

Midterm 2 Topics:

The second midterm can be taken during any 2-hour block April 30-May 1 (Thursday and Friday). If you need an extension beyond these days, let me know by Tuesday at the very latest. Midterm 2 is implicitly cumulative in the sense that many of the concepts build on each other, but overall it will focus more on the second half of the semester (in-class material days 15-26, labs 4-7, and reading weeks 8-13). You may use a 1 page (front and back), hand-written “cheat-sheet” (created by *you*), but no other notes or resources. (You will not need a calculator.) I have put vocab in [blue](#).

1. [Queues](#) (FIFO - first in first out)

- Queue ADT ([Abstract Data Type](#) \approx interface)
- Queue implementations and their pros/cons/runtimes: circular array, list
- [Deque](#) ADT and implementation
- Application of stack/queue: Shunting-Yard algorithm

2. [Graphs](#) (collection of [vertices](#) and [edges](#))

- General graph terminology
- Graph ADT
- Implementations and pros/cons/runtimes: Adjacency List, Adjacency Matrix
- Application: Kruskal’s algorithm for [minimum spanning tree](#) (basic idea)

3. [Binary Trees](#)

- Tree vocabulary ([parent](#), [child](#), [depth](#), etc)
- Motivation for trees: [binary search](#) (recursive method)
- [Binary Search Tree](#) (left child less than parent, right child greater than parent)
- Runtime of insertion; use of binary trees to speed up insertion sort
- Implementation: recursive data structure
- [Traversals](#) and recursive implementation: [in-order](#), [pre-order](#), [post-order](#) (all [depth-first](#))
- Application: Huffman coding algorithm (basic idea)
- Negatives of having an unbalanced tree + basic idea of [tree rotations](#) to rebalance

4. [Priority Queues](#) and [Heaps](#)

- Priority Queue ADT (idea: want to remove object with top priority each time)
- Pros/cons/runtime of using sorted vs. unsorted list
- Heaps as a semi-sorted data structure that implements the priority queue interface
- Implementation of a heap using an array ([breadth-first](#) ordering)
- Heap runtime guarantees and use in heap sort

5. Maps and Hash Tables

- Map ADT, idea of [key-value pairs](#)
- Hash tables (i.e. [dictionaries](#)) as an implementation of the Map ADT
- Using [hash functions](#) to find the desired position of a key
- [Collision](#) handling methods ([probing](#) vs. [chaining](#))
- [Linear probing](#) implementation of a hash table
- Goal of $O(1)$ for lookup and insertion
- [Hash sets](#) are hash tables with keys only (no values)
- Overriding `.equals(Object o)` and `.hashCode()`

6. Sorting algorithms (including runtimes, implementation details, and [in-place](#) vs. out-of-place)

- [Insertion sort](#) (using a list vs. binary search tree)
- [Heap sort](#)
- [Quick sort](#)
- [Radix sort](#)
- [Merge sort](#)

7. Concepts from the first half that are still heavily used

- Arrays, Array Lists, Linked Lists
- Class structure (instance variables, methods, constructors, getters, setters)
- Primitive types (e.g. `int`, `double`, `boolean`, `char`) vs. Objects (e.g. `String`, `ArrayList`)
- Interfaces
- Generics
- Big-O notation to describe runtime