Introduction

CSE 373
Data Structures
Lecture 1

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CSE 373 E-mail List

- Subscribe by going to the class web page.
- E-mail list is used for posting announcements by instructor and TAs.

Computer Lab

- Math Sciences Computer Center
  - http://www.ms.washington.edu/
- Project can be done in C++ or Java.
  - I recommend Java because the text is in Java

Assignments, Projects, Exams

- Assignments 25%
  - Due on Fridays
- Projects 25%
  - Approximately 4 programming projects
- Midterm 20%
  - Friday, November 8, 2002
- Final 30%
  - Wednesday, December 18, 2002, 8:30 – 10:20

Class Overview

- Introduction to many of the basic data structures used in computer software
  - › Understand the data structures
  - › Analyze the algorithms that use them
  - › Know when to apply them
- Practice design and analysis of data structures.
- Practice using these data structures by writing programs.
- Data structures are the plumbing and wiring of programs.

Goal

- You will understand
  - › what the tools are for storing and processing common data types
  - › which tools are appropriate for which need
- So that you will be able to
  - › make good design choices as a developer, project manager, or system customer

Course Topics

- Introduction to Algorithm Analysis
- Lists, Stacks, Queues
- Search Algorithms and Trees
- Hashing and Heaps
- Sorting
- Disjoint Sets
- Graph Algorithms

Reading

- Reading
  - › Chapters 1 and 2, *Data Structures and Algorithm Analysis in Java*, by Weiss

Data Structures: What?

- Need to organize program data according to problem being solved
- Abstract Data Type (ADT) - A data object and a set of operations for manipulating it
  - › List ADT with operations **`insert`** and **`delete`**
  - › Stack ADT with operations **push** and **pop**
- Note similarity to Java classes
  - › private data structure and public methods

Data Structures: Why?

- Program design depends crucially on how data is structured for use by the program
  - › Implementation of some operations may become easier or harder
  - › Speed of program may dramatically decrease or increase
  - › Memory used may increase or decrease
  - › Debugging may be become easier or harder

Terminology

- Abstract Data Type (ADT)
  - › Mathematical description of an object with set of operations on the object. Useful building block.
- Algorithm
  - › A high level, language independent, description of a step-by-step process
- Data structure
  - › A specific family of algorithms for implementing an abstract data type.
- Implementation of data structure
  - › A specific implementation in a specific language

Algorithm Analysis: Why?

- Correctness:
  - › Does the algorithm do what is intended.
- Performance:
  - › What is the running time of the algorithm.
  - › How much storage does it consume.
- Different algorithms may correctly solve a given task
  - › Which should I use?

Iterative Algorithm for Sum

- Find the sum of the first **num** integers stored in an array **v**.

```
sum(v[ ]: integer array, num: integer): integer{
    temp_sum: integer ;
    temp_sum := 0;
    for i = 0 to num – 1 do
        temp_sum := v[i] + temp_sum;
    return temp_sum;
}
```

Note the use of pseudocode

Programming via Recursion

- Write a *recursive* function to find the sum of the first **num** integers stored in array **v**.

```
sum (v[ ]: integer array, num: integer): integer {
    if num = 0 then
        return 0
    else
        return v[num-1] + sum(v,num-1);
}
```


Pseudocode

- In the lectures I will be presenting algorithms in pseudocode.
  - › This is very common in the computer science literature
  - › Pseudocode is usually easily translated to real code.
  - › This is what I'm used to.
- Pseudocode should also be used for homework

Proof by Induction

- **Basis Step:** The algorithm is correct for a base case or two by inspection.
- **Inductive Hypothesis (n=k):** Assume that the algorithm works correctly for the first k cases, for any k.
- **Inductive Step (n=k+1):** Given the hypothesis above, show that the k+1 case will be calculated correctly.

Program Correctness by Induction

- **Basis Step:** sum(v,0) = 0. ü
- **Inductive Hypothesis (n=k):** Assume sum(v,k) correctly returns sum of first k elements of v, i.e. `v[0]+v[1]+…+v[k-1]`
- **Inductive Step (n=k+1):** sum(v,n) returns `v[k]+sum(v,k)` which is the sum of first k+1 elements of v. ü

Algorithms vs Programs

- Proving correctness of an algorithm is very important
  - › a well designed algorithm is guaranteed to work correctly and its performance can be estimated
- Proving correctness of a program (an implementation) is fraught with weird bugs
  - › Abstract Data Types are a way to bridge the gap between mathematical algorithms and programs