Algorithms (CC4010)

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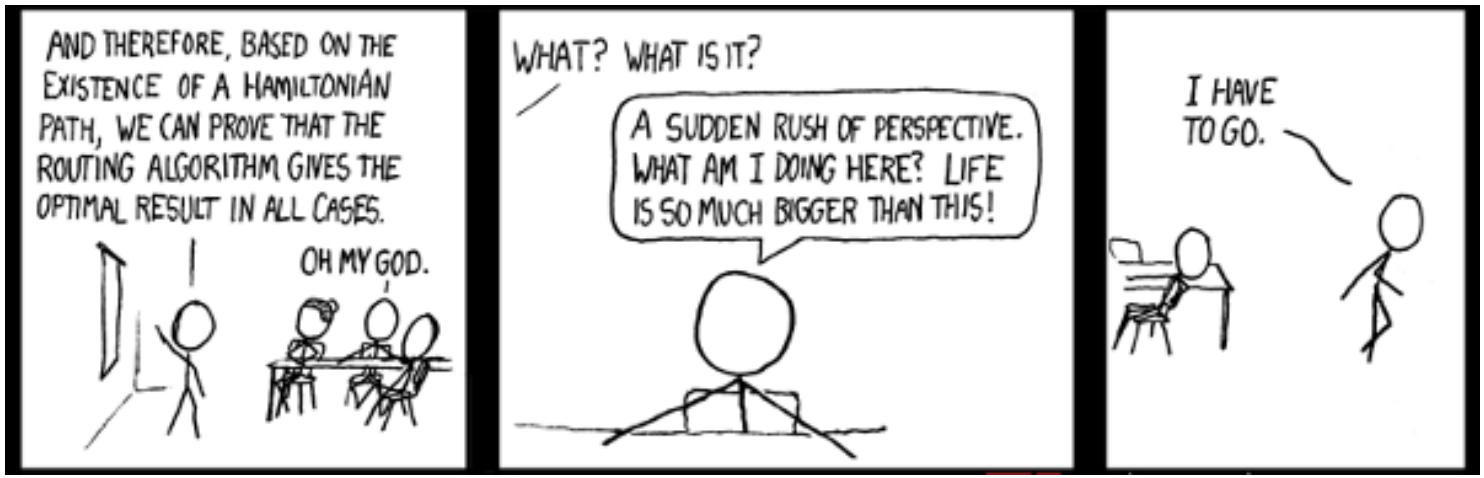

Who am I?

Name: Pedro Ribeiro
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PhD in **Computer Science**

Main research interests:

- Algorithms and Data Structures, Complexity.
- Complex Network Analysis, Graph Mining, Data Mining.
- Parallel and Distributed Computing, Scheduling.
- Bioinformatics Applications; Biological Networks; Social Networks.

