

Algorithm Engineering

(2015, Q3, 5 ECTS)

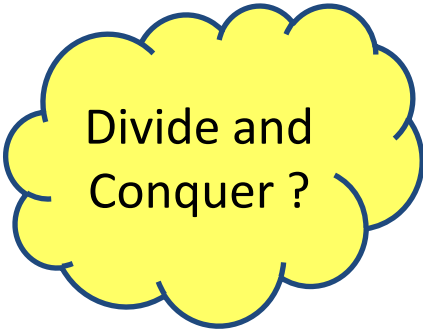
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Motivation for the course...

- Narrow the gap between theoretical algorithm courses and implementing algorithms
- Systematic experimental evaluation
- Algorithm vs hardware understanding
- ... new theory

From Idea to Program Execution

Idea



Pseudocode

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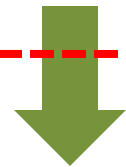
...
for each x in m up to middle
  add x to left
for each x in m after middle
  add x to right
...
    
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(Java-)code

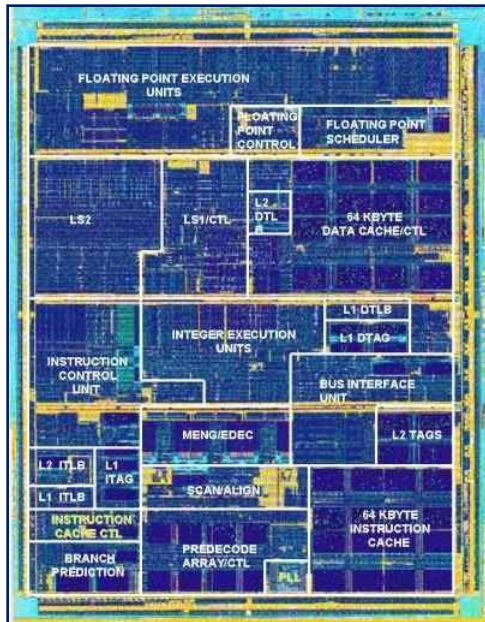
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..
if ( t1[t1index] <= t2[t2index] )
  a[index] = t1[t1index++];
else
  a[index] = t2[t2index++];
..
    
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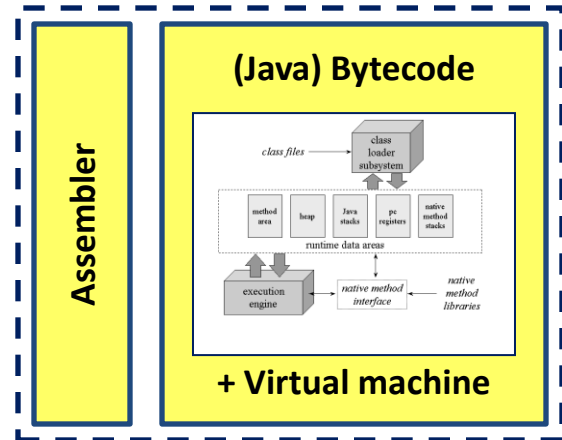
Compiler

- Microcode
- Virtual memory/ TLB
- L1, L2,... cache
- Branch Prediction
- Pipelining
- ...

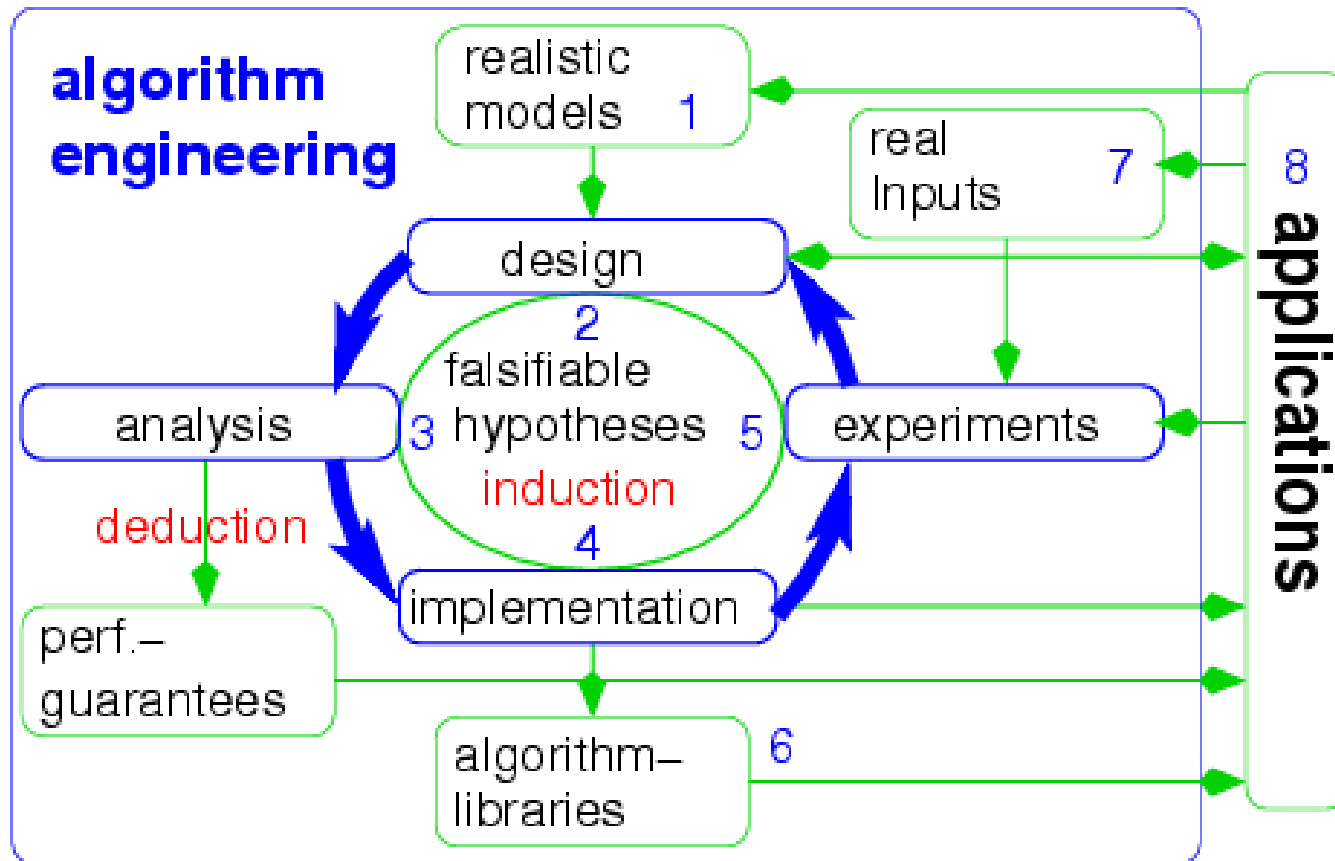


Program execution

Machine code



Theory-Experiment Cycle



Project 1

- Store a set S of N integers to support the query:
Pred(x) = return $\max \{ y \in S \mid y \leq x \}$
- Throughout testing of the performance of the Pred operation
- Groups 2-3 persons
- Next Tuesday (optional) :
A slide with your results so far

Statement :

"I implemented my fancy algorithm and ran it on this big input I found on the internet. It took 87.32 seconds to run the program"