BOSTON UNIVERSITY
METROPOLITAN
COLLEGE COMPUTER
SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

MET CS 566 A1 ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

Course Overview

Algorithm analysis provides the theoretical background for
building correct, efficient algorithms to solve real life problems.
Students will learn the art of problem solving through studying
fundamental algorithm design techniques.
Emphasis is on recursion, search, sorting, and graph and tree algorithms,
implementation and on application of various algorithmic strategies

Course Format   **Learn from Anywhere**

Offered Simultaneously on Campus and Remote

Time and location   Tuesday 6:00 PM – 8:45 PM,
Room CAS 227

Prerequisites

MET CS 248 Discrete Mathematics and MET CS 341
or MET CS 342 Data Structures or instructor's consent

Learning Objectives

This course provides an overview of the theory of algorithm analysis, and encourage students to develop
and implement algorithms for various practical applications.

1. Reinforce basic design concepts (e.g., pseudocode, specifications, top-down design)
2. Knowledge of algorithm design strategies
3. Familiarity with an assortment of important algorithms
4. Ability to analyze time and space complexity

Key Topics

Topics to be covered include Asymptotic notation; Sums and Recurrences; Divide and Conquer;
Dynamic Programming; Greedy Algorithms; Graph Algorithms; Advanced Data Structures;
Machine Learning algorithms and NP Completeness for decision problems.

Learning Outcomes:

Students who have completed this course should be able to
1. Use discrete mathematics in analysis of algorithms
2. Understand different algorithmic design strategies
3. Analyze the efficiency of algorithms using time and space complexity theory
4. Apply design principles and concepts to algorithm design

Assessment methods of all of the above: assignments, exams, term project

Required Textbook
Sara Baase, Allen Van Gelde, "Computer Algorithms", 3rd Ed.,
Addison-Wesley,2000, ISBN-0-201-61244-5

Recommended book T.H. Cormen, C.E. Leiserson,
R.L. Rivest, and C. Stein, "Introduction to Algorithms,"
3rd Ed., MIT Press, 2009, ISBN-13: 9780262033848.

Courseware

The lecture notes will be available in traditional digital-file formats (*.doc, *.ppt, and *.pdf)
on the blackboard site related
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Evaluation and Grading Policy

There will be two exams. If any grading criteria event will be missed it will
be the responsibility of the student to arrange a mutually agreeable
schedule for completion of work.

An assignment will be considered late, if you fail to hand in the assignment by the specified
time and date, and you will be charged 10 pts.
Charge will be waived in case of circumstances are beyond your control.

You may resubmit your corrected assignment however you will be charged 5 pts per each
submission. Charge will be waived in case of circumstances are beyond your control.

The grade is made up of your performance on your homeworks, project paper, midterm
exam, final exam or term project and participation.

Participation will be based on the percentage of in-class polling questions answered.
Correctness of in-class polling responses will not be considered for participation
grades.

Approximate weightings are as following:

Assignments	Percentage
Six Written Homework Assignments	48%
In Class Participation	4%
Midterm Exam	24%
Final Exam (or Project Paper)	24%

Letter Grade:

$94 \leq G$:	A,	$77 \leq G < 80$:	C+
$90 \leq G < 94$:	A-	$73 \leq G < 77$:	C
$87 \leq G < 90$:	B+	$70 \leq G < 73$:	C-
$83 \leq G < 87$:	B	$60 < G < 70$:	D
$80 \leq G < 83$:	B-	$G < 70$:	F

There will be no make-up exam for the final exam. If a student cannot take the final exam on the designated day, she/he will receive an incomplete grade.

Academic Honesty

The course is governed by the Academic Conduct Committee policies regarding plagiarism (any attempt to represent the work of another person as one's own).
This includes copying (even with modifications) of a program or segment of code. You can discuss general ideas with other people, but the work you submit must be your own.
This will result in no credit for the assignment or examination and may lead to disciplinary actions.
Please take the time to review the Student Academic Conduct Code:
https://www.bu.edu/academics/policies/academic-conduct-code/

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Office Hours: After each class meeting

- The schedule is subject to change according to the actual progress of the class. Some topics may be skipped and some topics may be added.

- Students are encouraged to review book chapters assigned for each lecture before coming to class.

SESSION	TOPIC	Text book READING	Assignment with Learning Outcome Assessment *
1 (01/25)	Preliminaries (Chapters 1-2): What is an algorithm? Principles of algorithm analysis and design. Classification of functions by their asymptotic growth rate. Big-O and similar notations. Abstract Data Type (ADT) specification and design techniques.	Ch. 1, 2	
2 (02/01)	Elementary ATDs: lists, trees, stacks, queues, and dynamic sets. Recurrence equations and their solution. Applications of recurrences. Induction proofs and examples. Principles of proving correctness of procedures. Review of series and sets, some probability.	Ch. 2, 3	**Homework #1 due CBK LO1, LO3**
3 (02/08)	Sorting Algorithms (Heapsort, quicksort, merge sort, and radix sort). Proof that sorting (by comparisons) takes $O(n \log(n))$ time. Medians and order statistics.	Ch. 4	
4 (02/15)	Divide and conquer techniques for mergesort and quicksort.	Ch. 4, 5	**Homework #2 due CBK LO1, LO2, LO3**
5 (02/22)	Dynamic Sets: Amortized time analysis; Hashing	Ch. 6	
6 (03/01)	Graph algorithms: Spanning trees or forests; Shortest paths and Maximum flow. Mid-term Exam Preparation	Ch. 7,9	**Homework #3 due CBK LO1, LO2, LO3**
(03/10)	Spring Recess		
7 (03/15)	**MID-TERM EXAM**	Ch. 1-7	
8 (03/22)	Graph optimization problems, greedy and Minimum Spanning Tree algorithms; Huffman codes	Ch. 8	**Homework #4 due CBK LO1, L02, LO3**
9 (03/29)	Dynamic programming; Examples and principles	Ch. 10	
10 (04/05)	String matching: Rabin-Karp and Knuth-Morris-Pratt algorithms.	Ch. 11 10	**Homework #5 due CBK LO1, LO3, LO4**
11 (04/12)	NP-complete problems; Virtual Reality	Ch. 11 10	**Homework #5 due**
12 (04/19)	Machine Learning. Deep Machine Learning	Video	**Homework #6 due CBK LO2, LO3, LO4**

13 (04/26)	Simple model of chaotic behavior (also known as *strange attractor*).	Video	
14 (05/03)	**Projects Presentations**; Final Exam Preparation		**Term Project Draft Due LO1,LO2,LO3,LO4**
15 (05/10)	**Final Exam**	Ch. 8 - 13	

*Learning Outcome Assessments criteria abbreviations

> **LO#** Learning outcome number (see list of Learning Outcomes above)
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> **CBK** Common Body of Knowledge

Communication

- All official announcements will be made in the class.
- All assignments will be posted on the class web page.

Important: The primary method of communication is through in-class announcements. So, if you miss a class you need to talk to a friend in the class or contact me to find out