Welcome to CS2110!

Learning about:
- OO, abstract data types, generics, Java Collections, …
- Reasoning about complex problems, analyzing algorithms we create to solve them, and implementing algorithms with elegant, easy-to-understand, correct code
- Testing; Reasoning about correctness
- Data structures: linked lists, trees, hash tables, graphs, etc.
- Recursion
- Algorithmic complexity
- Parallelism — threads of execution

Usefulness of 2110

This summer I’m working in particle physics, making simulations of some of the background signal we’d expect to see in our detector for an experiment run in the particle accelerator. What I’m working on a clustering algorithm to put together energy depositions from several quantized points in the detector to learn what the initial particle’s energy and position was. After some thought, I decided the best first sweep over this data would be to do a depth first search starting about a high energy deposition in the calorimeter. It works great, and my PI was very excited about the results!

Usefulness of 2110

I am working at a startup in Silicon Valley this summer … that does subscription-based financial management and billing among other things. It has been pretty incredible the amount I’ve learned from your class that relates to this internship and I have definitely decided to pursue computer science (I was initially engineering physics).

Is CS2110 right for you?

- Knowledge of Java not required
- Only ~30% of you know Java — others know Matlab, Python …
- Requirement: comfort with some programming language, on the level of CS1110 (Python based) and CS1112 (Matlab based). Prior knowledge of OO not required.
- We assume you do not know Java!
- If you know Java, the first 3 weeks will be easier for you but you STILL have to learn things, probably unlearn what you learned
Homework!

Homework 1. Read article Why Software is So Bad.
   Link: Course website -> Lectures notes (Lecture 1)

Homework 2. Get Java, Eclipse, DrJava on your computer.

Homework 3. Spend some time perusing the course website.
   Look at course information, resources, links, etc.

Homework 4. BEFORE EACH LECTURE/RECITATION:
   download pdf form of the slides, bring to class and
   look at them during lecture. We project not only
   PPT but also Eclipse and other things. Having PPT
   slides in paper form or on your laptop/tablet can
   help you during the lecture.

Lectures

- TR 10:10-11am, Statler auditorium
  - Attendance mandatory

- ENGRD 2110 or CS 2110?
  - Same course! We call it CS 2110 in online materials
  - Non-engineers sign up for CS 2110
  - Engineers should sign up for ENGRD 2110

Sections (Recitations)

- T 12:20  4 sections:
- T 1:25   3 sections:
- T 2:30   2 sections:
- T 3:35   2 section:
- W 12:20  3 sections:
- W 01:25  3 sections:
- W 02:30  2 sections:
- W 07:30  1 section:

  Some time EARLY, visit StudentCenter and
  change your section to
  even out the numbers

  - Attendance mandatory
  - Sometimes flipped: you watch
    videos beforehand, come to
    recitation and do something
    Sometimes review, help on
    homework, new material
  - No permission needed to switch
    sections, but do register for
    whichever one you attend

CS2111

- An "enrichment" course
- Help students who might feel overwhelmed by CS2110
- Gives more explanation of core ideas behind Java,
  programming, data structures, assignments, etc.
- Taught by Gries and Wehrwein, 1 credit S/U
- Only for students who also take CS2110
- Only requirement: Attend weekly lecture

I would just like to thank you for taking the time to hold CS2111
this year. You have no idea how the class helped and impacted a
lot of us. I would never had "survived" CS2110 without your
generous share of your knowledge. I appreciated your time.

Academic Excellence Workshops

- Two-hour labs: students work together in cooperative setting
- One credit S/U course based on attendance
- Time and location TBA
- Visit Olin 167 and ask about AEWs
- See website for more info:
  www.engineering.cornell.edu/academics/undergraduate/
curriculum/courses/workshops/index.cfm

Piazza

- Click link on our “links” web page to register
- Incredible resource for 24 x 7 help with anything
- We keep an eye on it
  and answer questions.
  YOU can (and will)
  too. Visit the Piazza
  often.
Resources

- Book: Frank M. Carrano, Data Structures and Abstractions with Java, 3rd ed., Prentice Hall. It is OPTIONAL!
  - 2nd edition is okay. E-book not required
  - Share textbook. Need access to it from time to time
  - Copies on reserve in Engr Library
  - PPT slides (on course website and Piazza) outline all of OO in Java. Has index at beginning
  - Great Java resource: online materials at Oracle JDK web site.
  - VideoNote: videos of lectures from Fall 2015.
    http://www.videonote.com/cornell. Log in with netid

Obtaining Java and Eclipse

- Follow instructions on our Resources web page
  - Make sure you have Java JDK 1.8, if not download and install. We explain how on the web page.
  - Then download and install the Eclipse IDE
  - Test it out: launch Eclipse and click “new>Java Project”
    - This is one of a few ways Java can be used
    - When program runs, output is visible in a little console window

DrJava IDE

- IDE: Integrated Development Environment
- DrJava is a much simpler IDE, few features
- We use it only to demo Java features and programming concepts. Has an “interactions pane”, which allows trying things without requiring a complete Java program. Great tool!
- DON’T use it for course assignments –use Eclipse
- Free at www.drjava.org. Download the jar file, not the app!!!

Coursework

- 7–8 programming assignments (37%)
- Two prelims (14% – 16%)
- Final exam (30%)
- Course evaluation (1%)
- Work in recitations (1-3%)
  - Formula will change as course progresses and we make changes in assignments, give quizzes, etc.
  - Exams are most important aspect in determining final grade

Assignments: a real learning experience

- Teams of one or two
  - A0 and then A1 will be posted soon on the CMS
  - Finding a partner: choose your own or contact your TA. Piazza can be helpful!

