

Design and Analysis of Algorithms

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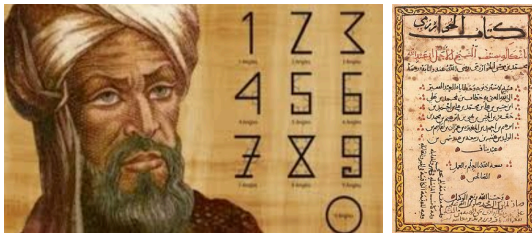
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But others insists that the key development was not typography,
but *algorithm*

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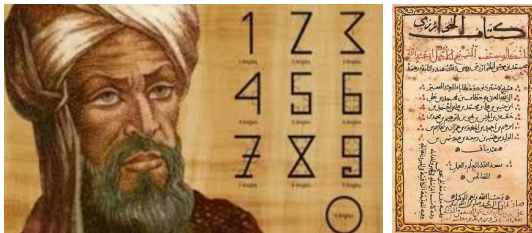


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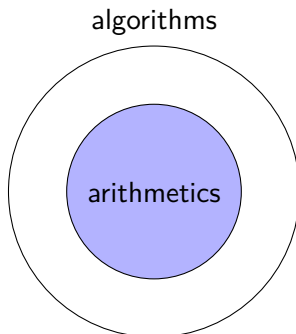
Back to 1448: imaging how to add/mul two Roman numbers:
MCDXLVIII+DCCCXII? fingers are not enough

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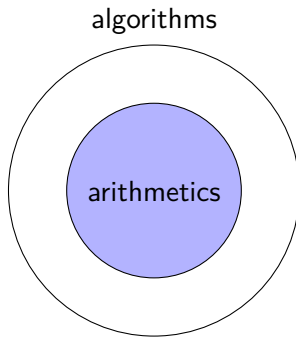
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Computer era: evolve to embody the positional system and arithmetic unit \leadsto scientists develop algorithms for all kinds of problems — ultimately change the world

Why Study Algorithms

Internet. Web search, packet routing, distributed file sharing, ...

Computer graphics. movies, video games, virtual reality, ...

Multimedia. MP3, JPG, DivX, HDTV ...

Artificial Intelligence. face recognition, PS, more AI algorithms

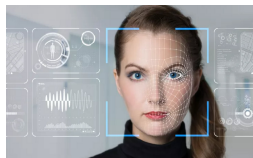
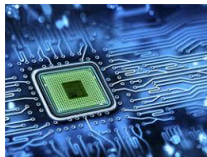
Social networks. recommendations, news feeds, advertisements, ...

Computers. circuit layout, databases, caching, compilers, ...

Biology. human genome project, protein folding, ...

Physics. N -body simulation, particle collision simulation, ...

Importance: Look around you



Algorithms interesting and useful.
We live in the algorithm world!

Cryptographic Algorithms

Most algorithms focus on solving problems efficiently

- make us live in a better world

Good man and bad man live in the same world

- good man need *cryptographic algorithms* to protect them
from bad man: enjoying the benefits in a secure manner

Cryptographic algorithms ensure there is no *efficient algorithms* against some problems



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Advanced topics

- complexity theory
- randomized algorithms
- approximate algorithms

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Tips

- theory: think rigorously and keep ask yourself why
- practice: implement algorithms using your favorite algorithms

Course Website

Syllabus

Office hours

Assignments

Lecture slides

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https://yuchen1024.github.io/teaching/SDU/2020_spring_algorithms/2020_spring_algorithms.html

References and Resources

Textbooks

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- 算法设计与分析 (第二版). 屈婉玲, 刘田, 张立昂, 王捍贫. 清华大学出版社, 2016.2.

Online resources

- leetcode
- online judging system: ZOJ, POJ

Assignments and Exams

Assignments

- electronic submission
 - graded for correctness, clarity, conciseness, rigor, and efficiency
 - recommendation: using \LaTeX template for writing solutions
 - no collaboration, no Google
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Exams: $0.5 \times \text{regular grade} + 0.5 \times \text{endterm grade}$