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Analysis and Design of Algorithms

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Credits 3

Prerequisite CPCS 204 (Data Structures)

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In this course, we learn how to develop efficient computer-based solutions to solve a variety of useful computing problems. We study fundamental algorithms from major application areas in terms of the way they were constructed and how well they perform. Check the FCIT syllabus for the official catalog description. The course includes a programming component to help develop an experience-based understanding of core issues. Students are encouraged to compare the characteristics of different solutions to the same problems.

Topics Current teaching schedule in homepage.

- ✎ **Background** Summations, recurrence relations, Master's theorem, Fibonacci numbers, formal definition and characterization of algorithms.
- ✎ **Algorithm Efficiency** Measuring eficiency, rates of growth and asymptotic notation, efficiency classes, using sums and recurrences to determine efficiency, empirical methods.
- ✎ **Algorithm Design** Brute force, divide-and-conquer, decrease-and-conquer, problem transformation, trading space for time.
- ✎ **Fundamental Algorithms** Efficient sorting and searching, greatest common divisor, string matching, geometric (closest pair, convex hull), graph (traversals and related properties, topological sorting), numerical (multiplying large integers, matrix multiplication, Gaussian elimination, LU decomposition, solution of systems of linear equations, matrix inversion, exponentiation and polynomial evaluation), statistical (mode, selection and efficient computation of median), combinatorial (generating set permutations and subsets, travelling salesman, knapsack, and assignment problems), operations on binary and select balanced search trees and related properties, fake coin problem and more.
- ✎ **Data structures** Binary search trees, heaps, AVL and 2-3 trees.

Textbook Anany Levitin, *Introduction to The Design and Analysis of Algorithms*, Addison-Wesley (Pearson International Edition), 3rd Edition, 2011. ISBN: 027376411X

Assessment Empirical analysis of algorithm performance is explored in a term project. Details on the homepage.

15%	Exam 1
15%	Exam 2
15%	Project
15%	Homework exercises
40%	Final exam

Learning Resources Check homepage for the latest lecture schedule, course material, discussion group, and software tools.

Learning Outcomes Detailed outcomes are articulated in the course file. Broadly, students will:

1. Study solutions to fundamental programming problems
2. Examine how computer solutions are designed
3. Determine performance of computer programs
4. Compare different solutions to the same problem

References

1. Robert Sedgwick, *Algorithms in C*, Addison-Wesley, 1990. ISBN: 0201514257
2. Steven Skiena, *The Algorithm Design Manual*, Springer, 2nd edition, 2008. ISBN: 9781848000698

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