CSCE 2100: Computing Foundations 1 Introduction

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Why Are You Taking This Class?



Answer: So you won't waste time reinventing the wheel.

You Know What They Say

When you have a hammer, everything looks like a nail.



Nails and Hammers?

- The hammer in this case is a collection of standard algorithms and data structures.
- How do we make everything look like a nail? The answer is abstraction.
- The standard algorithms and data structures are described using abstract objects.
- A lot of the tasks that you are likely to run into as a programmer can be mapped directly into these abstractions.

What Lies Ahead

- You will be learning how to integrate theory and practice. This is not easy.
- This is the start of your journey on the road to becoming a Master Programmer.

Example: Exam Scheduling

Problem: Schedule final exams so that if two classes have their exams in the same time slot then no student is taking both classes

Abstraction: A graph in which

- Nodes: represent classes
- Edges: represent common students

Solution: Find a maximal independent set

- Remove it and repeat.

Example

Suppose we have 5 classes to schedule:

These are the conflicts:

1. English 2. Math

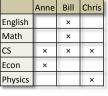


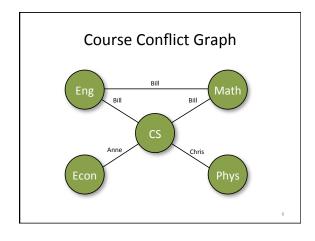


4. Economics



3. CS





Definitions

- Independent set: A set of nodes that have no edges to other nodes in the set.
- Maximal independent set: An independent set to which no additional node can be added.



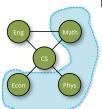
{Eng, Econ, Physics} {CS}

{Math}



Time	Exams	
1	Eng, Econ, Phy	
2	CS	
3	Math	

A Possible Schedule



Maximal Independent Sets: {Math, Econ, Physics} {CS} {English}

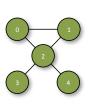
Time	Exams Math, Econ, Phy	
1		
2	CS	
3	English	

Questions

- Does this method always produce a feasible solution?
- Does it always produce a result with the smallest number of time slots?
- Can this abstraction cause any practical problems?
- Can you implement a solution to this problem using techniques you already know?

Implementation

Two-dimensional array (incidence matrix)



	0	1	2	3	4
0	1	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	0	0
2	1	1	1	1	1
3	0	0	1	1	0
4	0	0	1	0	1

Data Models

- Abstractions to describe problems
- Examples: trees, lists, sets, relations, finite automata, grammars, logic
- Static and dynamic aspects
 - type system and operations
- Data models in programming languages
 - In C++: Integers, floating-point numbers, structures, pointers, ...

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Data Structures

- Data structures represent data models in programming languages.
- They are not explicitly part of the language.
- They are not the same for all languages, as the data models supported by programming languages vary.

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Algorithms

- Sequence of instructions to solve a problem.
- Often described in pseudo-code.
- · Examples: Sorting, searching, scheduling.
- Important properties: simplicity, running time.

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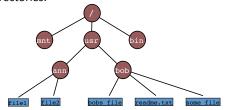
Data Models of Programming Languages

- · Data is stored in "boxes".
- Boxes have types, names, and contain data objects. For example, int x = 5; refers to a box of type integer with name x containing the data object 5.
- Static: data types (integers, characters, arrays,...)
- Dynamic: arithmetic operations, accessing operations, dereferencing,...

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Data Models of System Software

Data is stored in files which are organized in directories.



Data Models of System Software

Processes are executions of programs and can be concatenated

ps -u username | grep gnome | head -2

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Data Models of Application Software

Software applications have their own data models. For example, a text editor:

- Text strings
- Lines
- · Editing operations
 - Insertion, deletion
- Search

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Converting Between Number Systems

How do you convert 5_{10} to the binary system?

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Converting Between Number Systems

How do you convert 12_{10} to the binary system?

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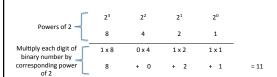
Converting Between Number Systems

How about converting 13₁₀ to the <u>tertiary</u> system?

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Converting Between Number Systems

How do you convert 1011, to the decimal system?



Converting Between Number Systems

How do you convert 1100₂ to the decimal system?

Converting Between Number Systems

How do you convert 1010₅ to the decimal system?

