# VE281 Data Structures and Algorithms

Introduction

#### Outline

• Course logistics

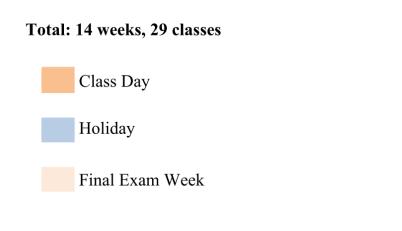
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#### Time and Location

- Time: Wednesday 4:00-5:40 pm, Friday 4:00-5:40 pm, and Monday 4:00-5:40 pm (even weeks)
- Location: East Lower Hall 305 (东下院305)

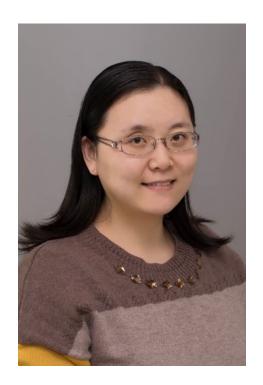






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#### Contact with me

- Office hour
  - I'm here almost every night ...
  - By appointment
- By email
  - Official correspondence
  - Should have proper grammar and punctuation
  - The email title should include: Class ID/Your Purpose

#### An Example

(Email Title: [VE281] Want a material for midterm)

Dear Dr. Gao,

My name is John Smith. I'm from your class VE281- Data Structures and Algorithms. I will not attend tomorrow's class due to sickness. Can you send me a copy of the midterm review so I may use it as a study tool? Thanks a lot.

Sincerely Yours,

John Smith

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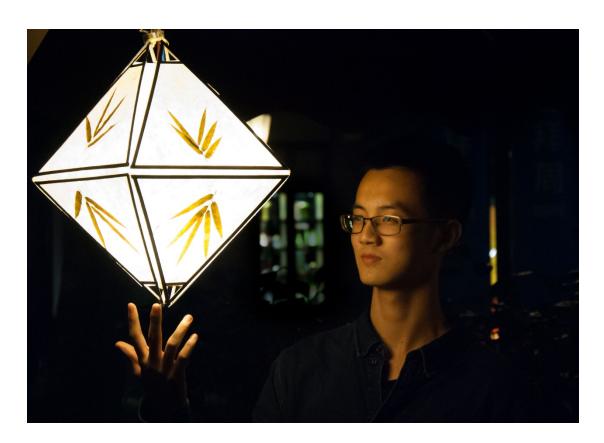


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#### Textbooks for Reference (Not Required)

- "Data Structures and Algorithm Analysis," by Clifford Shaffer.
   Online available:
   <a href="http://people.cs.vt.edu/~shaffer/Book/C++3e20120605.pdf">http://people.cs.vt.edu/~shaffer/Book/C++3e20120605.pdf</a>
- "Algorithms," by S. Dasgupta, C. Papadimitriou, and U. Vazirani.
- "Introduction to Algorithms, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition," by Thomas Cormen et al., MIT Press, 2009.
- "Data Structures and Algorithms with Object-Oriented Design Patterns in C++," by Bruno Preiss.

#### Prerequisite

- Ve280 Programming and Elementary Data Structures
  - Compiling and debugging on Linux operating systems
  - C++ programming, including pointers, arrays, structs, etc.
  - Recursion
  - I/O streams, including file I/O
  - Classes
  - Dynamical memory management
  - Template
  - Linked list, stack, and queue

#### Prerequisite

- Ve203 Discrete Mathematics
  - Computational complexity analysis
  - Some basic sorting algorithm, e.g., bubble sort, insertion sort, merge sort
  - Divide-and-conquer algorithm, master theorem
  - Graph, graph representation, depth first search, Dijkstra's algorithm (shortest path)
- Some important concepts will be reviewed

## References and Copyright

- Slides used (modified when necessary)
  - Sugih Jamin, University of Michigan
  - Sartaj Sahni, University of Florida
  - Bert Huang, Columbia University
  - Tim Roughgarden, Stanford University
  - Clifford Shaffer, Virginia Tech
  - Weikang Qian, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

## Grading

- Composition
  - Class Participation: 5% (Attendance, Quizes, ...)
    - No other conflicting event at the lecture time unless getting approval in advance
  - Assignments: 50% (Writing & Programming)
  - Midterm exam (written): 20%
  - Final exam (written): 25%
- We will curve the final grades, if necessary.
- Questions about the grading?
  - Must be mentioned to the instructor or the TAs within one week after receiving the item.

