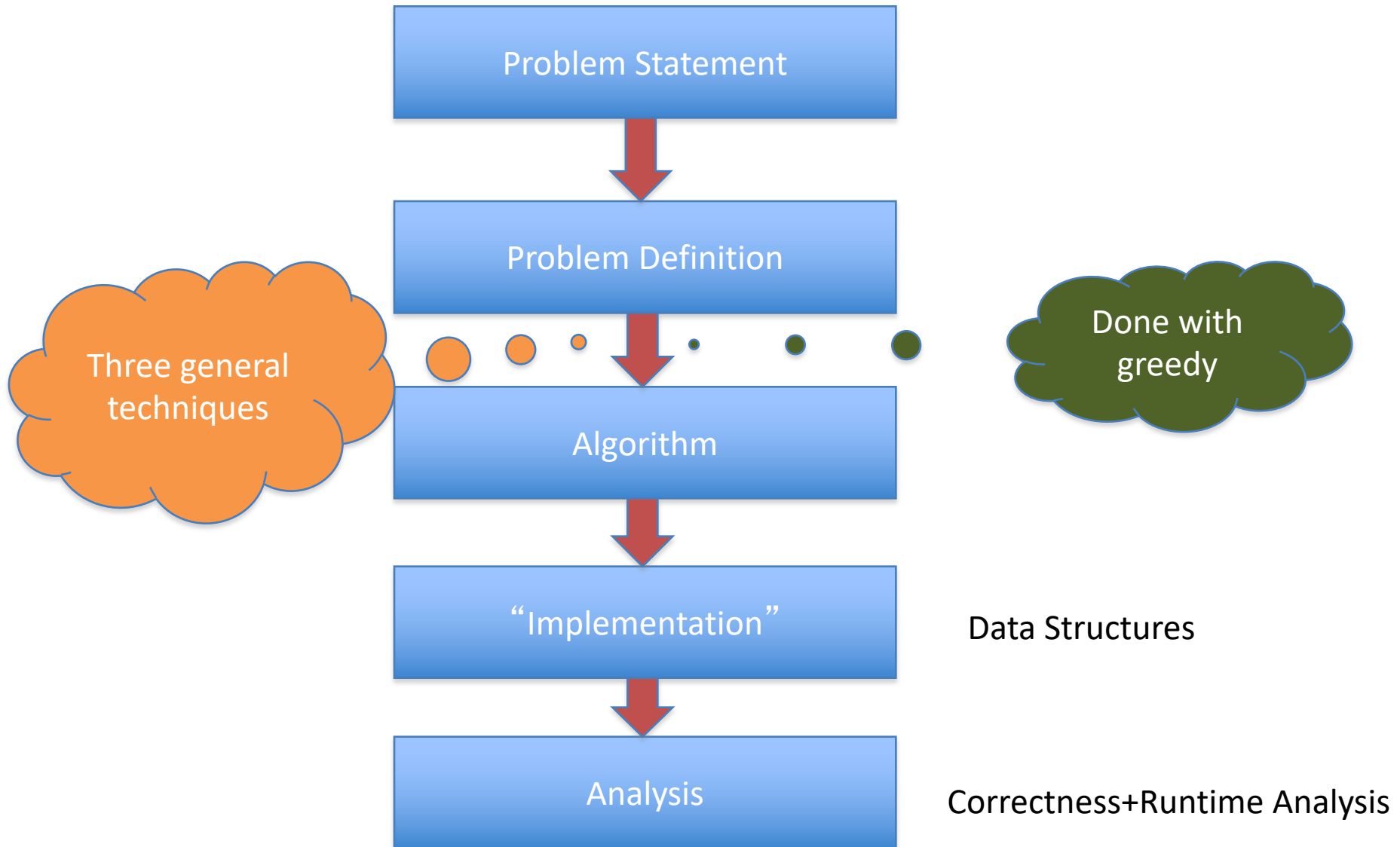


Lecture 22

CSE 331

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High Level view of the course



