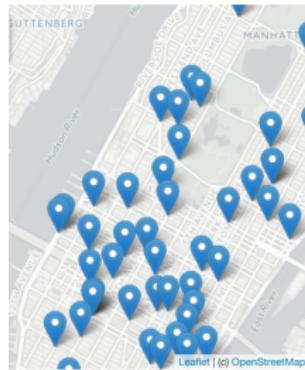


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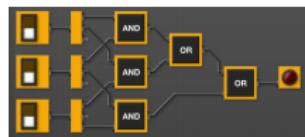
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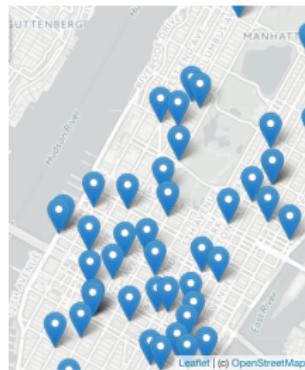
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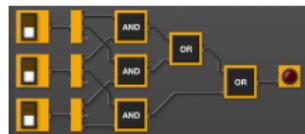
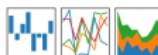


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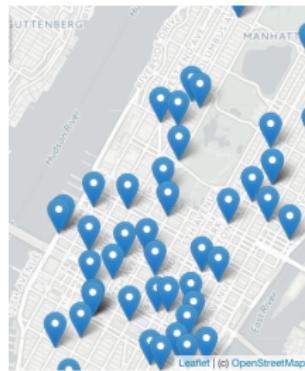


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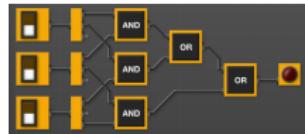


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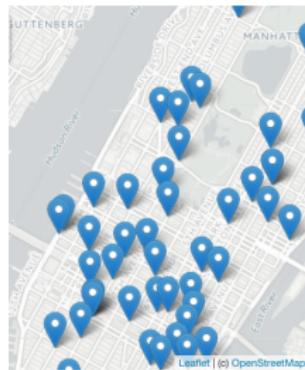


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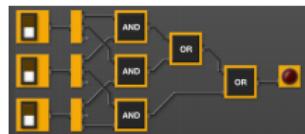


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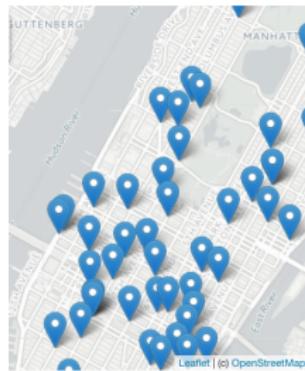


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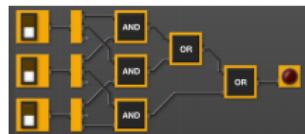
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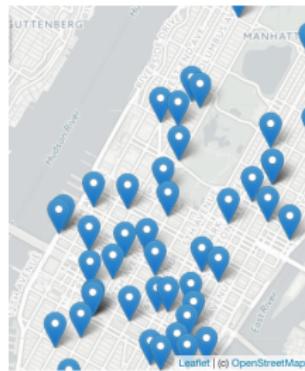
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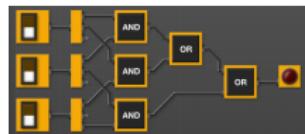


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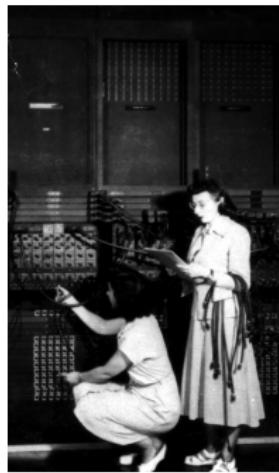
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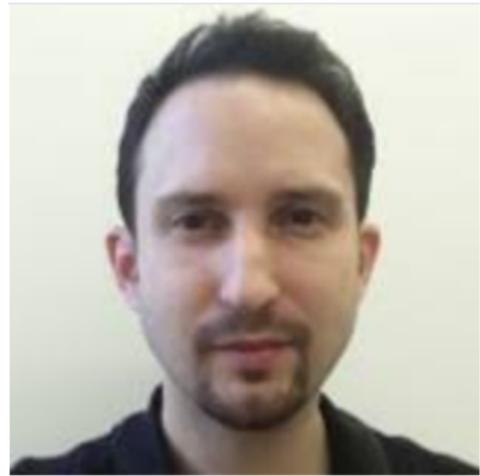
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Introductions: Your Turn



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- Definite Loops (`for`-loops)
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Demo in pythonTutor