#### Assignment Deadline

- Each assignment must be submitted online before its due date to be accepted for full credit.
- We allow you to submit your assignment within ONE days after the due date, but there is a late penalty.

Hours Late	Scaling Factor	
(0, 8]	80 %	
(8, 16]	60 %	
(16, 24]	40 %	

No assignment will be accepted if it is more than ONE days late!

#### Assignment Deadline

- In <u>very occasional</u> cases, we accept deadline extension request.
  - Contact me, not TAs!
  - ONLY be granted for documented medical/personal emergencies that could not have been anticipated.
  - NOT granted for reasons such as accidental erasure/loss of files and outside conflicting commitments.

#### Programming Assignments

- We require you to develop your programs using C++ on Linux operating systems with the compiler g++.
- C++11 standard is allowed.
  - Compile with the option -std=c++11
- We will grade your programs in the Linux environment: they must compile and run correctly on this operating system.
- Do experiments on algorithms, e.g., sorting algorithm

#### Some Suggestions

- Taking notes in class is a good idea.
- Start doing the homework early!
  - Don't wait until the last minute. Numerous lessons before
- Back up your code frequently in case your computer crashes.
  - Consequence: "computer crash" is NOT a reason for late submission!

- You may discuss in oral with your classmates.
- But you must do all the assignments yourself.
- Some behaviors that are considered as cheating:
  - Reading another student's answer/code, including keeping a copy of another student's answer/code.
  - Copying another student's answer/code, in whole or in part.
  - Having someone else write part of your assignment.
  - Using test cases of another student.
  - Testing your code with another one's account. (Testing chances are limited.)

"Another student" includes a student in the current semester or in the previous semester.

- The previous lists of behaviors are <u>deliberate</u> cheating, but some <u>unintentional</u> actions could make you look like cheating. For example,
  - You use another's computer to upload your code (in some cases like network/computer problems), but upload another's copy.
- You should be extremely careful!
  - If due to network/computer problem, you need to use another's computer, double check the uploaded file.

• In summary, you should be responsible for all answers/codes you submit. If you submit a copy of another student's work (or overwrite another student's work), it is considered cheating, **no matter of the reason**!

## Getting Help

- If you have any technical questions, come to see TAs and instructor during the office hour!
  - Answering technical questions through email is inefficient.

- Any suspect of cheating will be reported to the Honor Council at JI.
- For programming assignments, we will run an automated test to check for unusually similar programs. Those that are highly similar in whole or in part will be reported to the Honor Council at JI.
- **Penalty** of honor code violation
  - 1. Reduction of the grade for this assignment to 0, plus
- 2. Reduction of the final grade for the course by one grade point, e.g.,  $B+\rightarrow C+$ , for **both students** involved

#### Exams

- Written exams.
  - Some short questions
  - Some algorithm design problems
- Closed book and closed notes.

- No electronic devices are allowed.
  - These include laptops and cell phones.

#### Course Webpage and Contact

• <a href="http://cs.sjtu.edu.cn/~gao-xf/Teaching/">http://cs.sjtu.edu.cn/~gao-xf/Teaching/</a>

Check the class webpage on the Canvas regularly for

- Announcements
- Slides
- Assignments
- Course slides will be uploaded before each lecture.

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#### Fun Quizzes!

- What?
  - Multiple-choice questions on slides with
- ?

- Non-graded and Anonymous
- Feel free to answer even if you're not sure!
- How?
  - Scan a QR on your smartphone
  - Enter any name (possibly fake)
  - Answer
- Why?
  - Have fun!
  - Allow you to check your understanding
  - Allow the instructor to adapt his teaching
- Let's try one!



