

Introduction to Computer Engineering

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Textbook

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Let's start with a question!

Computer Science



VS

Computer Engineering



Science Definition

• The intellectual and practical activity encompassing the systematic study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment [Dictionary]

 A systematic enterprise that builds and organizes knowledge in the form of testable explanations and predictions about the universe [Wikipedia]

Engineering Definition

• The branch of science and technology concerned with the design, building, and use of engines, machines, and structures. [Dictionary]

 The discipline, art, skill and profession of acquiring and applying scientific, mathematical, economic, social, and practical knowledge, in order to design and build structures, machines, devices, systems, materials and processes that safely realize improvements to the lives of people. [Wikipedia]

Computer Science

 Computer science (abbreviated CS) is the study of the theoretical foundations of information and computation and of practical techniques for their implementation and application in computer systems



Computer Engineering

A discipline that integrates several fields of electrical engineering and computer science required to develop computer systems



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List of Computer Science Fields CSAB Definition

 Computing Sciences Accreditation Board (CSAB)



- Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)



– IEEE Computer Society (IEEE-CS)







Other Related Fields: software engineering, artificial intelligence, computer networking and communication, database systems, parallel computation, distributed computation, computer-human interaction, computer graphics, operating systems, and numerical and symbolic computation¹¹

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Programming Language Theory

Formal Methods

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Databases and Information Retrieval









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Theoretical Computer Science

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- 2. Information and coding theory
- 3. Algorithms and data structures
- 4. Programming language theory
- 5. Formal methods
- 6. Concurrent, parallel and distributed systems
- 7. Databases and information retrieval

1. Theory of Computation

What can be computed?

What amount of resources are required to perform those computations?





Automata Theory

P=NP?



Computational Complexity Theory



Quantum Computing Theory



Cryptography

1.2 Information Theory

How to quantify information?



Claude E. Shannon

Shannon found

fundamental limits on signal processing operations such as

compressing data and on reliably storing and communicating data.

1.2 Coding Theory

- Study of the properties of codes and their fitness for a specific application.
- Codes are used for:
 - Data compression
 - Cryptography
 - Error-correction
 - Network coding
- Codes are studied for the purpose of designing efficient and reliable data transmission methods.

1.3 Algorithms and Data Structures



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Analysis of Algorithms





Computational Geometry

Data Structure

1.4 Programming Language Theory

Deals with the design, implementation, analysis, characterization, and classification of programming languages and their individual features





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Type theory

Compiler Design

Programming Language Theory

1.5 Formal methods

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A particular kind of mathematically-based techniques for the specification, development and verification of software and hardware systems

The high cost of using formal methods means that they are usually only used in the development of highintegrity systems, where safety or security is of utmost importance

1.6 Concurrent, parallel and distributed systems

Several computations are executing simultaneously, and potentially interacting with each other

Distributed system extends the idea of concurrency onto multiple computers connected through a network



1.7 Databases and information retrieval

A database is intended to organize, store, and retrieve large amounts of data easily



Applied computer science

- 1. Artificial intelligence
- 2. Computer architecture and engineering
- 3. Computer graphics and visualization
- 4. Computer security and cryptography
- 5. Computational science
- 6. Information science
- 7. Software engineering

2.1 Artificial Intelligence

study and design of intelligent agents



Knowledge Representation



Pattern Recognition



Data Mining

Evolutionary Computation



Robotics



Computer vision





Machine Learning

Machine Learning

Natural Language Processing

Cognitive Science

2.2 Computer Architecture and Engineering



Computer Security





Digital Logic



Microarchitecture



Operating Systems



System Architecture



Computer Networks



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Programming Language



Data Base



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Multiprocessing

2.3 Computer graphics and visualization



Subfields in computer graphics

- 1. Geometry: studies ways to represent and process surfaces
- 2. Animation: studies with ways to represent and manipulate motion
- 3. Rendering: studies algorithms to reproduce light transport
- 4. Imaging: studies image acquisition or image editing

2.4 Computer Security and Cryptography



2.5 Computational science



Numerical Analysis



Computational Chemistry





Computational Physics

2.6 Information science



Information Retrieval



Knowledge Representation



Human Computer Interaction

2.7 Software engineering

Software engineering is the study of designing, implementing, and modifying software in order to ensure it is of high quality, affordable, maintainable, and fast to build.

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