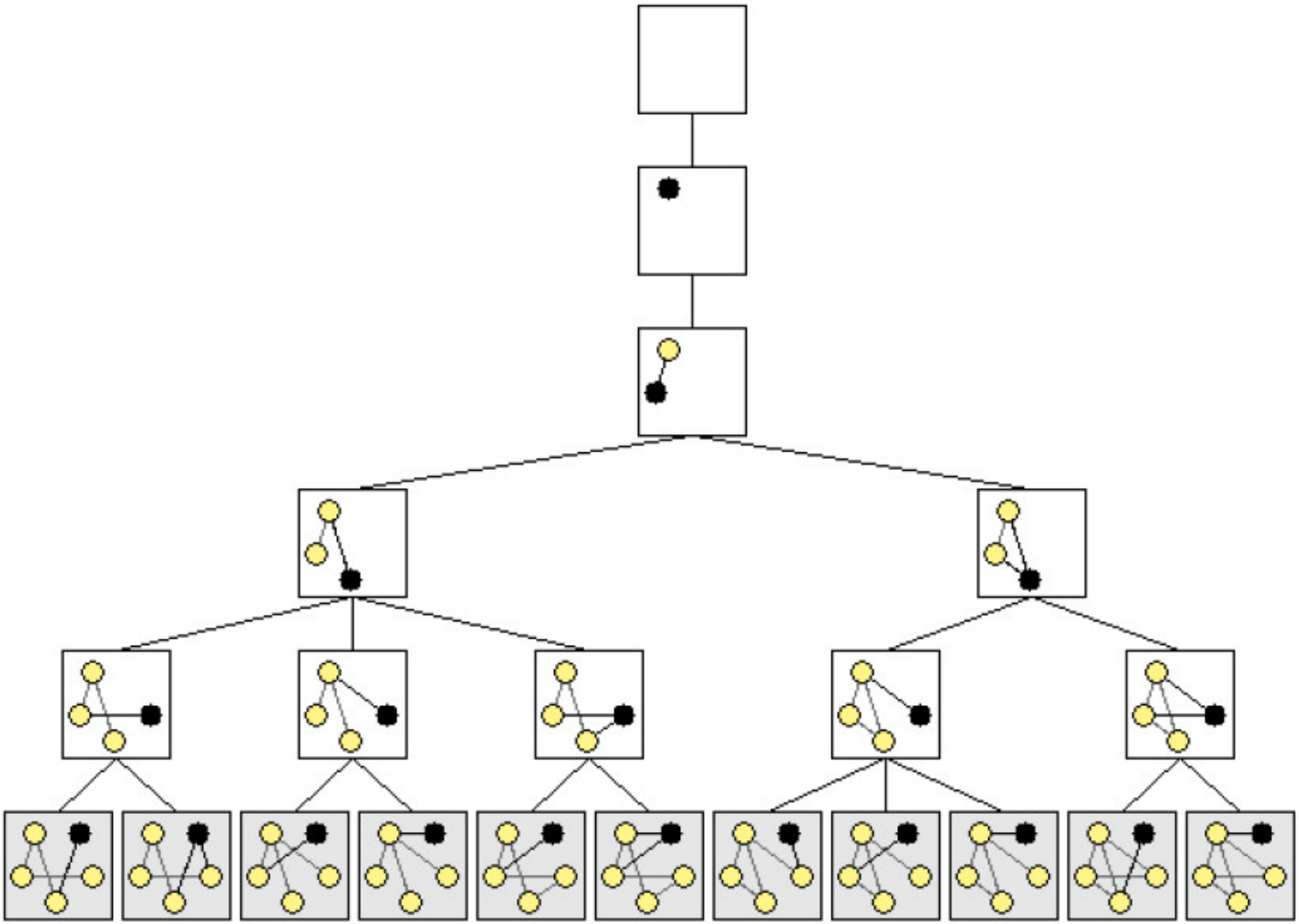
Other research interests:

- Computer Science Education and Programming Contests.
- Artificial Intelligence, Agents, Machine Learning and Robotics.

PhD in Computer Science (2011)

Thesis: Efficient and Scalable Algorithms for Network Motifs Discovery

PhD: G-Tries



Publications

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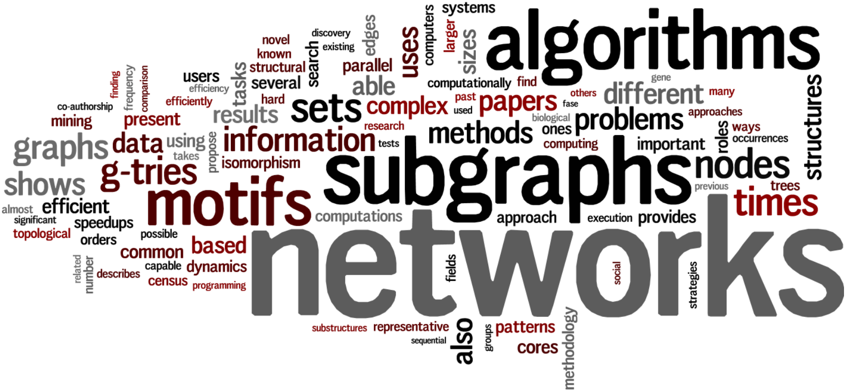


http://www.dcc.fc.up.pt/~pribeiro/pubs_by_year.html

Competitive Programming

I'm involved on several types of **algorithmic programming contests**:
(organizing, creating and solving problems, training students, ...)