#### Do You Know Data Structures?

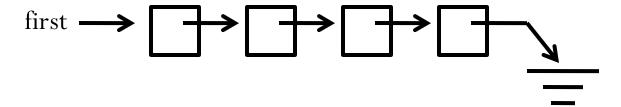
#### Choose one answer:

- A. I don't know any data structures.
- **B**. I <u>only</u> know some basic data structures like stacks and queues.
- **C**. I know some advanced data structures such as hash tables and binary search trees, but have never used them.
- **D**. I have used some advanced data structures before.

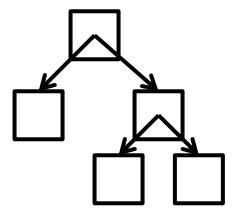


#### Data Structures and Algorithms

- Data structure is a particular way of organizing <u>data</u> in a computer so that it can be used <u>efficiently</u>.
  - Example: linked list



- We can store a set of records as a linked list
  - or as a tree (to be talked later).

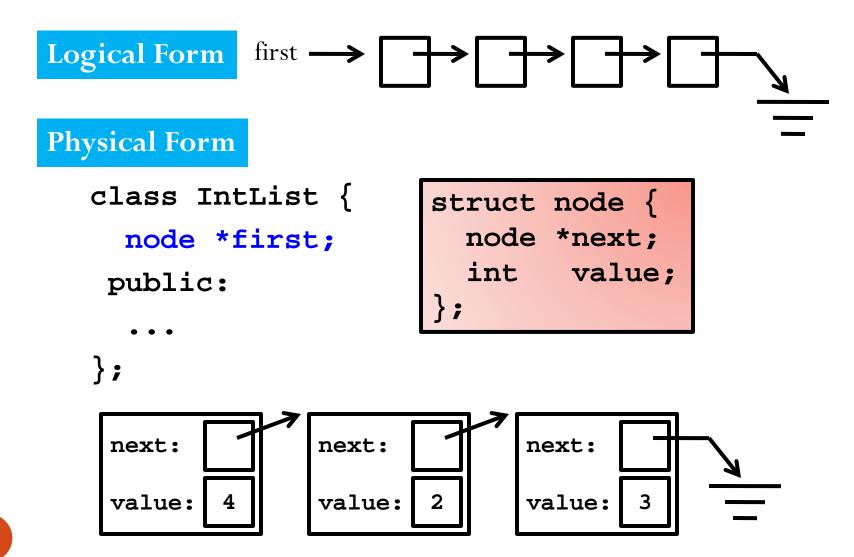


## Logical versus Physical Form

- A data structure have both a **logical** and a **physical** form.
- Logical form: definition of the data structure at an abstraction level.

• Physical form: implementation of the data structure.