One way to do an assignment:
- Wait until the day before it is due.
- Result: Frustration, anger, impatience, long lines in consulting room. No fun.
- Not a good educational experience

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One way to do an assignment:
- Read the handout immediately.
- Work on it every (other) day.
- Ponder. Look things up. Get help in consulting room, with no lines, or office hours. Fun, hard work, a great learning experience

Piano lessons:
Practice daily? Or put off practicing until an hour before weekly lesson?
Academic Integrity... Trust but verify!

- 98% of you are honest and don’t try to cheat
- We use artificial intelligence tools to check each homework assignment, so catch the other 2%
- The software is accurate!
- It tests your code and notices similarities between code written by different people
- Sure, you can fool this software
  - … but it’s easier to just do the assignments
  - … and if you try to fool it and screw up, you might fail the assignment or even the whole course.

Types in Java

- References in text and in JavaSummary
  - type: A.14 slide 4
  - variable: A.13 slide 7
  - variable declaration: A.15 slide 7
  - Primitive types, A.16, back inside cover slide 5
  - Constants, A.17 slide 20
  - Assignment, A.18-A.20 slide 8
  - Casting, A.21 slide 6
  - Precedences: A.22-A.23
  - Unicode character codes, back inside cover

The integers as the basis

Leopold Kronecker (1823-1891), Prussian mathematician,

Argued that arithmetic and analysis should be founded on the whole numbers (integers):

Die ganzen Zahlen hat der liebe Gott gemacht,
alles andere ist Menschenwerk.

The beloved God made the whole numbers, everything else is the work of man.

He insisted on the constructibility of math objects. Real numbers —do they really exist?

You can’t compute most of them because they have an infinite number of digits.

Weakly typed versus strongly typed

- Weakly typed:
  - Matlab and Python are weakly typed.
  - One variable can contain at different times a number, a string, an array, etc.
  - One isn’t so concerned with types.

  Java strongly typed:
  - A variable must be declared before it is used and can contain only values of the type with which it is declared

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Java strongly typed:

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Type: Set of values together with operations on them.

Java Type int:
values: \(-2^{31} \ldots 2^{31} - 1\)
operations: +, -, *, /, %, unary –

Java designers decided on this Principle: primitive operations on type int should yield an int.

Most-used 'primitive' types

int: values: \(-2^{31} \ldots 2^{31} - 1\)
operations: +, -, *, /, %, unary –

b % c : remainder when b is divided by c, \(67 \% 60 = 7\)

double: values like: \(-22.51\times 10^6, 24.9\)
operations: +, -, *, /, %, unary –

Write values in “scientific notation”

char: values like: ‘V’, ‘$’, ‘n’
operations: none

Use single quotes for type char.
‘n’ is new-line char

boolean: values: true false
operations: ! (not), && (and), || (or)

Can’t use integers as booleans!

About ‘primitive’ type int

Java Principle: A basic operation of type int must produce an int

int: values: \(-2^{31} \ldots 2^{31} - 1\), i.e.
operations: +, -, *, /, %, unary –

Integer.MAX_VALUE: name for max int value: \(2^{31} - 1\): \(2,147,483,647\)

Integer.MAX_VALUE + 1 is \(-2^{31}\)

Primitive number types

Integer types: byte short int long
1 byte 2 bytes 4 bytes 8 bytes
usual operators

Real types: float double
4 bytes 8 bytes
usual operators

Use these to save space.

Have an array of 1,000,000 integers in range 0..7?
Use a byte array rather than an int array

Don’t worry about this in next 7-8 weeks. Use int and double.

Casting among types

(int) 3.2 casts double value 3.2 to an int

any number type any number expression

narrow may be automatic cast wider

byte short int long float double
must be explicit cast, may truncate

(int) is a unary prefix operator, just like –

– 3 evaluates to 3
– (int) 3.2 evaluates to –3

Char is a number type!

(char) is a number type: (int) ‘V’ (char) 86

Unicode repr. in decimal: 86

Unicode: 16-bit char repr. Encodes characters in just about all languages. In Java, use hexadecimal (base 16) char literals:

‘\u0041’ is ‘A’
‘\u0043’ is ‘B’
‘\u0044’ is ‘C’
‘\u0041’ is ‘A’
‘\u0053’ is ‘S’
‘\u0066’ is ‘f’
‘\u006F’ is ‘o’

—On, the sound of the universe
—(I think) a transliteration of David into Chinese (Dao Wei)

See www.unicode.org
Basic variable declaration

Declaration: gives name of variable, type of value it can contain

- **int x;**: Declaration of x, can contain an int value
- **double area;**: Declaration of area, can contain a double value
- **int[] a;**: Declaration of a, can contain a pointer to an int array. We explain arrays much later

Assignment statement

Much like in other languages — need ‘;’ at end:

```plaintext
<variable> = <expression>; 
```

- *int x;* Have to declare x before assigning to it.
- *int x = 10;* Can combine declaration with an initializing assignment. Shorthand for a declaration followed by an assignment.

Assignment statement type restriction

Every expression has a type, which depends on its operators and the types of its operands in a natural way.

**Rule:** In `x = e;` type of `e` has to be same as or narrower than type of `x`. Reason: To avoid possibly losing info without the programmer realizing it.

- **double y = 5 + 1;** The value of 5+1 is automatically cast from type int to type double.
- **int x = 55.5 + 1;** Illegal: The exp value is of type double.
- **int x = (int)(75.5 + 1);** You can cast to int explicitly. 76 will be stored in x.

A function in Matlab, Python, and Java

Matlab

```plaintext
function s = sum(a, b)
    s = a + b;
end
```

Python

```plaintext
def sum(a, b):
    return a + b
```

Matlab function specification:

```plaintext
/* Return sum of a and b */
public static double sum(double a, double b) {
    return a + b;
}
```