

Schedule

(subject to change)

Date	Material
Tu 1/12	Analyzing algorithms (Ch. 2.2) Best case and worst case runtimes; insertion sort, incremental algorithm
Th 1/14	Asymptotic notation (Ch. 3, Ch. A) O , Ω , Θ , o , limit-theorem; runtime for code-snippets <i>Homework 1 assigned</i>
Tu 1/19	Divide-and-conquer (Ch. 2.3) and recurrences (Ch. 4.1, 4.2) Divide-and-conquer, merge sort, binary search; Runtime recurrences. Solving recurrences with recursion tree; solving the recurrence with the substitution method (induction)
Th 1/21	Master theorem (Ch. 4.3), more divide-and-conquer (Ch. 31.6 pages 879–880; Ch. 30 pages 822–824; 28.2) Use of master theorem to solve recurrences. Repeated squaring for exponentiation, Fibonacci numbers, polynomial multiplication, Strassen’s matrix multiplication. <i>Homework 1 due; homework 2 assigned</i>
Tu 1/26	Randomized algorithms (Ch. 5.1–5.3), random variables and expected values (Ch. C.3) Hiring problem; Expected runtime analysis. Random variables, expected value.
Th 1/28	Quicksort (Ch. 7.1–7.4) Quicksort, best-case and worst-case runtimes, randomized quicksort. <i>Homework 2 due; homework 3 assigned</i>
Tu 2/2	Sorting (Ch. 8.1, 8.2, 8.3) Decision trees, lower $\Omega(n \log n)$ bound for comparison sorts, counting sort, radix sort
Th 2/4	Order statistics (Ch. 9) Order statistics (find i -th smallest element); Randomized selection, deterministic selection in linear time <i>Homework 3 due; homework 4 assigned</i>
Tu 2/9	Red-black trees (Ch. 13.1, 13.2, 13.3) Red-black tree property, rotations, insertion; abstract data types, ADT dictionary
Th 2/11	B-trees (Ch. 18.1, 18.2) k-ary search trees, B-tree def., height, insertion <i>Homework 4 due; homework 5 assigned</i>
Tu 2/16	Augmenting Data Structures (Ch. 14, +) Augmenting red-black trees; Dynamic order statistics, interval trees; range trees, in 2 dimensions and in d dimensions; preprocessing time, query time.
Th 2/18	No class
Tu 2/23	Dynamic programming (Ch. 15.2, 15.3, 15.4) Fibonacci, binomial coefficient, LCS: fill table, then construct solution from the table. <i>Homework 5 due</i>
Th 2/25	Dynamic programming (Ch. 15.2, 15.3, 15.4) Matrix chain multiplication; general outline of dynamic programming: Optimal substructure (recurrence), overlapping subproblems, fill table bottom-up or by memoization. <i>Homework 6 assigned</i>

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Tu 3/2	Greedy algorithms (Ch. 16.2, problem 16-1 on page 402; Ch. 16.3) Greedy algorithms (greedy-choice property, optimal substructure). Making change, fractional knapsack. Huffman codes
Th 3/4	Midterm Review Review for the midterm exam <i>Homework 6 due</i>
Tu 3/9	Midterm Exam Material from 1/12 until 2/25 (inclusive)
Th 3/11	Amortized analysis (Ch. 17.1, 17.2, 17.4) Aggregate analysis (total runtime of n operations), accounting method (prepay for later operations); binary counter, dynamic tables
Tu 3/16	SPRING BREAK
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Mo 3/22	Drop deadline to drop with a 'W'
Tu 3/23	Union-Find (Ch. 21.1, 21.2, 21.3) Operations, list implementation, tree implementation, union-by-weight / union-by-rank, path compression. Ackermann function, and inverse Ackermann function α .
Th 3/25	Elementary Graph Algorithms (Ch. 22.1–22.4) Representations of graphs, breadth-first search (BFS), depth-first search (DFS), topological sort <i>Homework 7 assigned</i>
Tu 3/30	Minimum Spanning Trees (Ch. 23) Prim (grows single tree), Kruskal (grows forest; uses union/find data structure)
Th 4/1	No class
Tu 4/6	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 <i>Homework 7 due; homework 8 assigned</i>
Th 4/8	All-Pairs Shortest Paths (Ch. 25.2) Dynamic programming: Floyd-Warshall
Tu 4/13	P and NP (Ch. 34) Decision problems, definition of classes P and NP, polynomial-time reductions <i>Homework 8 due; homework 9 assigned</i>
Th 4/15	P and NP (Ch. 34) NP-hardness, NP-completeness; Show that problems are NP-complete by reducing from other problems; TSP, Clique, Independent Set, Vertex Cover, Hamilton Path, Hamilton Circuit
Tu 4/20	Approximation Algorithms (Ch. 35.1 and 35.2) Constant factor approximation; Vertex cover; MST for Euclidean TSP <i>Homework 9 due; homework 10 assigned</i>
Th 4/22	Maximum Flow (Ch. 26) Flow networks; Max-flow min-cut, augmenting path, residual network, Ford-Fulkerson
Tu 4/27	Final Review Review for the final exam <i>Homework 10 due</i>

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

The comprehensive final exam will be on Tuesday May 4th, 8pm – 10:30pm in the classroom.