- High-School Students
  - National and International Olympiads in Informatics
- University Students
  - ACM-ICPC national an international contests (e.g. MIUP, SWERC)

General Information

- **Site:** http://www.dcc.fc.up.pt/~pribeiro/aulas/alg1819/
- **Classes:**
  - **Tuesday:** 10:00-13:00, Room FC6 140 (S2)
- **Typical Class:**
  - First Part: theoretical exposition
  - Break: some time for resting, having a coffee...
  - Second Part: some more "practical" exercises
- **Class participation:** There is no minimum enforced attendance

Evaluation

- **(H) Written + Oral Homework:** 2 written assignments to be solved individually and submitted electronically + 2 assignments to be presented orally. H weight in your final grade: **30%**
- **(E) Final Exam**: 70% of your final grande
- **(T) Multiple smaller exams:** Two exams, **T1** and **T2** will be offered during the semester (one midterm and one near the end). You can use them to get exemption from the final exam.
  $T = 0.5 \times T1 + 0.5 \times T2$

1st Exam ("Normal") classification: $C = max(E, T) * 0.7 + H * 0.3 >= 9.5$
2nd Exam ("Recurso") classification: $C = E * 0.7 + H * 0.3 >= 9.5$

E, T1 and T2 should have a minimum grade of 8 out of 20.

Homework - Written Assignments

- Should be **submitted electronically by email**
- You do not need to deliver a typed version of you answers, but you should make sure they are **legible**. I recommend the usage of LaTeX .
- You may work "in group", but you should do your **individual writeup**. This means you can collaborate by talking about the problems, but you should not copy writeups. If you were in a group, please acknowledge that and list the other students with whom you talked about the problem.
- If you use any reference, webpage or solution from other classes, **you must cite it**.

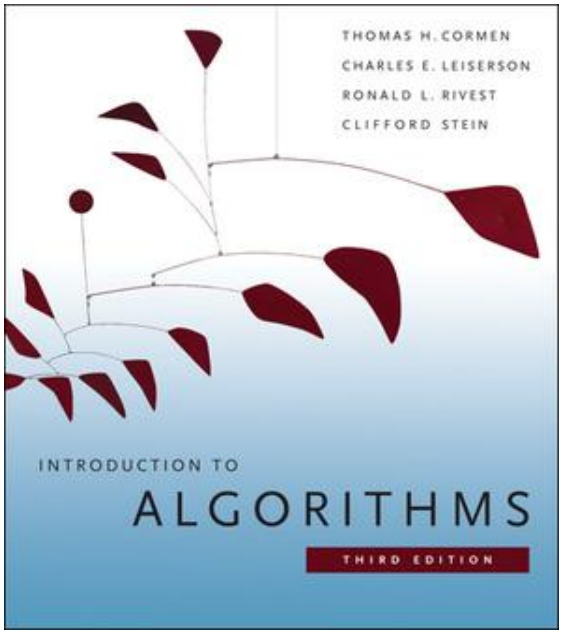
Homework - Oral Assignments

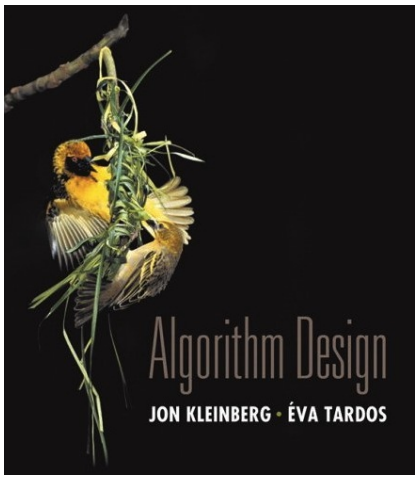
- **Groups of 3 students** and each assignment will have **3 problems**. You will work together to solve the problems (collaboration is required).
- You will **present your solutions to me**. Each group will have 30m time slots and at each presentation each member will spend 10m presenting one of the problems (I will decide whom presents what problem). While one student is presenting, the other may "intrude" a little bit.
- If you are really nervous about your presentation, you may hand in an extra written sketch of the solution for being taken in consideration
- **The three presentations will determine the score of the group**. I however reserve the right to give different grades to different members of the groups when I believe that is warranted.

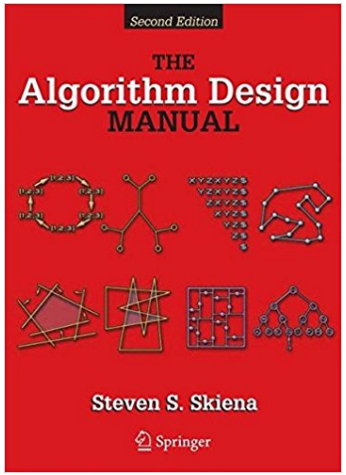
Learning outcomes this curricular unit

- Understanding the relationship between **algorithm design, correctness proof and complexity analysis**.
- Learning **algorithmic techniques** of general applicability.
- Knowing some **major algorithms** in a few common domains.
- **Practical experience** in applying generic algorithms to specific problems.