Divide and Conquer

Divide up the problem into at least two sub-problems

Recursively solve the sub-problems

“Patch up” the solutions to the sub-problems for the final solution

Sorting

Given n numbers order them from smallest to largest

Works for any set of elements on which there is a total order

Insertion Sort

Input: a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n

Output: b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n

$O(n^2)$ overall

Make sure that all the processed numbers are sorted

$b_1 = a_1$

for $i = 2 \dots n$

Find $1 \leq j \leq i$ s.t. a_i lies between b_{j-1} and b_j

Move b_j to b_{i-1} one cell "down"

$b_j = a_i$

$O(\log n)$

$O(n)$

a	b
4	2
3	2
2	4
1	4

Other $O(n^2)$ sorting algorithms

Selection Sort: In every round pick the min among remaining numbers

Bubble sort: The smallest number “bubbles” up

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Mergesort Algorithm

Divide up the numbers in the middle



Unless $n=2$

Sort each half recursively

Merge the two sorted halves into one sorted output

How fast can sorted arrays be merged?

Mergesort algorithm

Input: a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n

Output: Numbers in sorted order

MergeSort(a, n)

If $n = 1$ **return** the order a_1

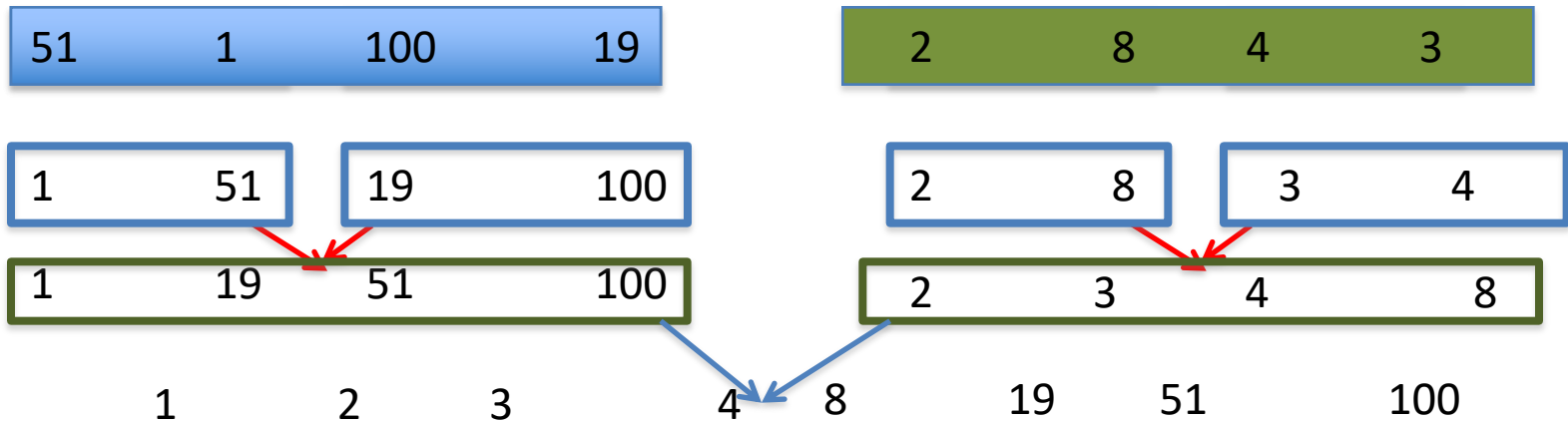
If $n = 2$ **return** the order $\min(a_1, a_2); \max(a_1, a_2)$

$a_L = a_1, \dots, a_{n/2}$

$a_R = a_{n/2+1}, \dots, a_n$

return MERGE (**MergeSort**($a_L, n/2$), **MergeSort**($a_R, n/2$))

An example run



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Correctness

Input: a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n

Output: Numbers in sorted order

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By
induction
on n

Inductive step follows from correctness of MERGE

Rest of today's agenda

Analyze runtime of mergesort algorithm