

Schedule

(subject to change)

| Date | Material |
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| Tu 1/13 | Analyzing algorithms (Ch. 2.2) Best case and worst case runtimes; insertion sort, incremental algorithm |
| Th 1/15 | Asymptotic notation (Ch. 3, Ch. A) O , Ω , Θ , o , limit-theorem; runtime for code-snippets |
| Tu 1/20 | Asymptotic notation (Ch. 3, Ch. A) O , Ω , Θ , o , limit-theorem; runtime for code-snippets <i>Homework 1 assigned</i> |
| Th 1/22 | Heapsort (Ch. 6) Abstract data types (ADT), priority queue, heap, heapsort, linear-time buildheap |
| Tu 1/27 | Recursion trees and induction (+) Recursive algorithms. Guess solution of recurrence using recursion trees and prove the correctness of the solution using induction. <i>Homework 1 due; homework 2 assigned</i> |
| Th 1/29 | Divide-and-conquer (Ch. 2.3) and recurrences (Ch. 4.1, 4.2) Divide-and-conquer, merge sort, binary search; Runtime recurrences. Big-Oh induction (substitution method) |
| Tu 2/3 | Master theorem (Ch. 4.3) Use of master theorem to solve recurrences. <i>Homework 2 due; homework 3 assigned</i> |
| Th 2/5 | More divide-and-conquer (Ch. 31.6 pages 879–880; 28.2) Repeated squaring for exponentiation, Strassen's matrix multiplication. <i>Programming project 1 assigned</i> |
| Tu 2/10 | Probability, random variables and expected values (Ch. C.2, C.3) Probability, random variables, expected values. <i>Homework 3 due; homework 4 assigned</i> |
| Th 2/12 | Randomized algorithms (Ch. 5.1–5.3) Hiring problem; Expected runtime analysis. |
| Tu 2/17 | Quicksort (Ch. 7.1–7.4) Quicksort, best-case and worst-case runtimes, randomized quicksort. <i>Homework 4 due</i> |
| Th 2/19 | Test 1 Material until 2/10 (inclusive) |
| Tu 2/24 | Sorting (Ch. 8.1, 8.2, 8.3) Decision trees, lower $\Omega(n \log n)$ bound for comparison sorts, counting sort, radix sort <i>Homework 5 assigned</i> |
| Th 2/26 | Sorting (Ch. 8.1, 8.2, 8.3) Decision trees, lower $\Omega(n \log n)$ bound for comparison sorts, counting sort, radix sort |
| Tu 3/3 | Order statistics (Ch. 9) Order statistics (find i -th smallest element); Randomized selection, deterministic selection in linear time <i>Homework 5 due</i> |
| Th 3/5 | Red-black trees (Ch. 13.1, 13.2, 13.3) Red-black tree property, rotations, insertion; abstract data types, ADT dictionary |

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| Tu 3/10 | SPRING BREAK |
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| Tu 3/17 | Dynamic programming (Ch. 15.4, +) Fibonacci, binomial coefficient, LCS: fill table, then construct solution from the table. <i>Programming project 1 due</i> <i>Homework 6 assigned</i> |
| Th 3/19 | Dynamic programming (Ch. 15.3, 15.4. 16.2, +) 0-1 Knapsack; general outline of dynamic programming: Optimal substructure (recurrence), overlapping subproblems, fill table bottom-up or by memoization. |
| Mo 3/23 | Drop deadline to drop with a 'W' |
| Tu 3/24 | Greedy algorithms (Ch. 16.2, problem 16-1 on page 402) Greedy algorithms (greedy-choice property, optimal substructure). Making change, fractional knapsack. <i>Homework 6 due; homework 7 assigned</i> |
| Th 3/26 | Elementary Graph Algorithms (Ch. 22.1–22.2) Representations of graphs, breadth-first search (BFS) <i>Programming project 2 assigned</i> |
| Tu 3/31 | Elementary Graph Algorithms (Ch. 22.3–22.4) Depth-first search (DFS), topological sort <i>Homework 7 due</i> |
| Th 4/2 | Test 2 Material from 2/12 until 3/24 (inclusive) |
| Tu 4/7 | Minimum Spanning Trees (Ch. 23) Prim (grows single tree), Kruskal (grows forest; uses union/find data structure) <i>Homework 8 assigned</i> |
| Th 4/9 | Single-source shortest paths (Ch. 24 without 24.4) Optimal substructure, triangle inequality, relaxation step; Dijkstra (only for non-negative edge weights), predecessor tree (shortest path tree); Bellman-Ford, detection of negative-weight cycles; Shortest paths in a DAG |
| Tu 4/14 | All-Pairs Shortest Paths (Ch. 25.2) Dynamic programming: Floyd-Warshall <i>Homework 8 due; homework 9 assigned</i> |
| Th 4/16 | P and NP (Ch. 34) Decision problems, definition of classes P and NP, polynomial-time reductions |
| Tu 4/21 | P and NP (Ch. 34) NP-hardness, NP-completeness; Show that problems are NP-complete by reducing from other problems <i>Homework 9 due; homework 10 assigned</i> |
| Th 4/23 | P and NP (Ch. 34) TSP, Clique, Independent Set, Vertex Cover, Hamilton Path, Hamilton Circuit <i>Programming project 2 due</i> |
| Tu 4/28 | Review for Final Exam Review for final exam <i>Homework 10 due</i> |

Chapter numbers refer to the CLRS book. “+” indicates additional material.

The comprehensive final exam will be on Monday May 4th, 10:30am – 1pm.