Recommended Books







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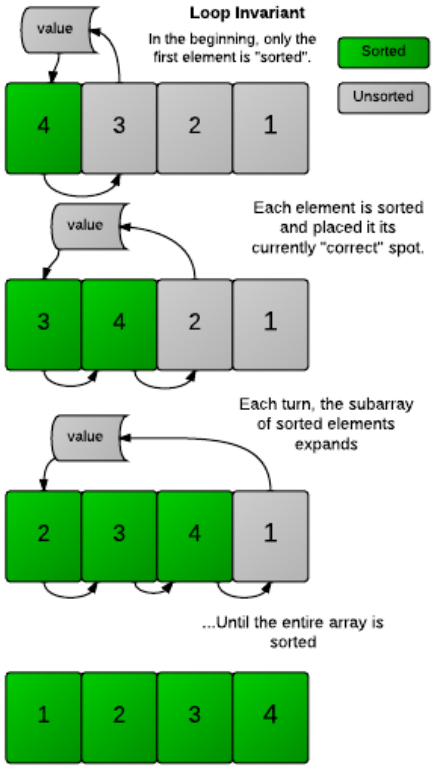
Correctness and Loop Invariants:

- The role of invariants
- Using invariants for proving and for designing new algorithms



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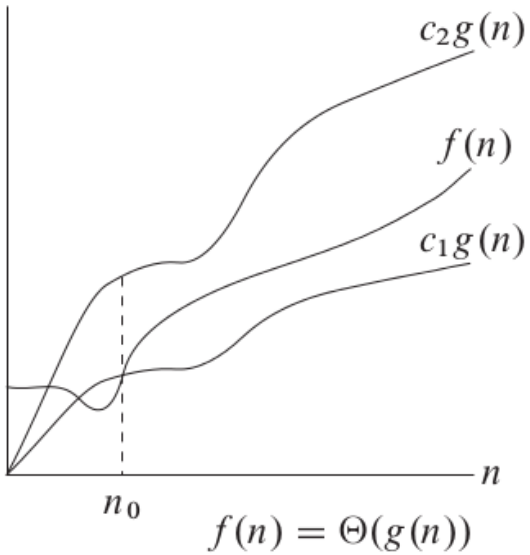
Asymptotic Analysis:

- Fundamentals
- Notation: O, Ω, Θ, o and ω
- Analyzing cycles and summations



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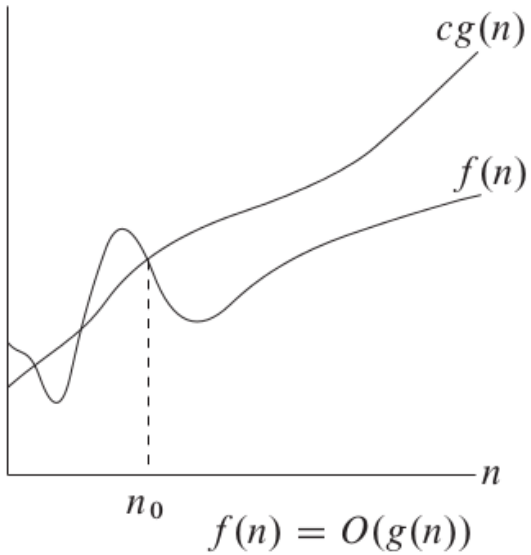

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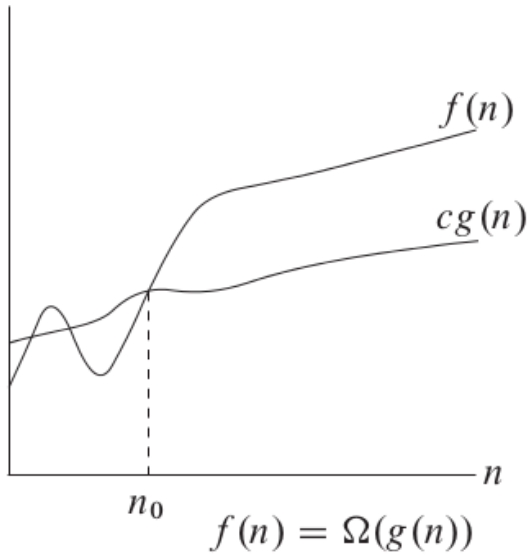