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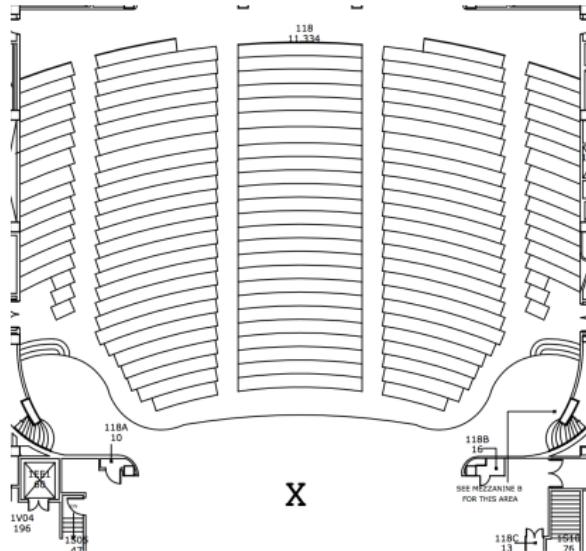
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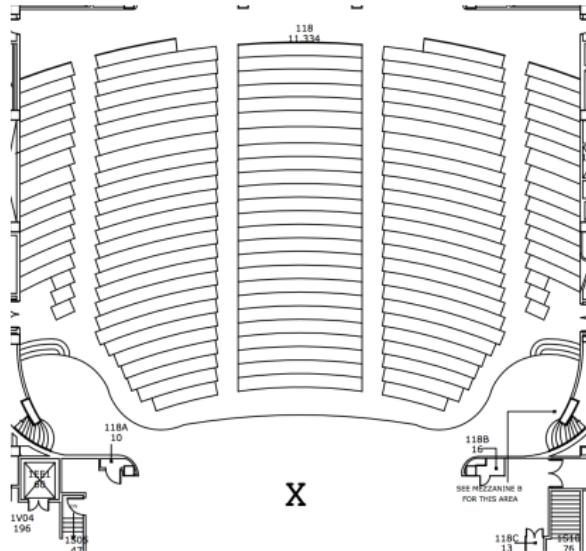
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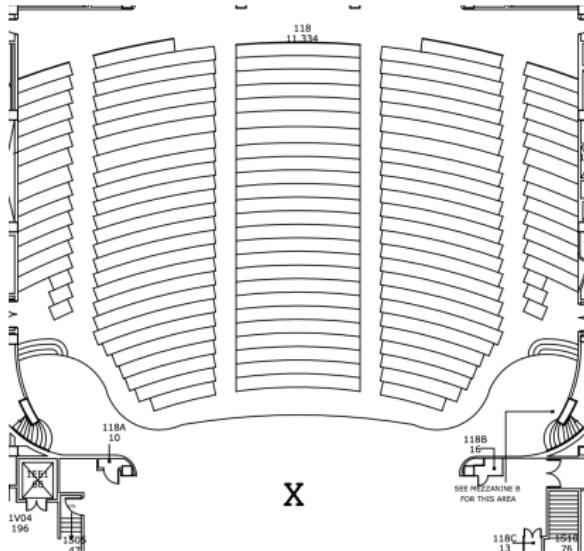
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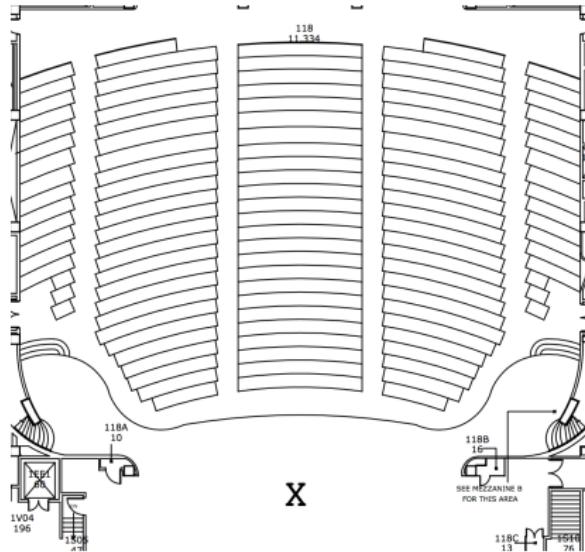
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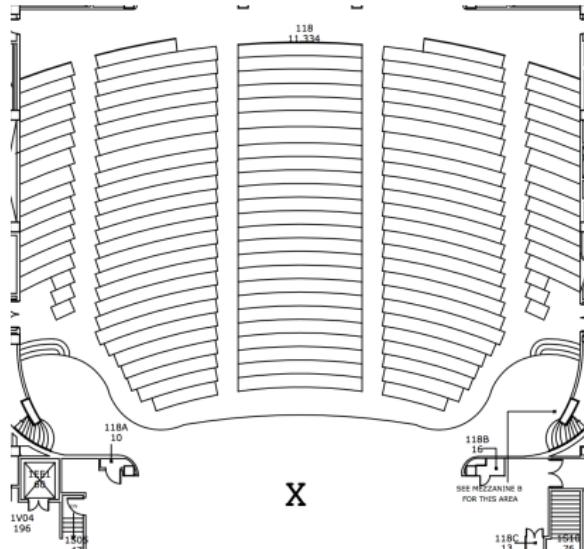
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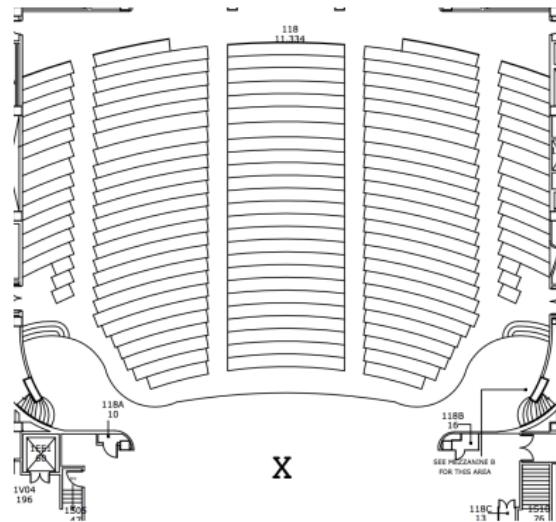
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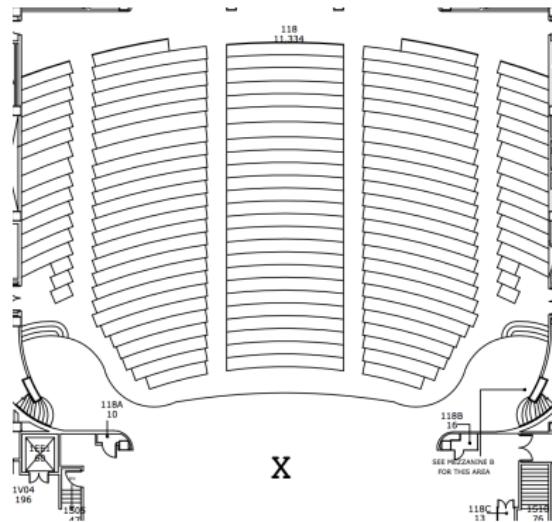
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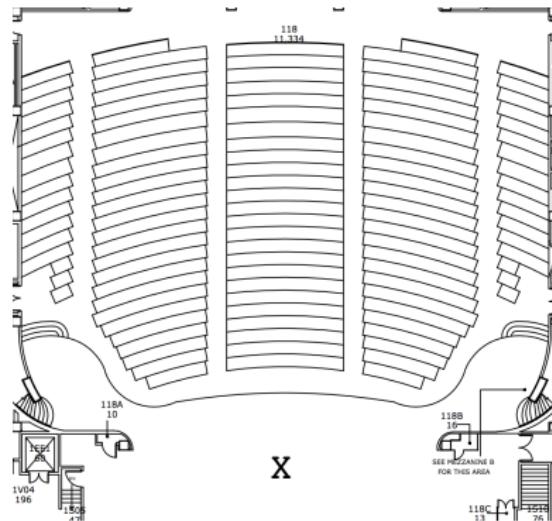
