Computer Engineering 12
Abstract Data Types and Data Structures

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Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
10:30 am – 11:35 am and 1:00 pm – 2:05 pm

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Textbooks

Grading
Lab attendance: 5% (each and every week)
Programming projects: 15% (4/9, 4/23, 5/7, 5/21, and 6/4)
Midterm exams: 40% (4/21 and 5/12)
Final exam: 40% (6/9)

Overview
Abstract data types: sets, lists (including stacks and queues), priority queues, and maps (dictionaries)
Data structures: arrays, hash tables, linked lists, trees (including search trees), heaps, and graphs
Algorithms: searching and sorting (selection-based, insertion-based, and exchange-based)
Course Objectives

Students will be able . . .

1. To understand abstract data types, data structures, and algorithms.
2. To develop programming skills, including the basics of software development such as the use of existing code and the compile-debug-execute cycle.
3. To use mathematics to reinforce importance of mathematical skills.

Learning Outcomes

Students will . . .

1. Discuss the relationships between an abstract data type and a data structure.
2. Separate an abstract data type into an interface and an implementation.
3. Compare and contrast simple container data types (lists, sets, maps, priority queues).
4. Compare and contrast classic data structures (arrays, hash tables, linked-lists, trees, graphs).
5. Implement the classic data structures in a low-level language such as C.
6. Know the average-case and worst-case running times for common operations (insertion, deletion, retrieval, minimum, maximum) on the classic data structures.
7. Compare and contrast classic searching and sorting algorithms.

Policies

Disability Accommodation Policy

To request academic accommodations for a disability, students must contact Disabilities Resources located on the second floor of Benson. Phone numbers are (408) 554-4111; TTY (408) 554-5445. Students must register and provide documentation of a disability to Disabilities Resources prior to receiving academic accommodations.

Academic Integrity Policy

The University is committed to academic excellence and integrity. Students are expected to do their own work and to cite any sources they use. A student who is guilty of a dishonest act in an examination, paper, or other work required for a course, or who assists others in such an act, may, at the discretion of the instructor, receive a grade of F for the course.

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Exam Policy

You are free to attend either class period for lectures, but you must take the exams in the class period for which you are registered. There will be no exceptions to this policy.