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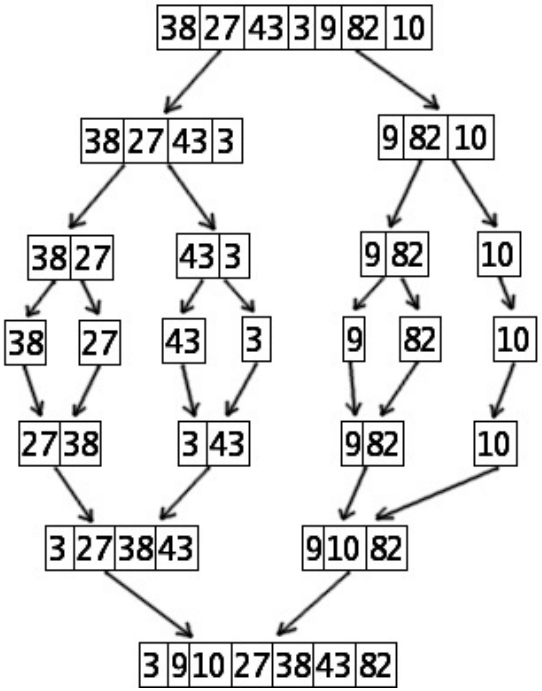
Divide-and-Conquer Design Pattern

- Examples of usage
- Solving recurrences (unrolling, guess and proof, master formula))



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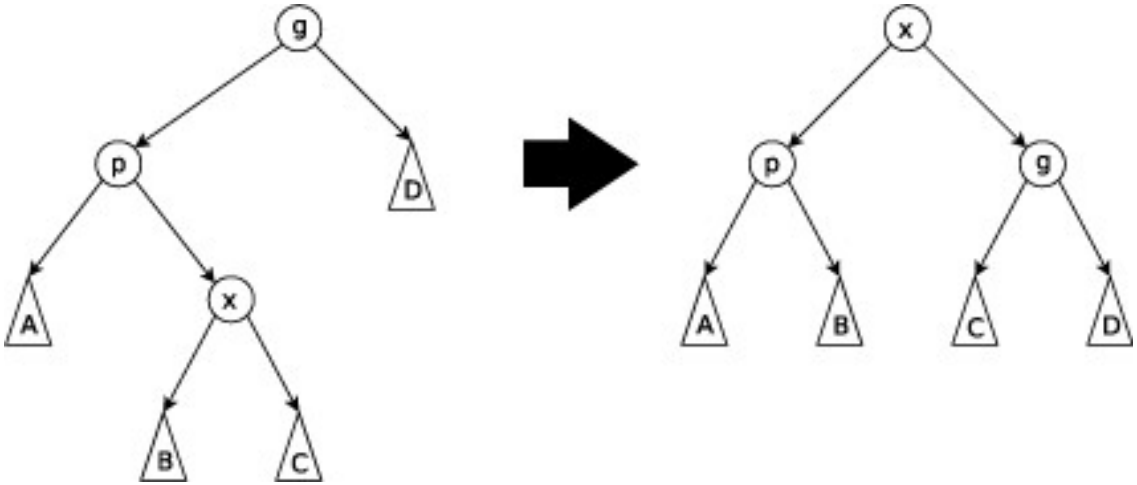
Amortized Analysis