#### Data Structure Example: Linked List

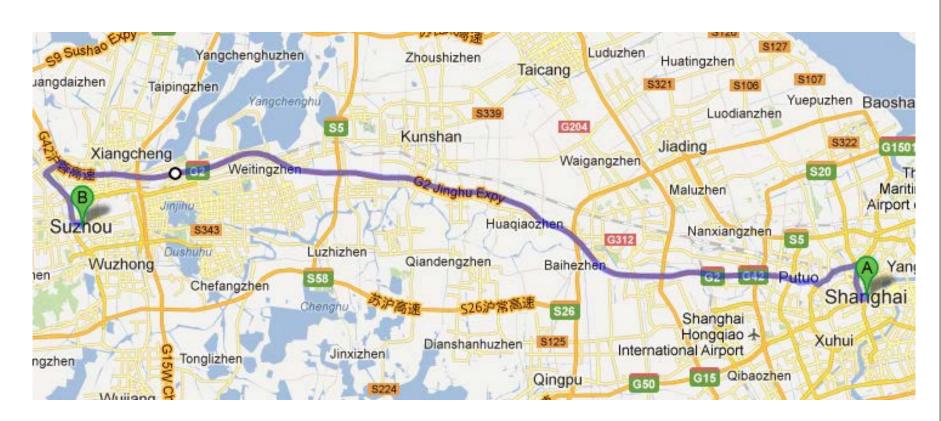


#### Data Structures and Algorithms

- Data manipulation requires an algorithm a sequence of steps that solve a specific task.
- Data structures + Algorithms = Programs
- The study of data structures and algorithms is fundamental to Computer Science.
  - Database related to balanced binary search tree.
  - Computer networks related to shortest path algorithm.
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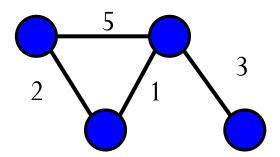
#### Real World Problem: Navigation

• Finding the shortest route from Shanghai to Suzhou



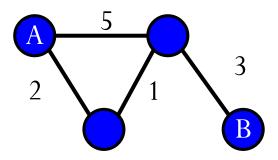
#### Real World Problem: Navigation

- What information do we need?
  - Streets.
  - Intersections of streets. (We assume that our departure place and destination are at certain intersections.)
- How do we store the information in computer?
  - Graph: consisting of "nodes" and "edges".
  - Each edge has a weight to denote the distance between two nodes.



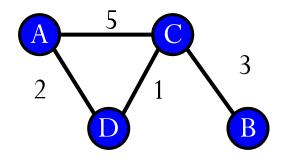
#### Real World Problem: Navigation

• The algorithm: finding the shortest path from a source node (A) to a sink node (B).



## Challenges: Efficiency

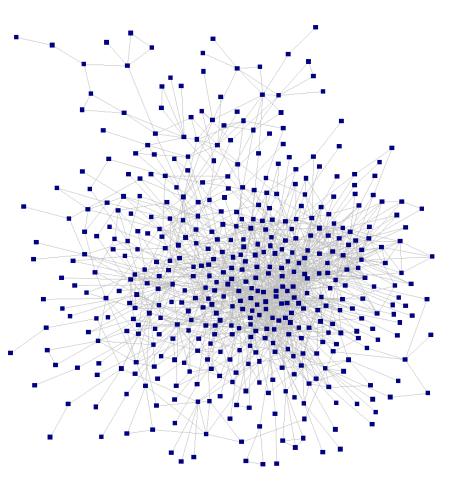
• For a small number of nodes, we can enumerate all the possible paths.



- Path A  $\rightarrow$  C  $\rightarrow$  B: 8;
- Path A  $\rightarrow$  D  $\rightarrow$  C  $\rightarrow$  B: 6;
- The minimum is 6.

## Challenges: Efficiency

- However, in real world, the graph is much more complicated.
- It is impossible to enumerate all the possible paths!
- How can we solve the problem?
  - Dijkstra's algorithm



#### More about Efficiency

- Choice of data structures or algorithms can make the difference between a program running in a few seconds or many days.
- Example: Number of comparisons for linear search and binary search (Worst Case)

Input Size	Linear	Binary	Ratio (L/B)
64	64	6	10.7
128	128	7	18.3
256	256	8	32
512	512	9	56.9
1024	1024	10	102.4

## More about Efficiency

- A solution is said to be efficient if it solves the problem within its resource constraints.
  - Space, i.e. memory consumption
  - Time ✓ Our major concern
- The cost of a solution is the amount of resources that the solution consumes.

- We value efficiency of the data structures and algorithms!
- We will learn how to analyze their efficiency.

#### Course Objectives

- Learn the tool:
  - Common data structures and algorithms
  - And their efficiency
- Apply the tool
  - Solve a problem using existing data structures and algorithms.
  - Choose the right tool: some tools are better for certain tasks than other tools. Do performance analysis.

## **Topics**

- Asymptotic Algorithm Analysis
- Data structures
  - Trees, including binary search tree, balanced binary search tree
  - Hash table
  - Heaps
  - Graphs
- Algorithms
  - Sorting and searching
  - Graph-related algorithms, such as minimum spanning tree, topological sorting
  - Dynamic programming