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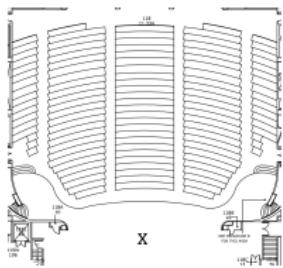
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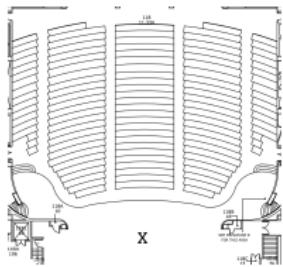
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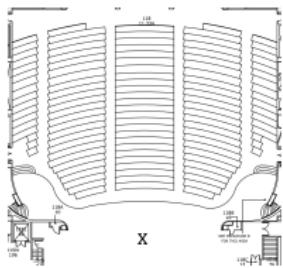
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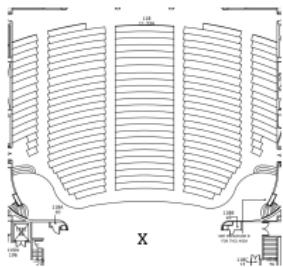
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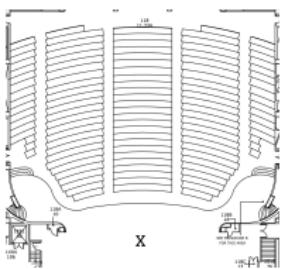
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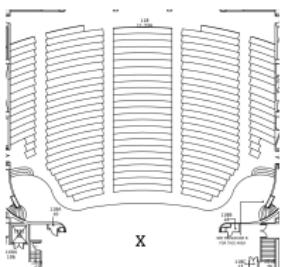
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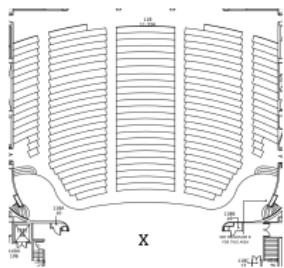


