# Welcome to CSE 326! Data Structures

### Pick up...

- · First day survey
- Copy of lecture slides
- Textbook errata
- Course syllabus

### Today's Outline

- Administrative Info
- Survey •
- Overview of the Course
- What is an algorithm? ADT? Data structure?

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· Review: Stacks and queues





# Course Staff and Textbook

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• Textbook: Data Structures & Algorithm Analysis in Java - by Mark Allen Weiss





### **Course Policies**

- · Written assignments
  - Due at the start of class on due date; late homeworks not accepted!

30%

- Programming assignments
  - Turned in electronically before 11pm on due date
  - Once per quarter: use your "late day" for extra 24 hours Must email TA
- Work in teams only on explicit team projects

   Appropriate discussions encouraged see website
- Approximate Grading
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   Assignments:
  - Assignments.
     Midterm:
     Final:
    - 20% Monday Nov 3, in class30% Monday Dec 15, in class (2 hours)
      - 10%
  - Best of above 3: 10%Participation & quizzes: 10%

# A quick break before we delve into course material!

- Fill out the survey
- Tell me times that are BAD for office hours

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# What is this Course About? Clever ways to organize information in order to enable efficient computation – What do we mean by clever?

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- What do we mean by efficient?















- formulas for calculating sums and products of series \_
- recursion
  - Know Sec 1.1 1.3 of text by heart!

system (you'll need this in upcoming courses) 17

### A Second Hurdle

2. Unix

Experience 1975 all over again!

- Try to login on *attu.cs*, edit, and compile your favorite "hello world" program right away
   Get help at the UNIX tutorial (tomorrow?)
- Programming Assignment 1 (to be released Wed)
- Bring your questions and frustrations to Section on Thursday!

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# Java ≠ Data Structures One of the all time great books in computer science: The Art of Computer Programming (1968-1973) by Donald Knuth Examples in assembly language (and English)! Very little about Java in class. Weiss textbook's code – don't get bogged down!

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## What is an Algorithm?

• ???

# According to ... • According to Mirriam-Webster, an *algorithm* is ... • a procedure for solving a mathematical problem (as of finding the greatest common divisor) in a finite number of steps that frequently involves repetition of an operation • (*broadly*) a step-by-step procedure for solving a problem or accomplishing some end especially by a computer



- Pseudocode
- Algorithm A sequence of high-level, language independent operations, which may act upon an abstracted view of data.
- Abstract Data Type (ADT) A mathematical description of an object and the set of operations on the object.
- Program
- A sequence of operations in a specific programming language, which may act upon real data in the form of numbers, images, sound, etc.

#### Data structure

- A specific way in which a program's data is represented, which reflects the programmer's design choices/goals.

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#### ADT's vs Data Structures List ADT Linked List Stack ADT Circular Array Queue ADT • Binary Search Tree Collection ADT . Splay Tree Stores objects without duplicates Hash Table . Dictionary ADT . Leftist Heap - Stores (Key, Value) pairs Skew Heap . Alternatively: Maps Keys to Values Adjacency Matrix • Priority Queue ADT • ... and lots more! Stores objects, and supports efficient removal of objects based upon some kind of So ... which ADT's do these ordering data structures implement? Graph ADT ... and even more! 26

## Why So Many Data Structures?

#### Ideal data structure:

"fast", "elegant", memory efficient

#### Generates tensions:

- time vs. space
- performance vs. elegance
- generality vs. simplicity
- one operation's performance vs. another's

The study of data structures is the study of tradeoffs. That's why we have so many of them! 27

## **ADT** Presentation Algorithm

- 1. Present an ADT
- 2. Motivate with some applications
- 3. Repeat until it's time to move on:
  - a. analyze its properties
  - b. develop a data structure and algorithms for the ADT
    - i. efficiency
    - ii. correctness iii. limitations
    - iv. ease of programming
- 4. Contrast strengths and weaknesses

















# Data structures you should already know

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- Arrays
- Linked lists
- Queues
- Stacks

To Do

- Return your survey before leaving!
- Check out the web page
- Come to the Unix tutorial TBD
- Sign up for the cse326 mailing lists
- Log on to the PCs in rooms 002, 006 or 022 and access instructional UNIX server *attu.cs*If you don't have a CSE account, sign up today!
- Read 1.1-1.3, Chapters 2 and 3 in the book – Don't worry, it gets better!