# EGR 199 – Introduction to Discrete Structures for Computer Science

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Slides 1

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#### Question



On a scale from 1 to 5

how important are "mathematical fundamentals" going to be for your future career as a computer scientist?

1 ... lowest importance

5 ... highest importance

Please write your answer down somewhere.

Your will not have to reveal your answer.



# 2011 Alumni Survey



For each of the following capabilities, please rate how important you feel it is to your career:					
	5	4	3	2	1
Working with hardware and software together	33.3%	27.8%	33.3%	5.6%	0.0%
Developing software using modern tools	50.0%	22.2%	27.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Problem solving skills	88.9%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Communication skills	66.7%	27.8%	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Mathematical fundamentals	50.0%	22.2%	27.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Computer science fundamentals and theory	50.0%	27.8%	22.2%	0.0%	0.0%



#### **Organizational Matters**



#### **Team**



#### Lecturer:

Pascal Hitzler

#### **Tutors—one recitation session each:**

- Adila Krisnadhi
- Kylyn Magee
- Kunal Sengupta
- Cong (Joshua) Wang



## Lecture organization



- class meeting times: TR 12:20-1:35pm, Room Health Sciences 116
- recitation sessions: (one of) M12:15-1:20pm (2x), W12:15-1:20pm (2x)
- recitations start Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of September
- required presence in recitation only
  - we may ask for verification of reason for absence
  - what are valid reasons? e.g., illness, death of a close relative
- distance learning option: simply means that you have access to videotaped lectures. Note the dangers of this.
- consultation/office hours: Thursdays 4pm-5pm
- manuscript (including these slides) will be made available electronically
- news usually come via email. It is required that you read all these emails.



# Lecture organization



- Exercises (to be done alone)
   grading: 4 points per exercise,
   some marked "no hand-in" (these are not graded, only
   discussed in the recitation sessions)
- To be allowed to the exam, you have to hand in solution attempts to all graded exercises.
- Hand-ins are always due on Thursdays, including those exercises posted on the Tuesday of the same week (i.e., two days earlier).
- First hand-in: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of September
- two exams. mid-term in week 5 (6<sup>th</sup> of October)
- grading scheme: exercises 20%, mid-term 40%, final 40%
- grades:

A: 100%-90%; B: 89%-80%; C: 79%-70%; D: 69%-60%. F: 59%-0%



### **Textbook**



None required.

For more info on optional/supplementary reading, see the manuscript.



# Missing classes or hand-ins



- Strictly not allowed. Non-compliance may result in an F grade.
- However, there are extreme circumstances under which it is obviously okay to miss a class or to hand-in a solution
  - illness or accident
  - death of a close friend or family member
  - dependants (e.g., children, spouse, parents) who suddenly and urgently need care
  - other emergencies which really cannot be taken care of differently (if in doubt, ask).
- We may ask for confirmation (e.g. letter from a doctor).
- You are required to notify us as soon as possible, i.e., as soon as you know that you'll miss a class or an assignment.



# Whom to contact with questions



- missed lectures/recitation: mainly your problem
- If you have questions, proceed in the following order
  - 1. check manuscript and video
  - 2. in-class, in-recitation preferred
    - may post questions by email to be answered in class
  - 3. tutor by email (will usually be answered in class)
  - 4. lecturer by email (will usually be answered in class)

Lecturer office hour is **not** for asking questions about content which could also be asked in one of the forms above.

trouble with tutors: come to me (confidentiality assured)

# Cheating



- examples what constitutes cheating / support of cheating
  - a story from last year
  - copy somebody else's solution
  - giving your solution to somebody else for copying
  - peeking during exams, or using other than the allowed materials
- you have to make your own solution
  - though it's okay (and recommended) to generally discuss with others to further your understanding. But make the writing-up all by yourself after the discussion.
- cheating is not tolerated
- any cheating will be reported immediately



#### Schedule



- First exercises due 15<sup>th</sup> of September (Thursday)
- Recitations start 19<sup>th</sup> of September (Monday)
- Exercises always due on Thursdays (including those posed two days earlier

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- Mid-term: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of October
- Final exam: Tuesday Nov 15, 1pm-3pm
- you will be notified by email about which recitation session you are attending

