EECS 4101-5101 Advanced Data Structures



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- Tuesday 14:00 15:00 at LAS-3052B, Tuesday 15:00 16:00 on Zoom (or by appointment) https://yorku.zoom.us/j/3531400655
 - You can post your questions (if you prefer anonymously) on Piazza so that all your classmates see the solution



- All materials from the class will be posted in the course web-page. The slides will be the main source for assignments and exams. The following book is the main reference for the materials covered in the class.
 - Introduction to Algorithms, third edition, by Cormen, Leiserson, Rivest, and Stein, MIT Press.
- Optional textbooks:
 - Algorithms and Data Structures, by Mehlhorn and Sanders, Springer, 2008.
 - Pat Morin, Open data structures (https://opendatastructures.org/).
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A Taste of Algorithms

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 - Online algorithms with prediction: designing algorithms that receive inputs sequentially and also get erroneous predictions about the input.



Important Dates (tentative)

January 9 first class January 31 assignment 1 due February 12, assignment 2 due February 15, quiz 1 February 18-24 reading week March 2 assignment 3 due March 6 midterm March 17 assignment 4 due March 22 quiz 2 April 8 assignment 5 due April 10 classes end April 12-27 Winter examination



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ADTs vs Data Structures

- ADTs: Stacks, queues, priority queues, dictionaries
- Data structures array, linked-list, binary-search-tree, binary-heap hash-table-using-probing, hash-table-using-chaining, adjacency list, adjacency matrix, etc.