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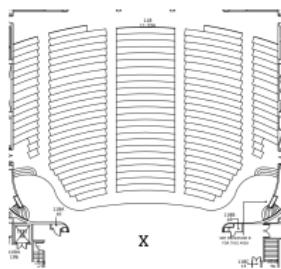


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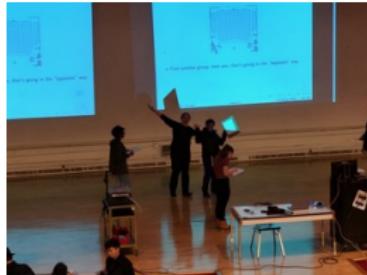
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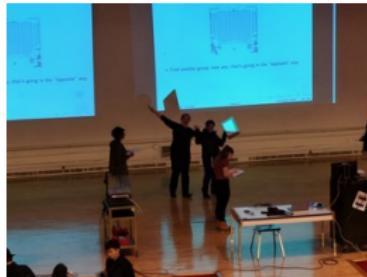
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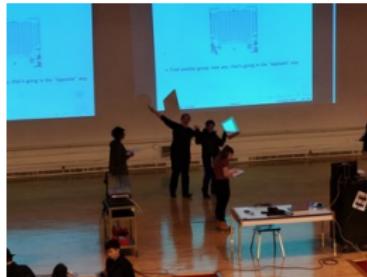
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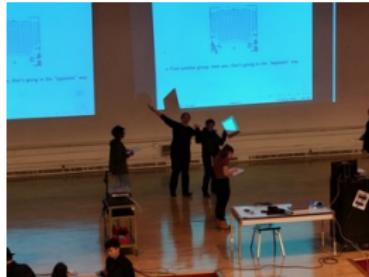
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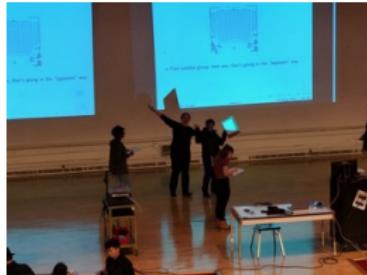
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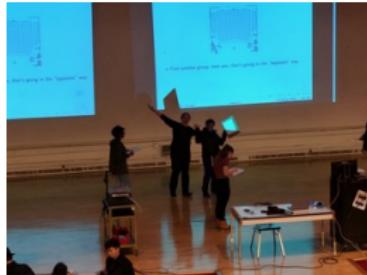
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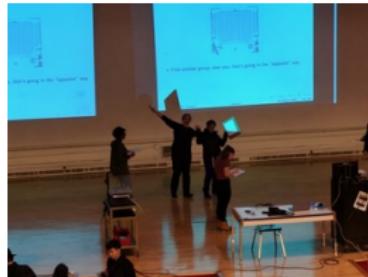
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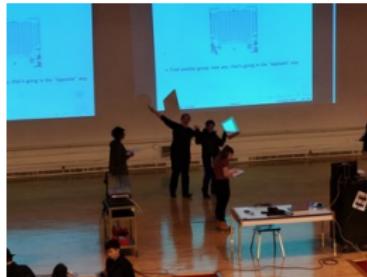
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Practice Quiz & Final Questions



- Since you must pass the final exam to pass the course, we end every lecture with final exam review.
- Pull out something to write on (not to be turned in).
- Lightning rounds:
 - ▶ write as much you can for 60 seconds;
 - ▶ followed by answer; and
 - ▶ repeat.
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- We're starting with Fall 2017, Version 1.

Writing Boards



- Return writing boards as you leave...