- Examples of usage
- Aggregation, accounting and potential methods



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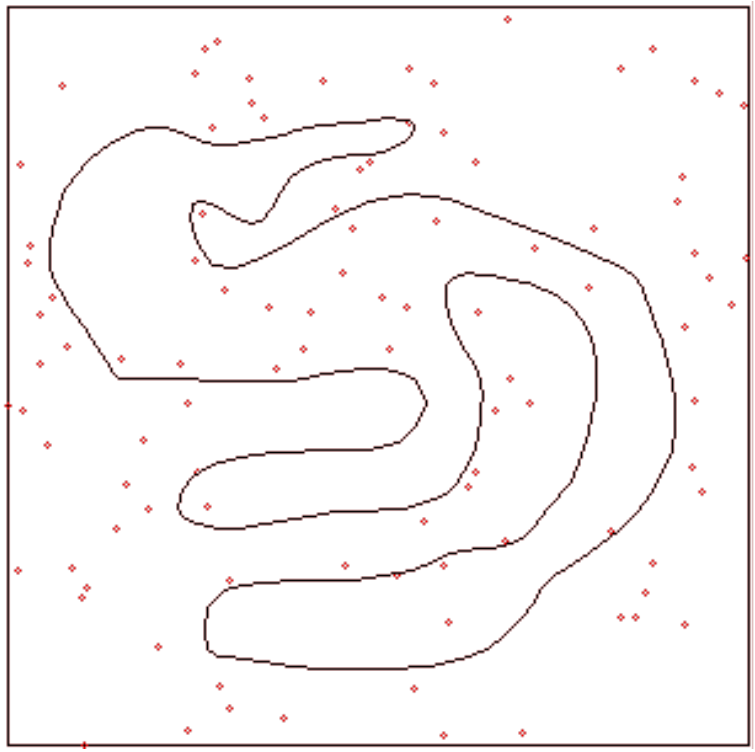
Probabilistic Analysis

- Average-case analysis
- Randomized algorithms



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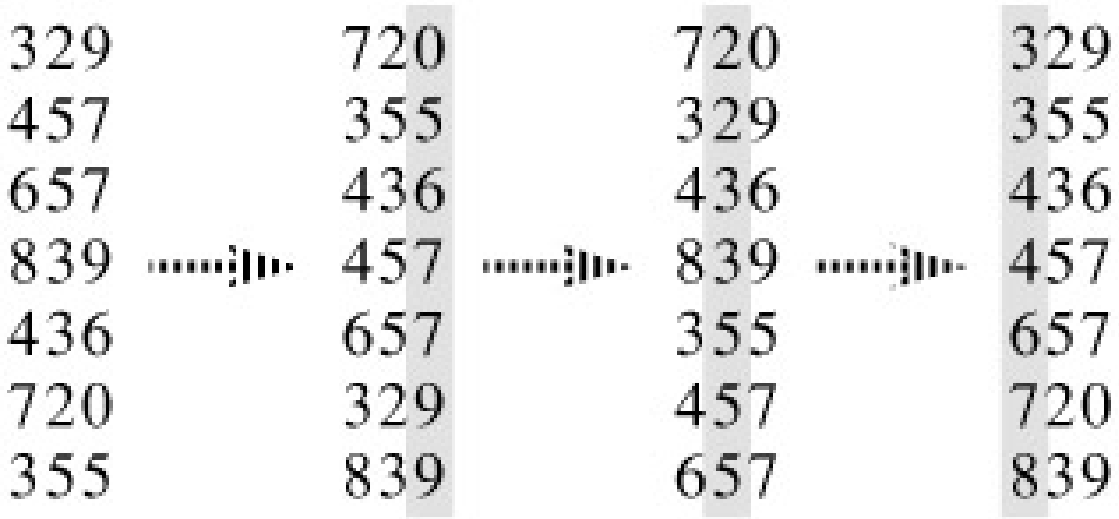
Revisiting sorting and selection