Converting Between Number Systems

- Convert from the decimal system to the number system indicated:
 - $-117_{10} = ?_5$ $-63_{10} = ?_7$ $-30_{10} = ?_4$
- Convert the following numbers to the decimal system:
 - $-201_3 = ?_{10}$

 - $-26_8 = ?_{10}$ $-35_6 = ?_{10}$

Ripple-Carry Algorithm

Decimals: 456 + 829

1 2 8 5

Ripple-Carry Algorithm

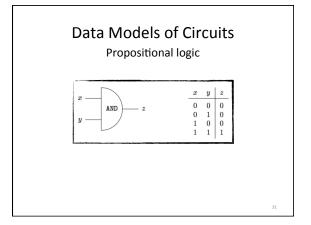
Binary numbers: 101 + 111

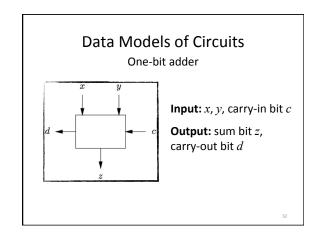
1 0 1

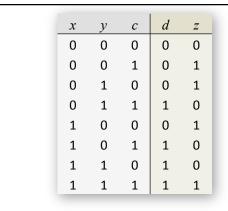
Ripple-Carry Algorithm

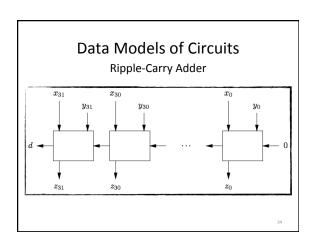
- Use the Ripple-Carry Algorithm to calculate the following:
 - 23₄ + 120₄
 - 101₃ + 222₃
 - $-888_{q} + 1_{q}$

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Binary Subtraction: 2's Complement

- 5_{10} 4_{10} = 101_2 100_2
- 1's complement of the negative term is 011.
- Add terms 101 and 1's complement of 100.
- If there is a carry-out, add it to the result.

Binary Subtraction: 2's Complement 1 1 1 0 1 + 0 0 0 0 0 + 1 1

Decimal Subtraction: 9's Complement

10210 - 05210

- 9's complement of the negative term is 947.
- Add terms 102 and 9's complement of 52.
- If there is a carry-out, add it to the result.

Decimal Subtraction: 9's Complement

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Ripple-Carry Algorithm

- Use the Ripple-Carry Algorithm to calculate the following:
 - 120₄ 23₄
 - 222₃ 101₃
 - 888₉ 1₉

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Lists

Lists enumerate elements of a specific data type

- List of integers: (5, 1, 3, 12)
- List of strings: ("dog", "cat", "horse")

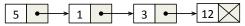
The concept of lists is an abstraction.

- Examples of list implementations (data structures): linked lists, array list.
- Some languages have lists as part of their data model, e.g. Lisp, Prolog.

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Linked List

Represent (5, 1, 3, 12) as linked list.



Represent abstract lists with a C struct.

```
typedef struct cell *list
struct cell{
  int element;
  struct list next;
};
```

The C Static Type System

Basic types:

- characters
- integers
- floating-point numbers
- enumerations

Type formation rules:

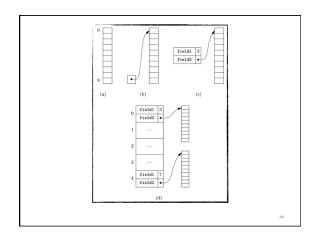
- array types
- · structure types
- union types
- · pointer types

The C Static Type System

```
typedef int type1[10];
typedef type1 *type2;

typedef struct{
  int field1;
  type2 field2;
}type3;

typedef type3 type4[5];
```



The C and C++ Dynamic Type Systems

Object creation and disposal

- e.g. malloc(n) and free(p) in C
- new and delete in C++

Access and modification of objects

• e.g. a[i]

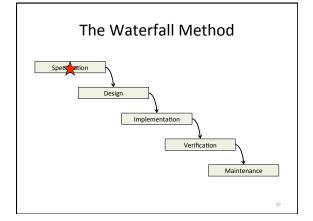
Combination of object values

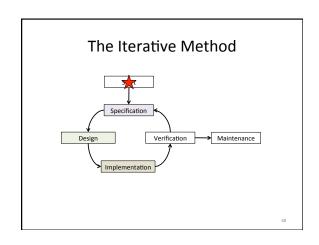
 e.g. arithmetic operators, logical operators, comparison operators, assignment operators, coercion operators

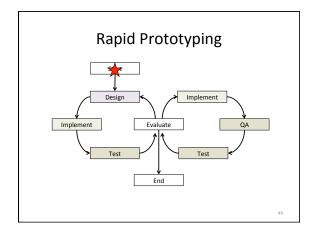
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Principles of Software Design

- The Waterfall Method (discredited)
- The Iterative Method
- Rapid Prototyping







Summary

- Abstraction
- Problems, models, solutions
- Data models, data structures and algorithms