## Advanced Algorithms

 IntroductionTopics, Course Details, Organizational
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## Advanced Algorithms

> The goal of this course is to offer an overview of advanced algorithmic topics.

You have already learned a lot about algorithms, but there is much more left...
■ Types: incremental, recursive, D\&C, greedy, numerical, exact, approx., randomized, parallel, distributed,

■ Analysis: correctness, runtime, space usage, amortized, expected, optimality, benchmarking, ...
■ Problems: combinatorial, graphs, geometric, strings, biological, geographic,

- Data structures: lists, binary search trees, dictionaries, succinct, randomized, probabilistic,


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## Topics I

- Better algorithms for problems you know
- Maximum flow problem


■ Ford-Folkerson algorithm: $\mathcal{O}\left(|E|\left|f^{\star}\right|\right)$
■ Edmonds-Karp algorithm: $\mathcal{O}\left(|V||E|^{2}\right)$
■ Push-Relabel algorithm: $\mathcal{O}\left(|V|^{2}|E|\right)$ (or even better)

## Topics II

- How to deal with NP-hard problems

- Sacrifice quality for speed?
- Can we still compute optimal solutions?
- Example problem:

Schedule jobs to machines approximating the minimum makespan


## Topics III

- Special areas


## Randomized algorithms

| LONGESTPATH <br> is NP-hard | but easy on <br> acyclic digraphs$\Rightarrow$randomly turn given graph <br> into acyclic digraph |
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| $\Rightarrow$ good idea? |  |

## Also

- Online algorithms
- Computational geometry
- Working with strings


## Topics IV

■ Advanced data structures

## Searching for strings

Given text $S$, how can we efficiently find all occurrences of pattern $P$ ?


- Suffix trees
- Invest in preprocessing to be faster than full parse

Also
■ Succinct data structures

- Splay trees


## Lectures

■ Johannes Zink


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- Office: Room 01.007, Building M4 (next to computer science building)
- In-person lectures Wed, 14:15-15:45, ÜR I
- With time for questions and discussions
- 12 or 13 lectures

■ Old videos from 2020 will be made available on WueCampus

## Tutorials

- Oksana Firman


■ Email: oksana.firman@uni-wuerzburg.de

- Office: Room 01.005, Building M4
- In-person tutorials Mon, 16:00-17:30, HS 4, Physics building
- With time for questions and discussions

■ 11 or 12 exercise sheets

## Exercise sheets.

- Weekly exercise sheets, $\approx 20$ points/sheet
- Scoring $50 \%$ of the points grants a bonus of 0.3 to the final grade of the exam (if one passes)
- Released at the lecture day (Wed)

■ Submission deadline next lecture (Wed, 14:15)
■ Digital submission as pdf; recommended to use our $\angle A T_{E} X$ template

- Submission in teams of two ...

■ ... in English (preferred) or German

## Exam

- Oral exam
- $\approx 20 \mathrm{~min}$

■ Bonus for points on the exercise sheets (see previous page)

- Date will be announced during the semester
- Don't forget to register in WueStudy:
"Ausgewählte Kapitel der ..."


## Literature



- Sources at the end of every lecture

■ Links to further interesting stuff

## Our Lectures and Seminars



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