- Sorting/order concepts
- Bucket sort and radix sort
- Quickselect



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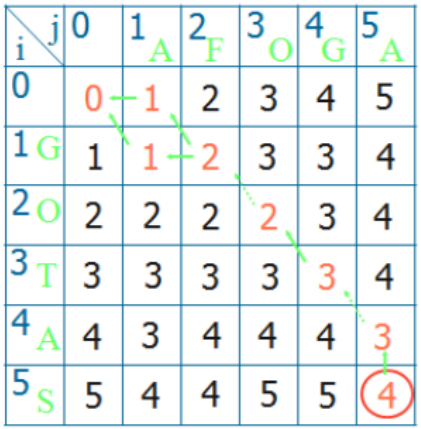
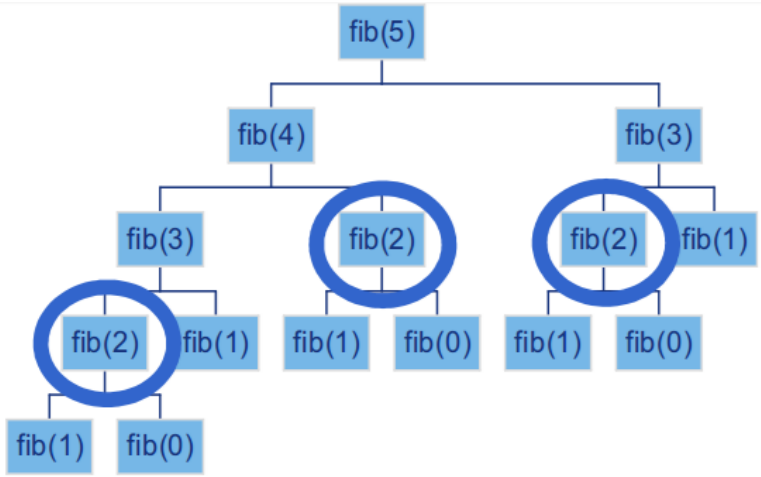
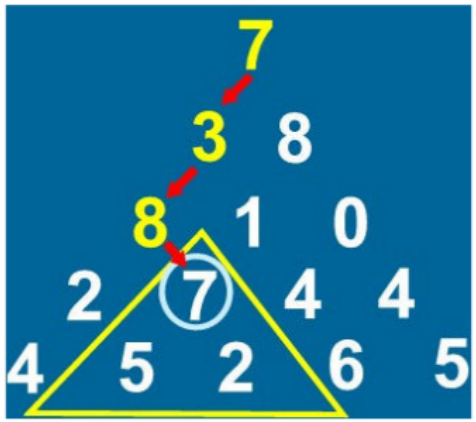
Dynamic Programming

- Optimal substructure and overlapping subproblems
- Top-down (memoization) and bottom-up strategies
- Some easy, medium and more advanced examples







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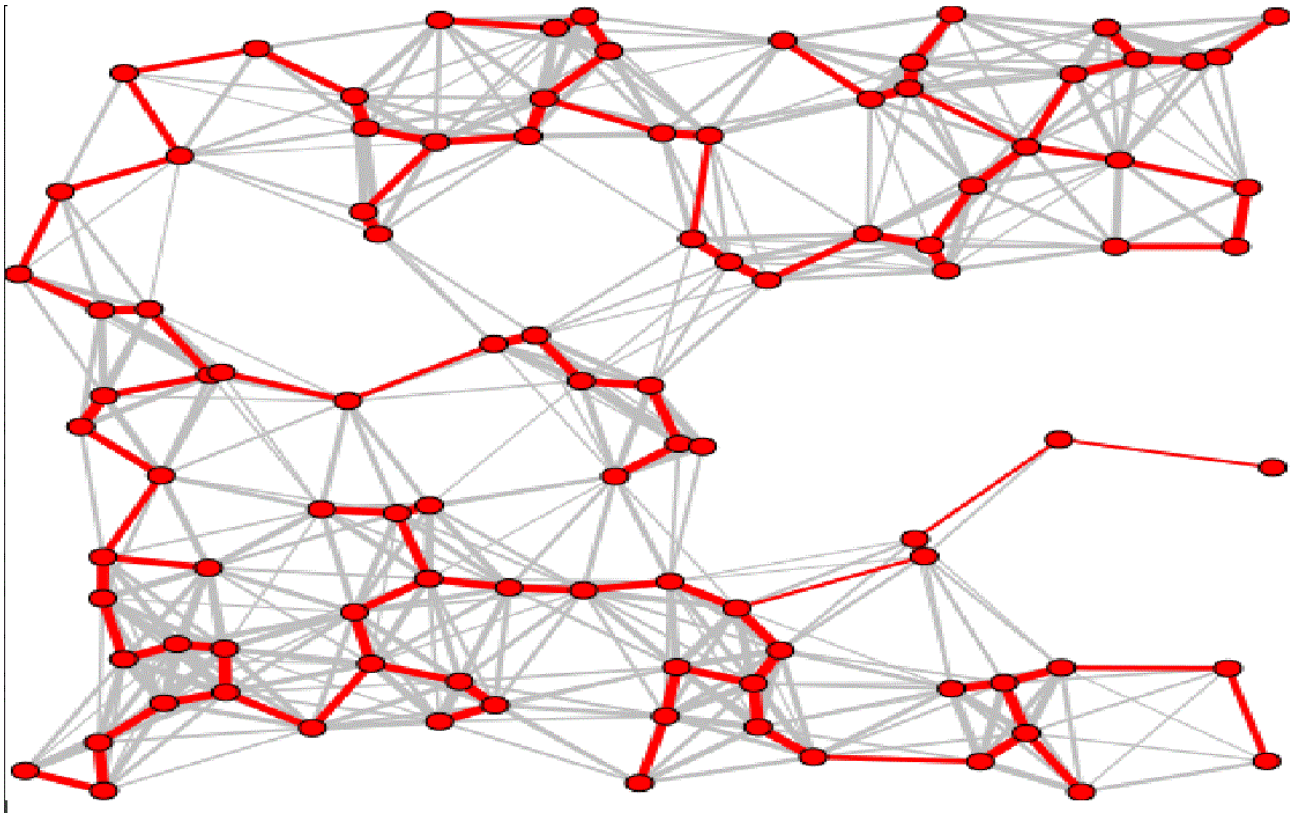
Greedy Algorithms

- Examples and some details about correctness
- Approximation algorithms



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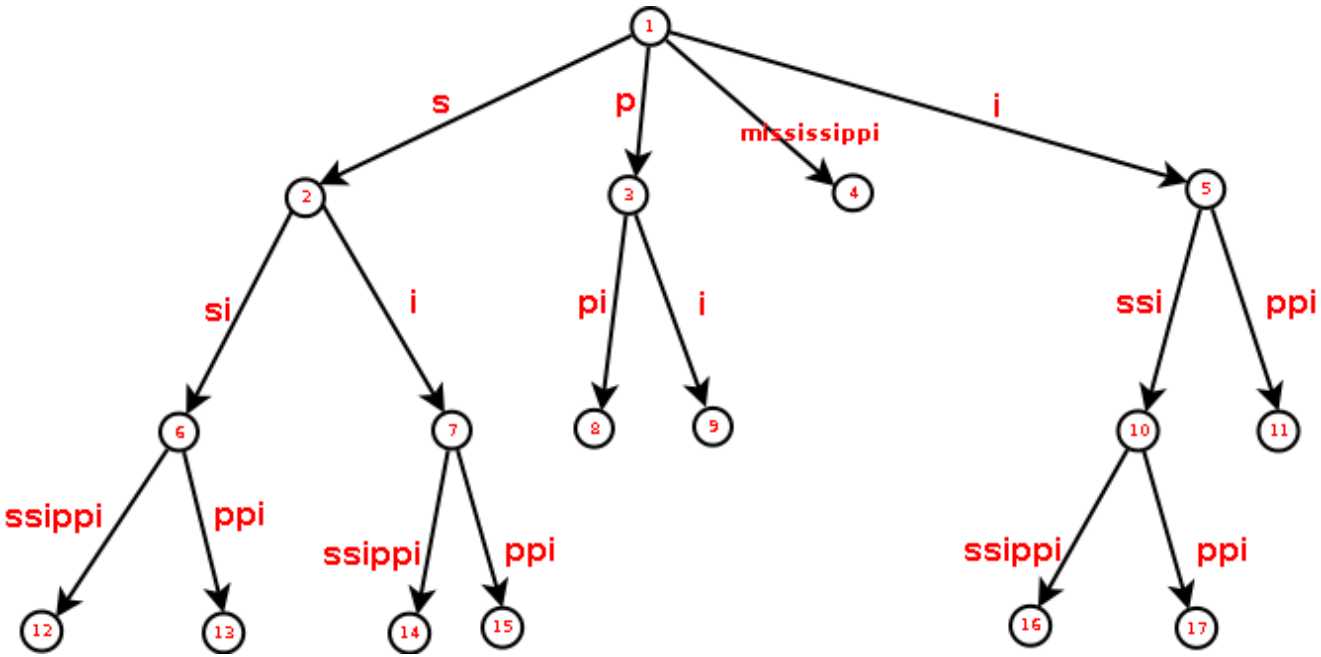
String Algorithms

- String Matching (Knut-Morris-Pratt, Rabin-Karp, ...)
- Tries and Suffix Trees/Arrays



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Introduction to the theory of NP-completeness

- Classes of problems
- Reductions