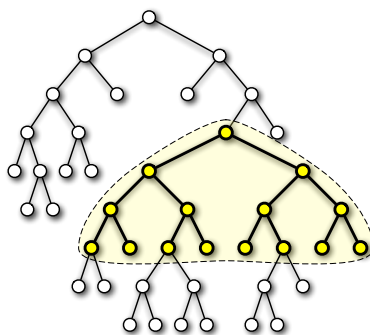


You have 90 minutes to answer four of these questions.
Write your answers in the separate answer booklet.
 You may take the question sheet with you when you leave.

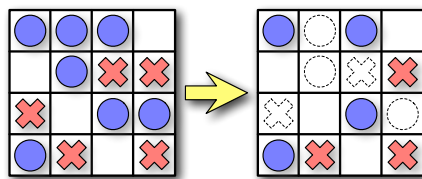
- Recall that a binary tree is *complete* if every internal node has two children and every leaf has the same depth. An *internal subtree* of a binary tree is a connected subgraph, consisting of a node and some (possibly all or none) of its descendants.

Describe and analyze an algorithm that computes the depth of the *largest complete internal subtree* of a given n -node binary tree. For full credit, your algorithm should run in $O(n)$ time.

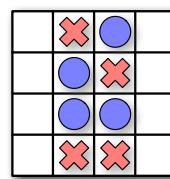


The largest complete internal subtree in this binary tree has depth 3.

- Consider the following solitaire game. The puzzle consists of an $n \times m$ grid of squares, where each square may be empty, occupied by a red stone, or occupied by a blue stone. The goal of the puzzle is to remove some of the given stones so that the remaining stones satisfy two conditions: (1) every row contains at least one stone, and (2) no column contains stones of both colors. For some initial configurations of stones, reaching this goal is impossible.



A solvable puzzle and one of its many solutions.



An unsolvable puzzle.

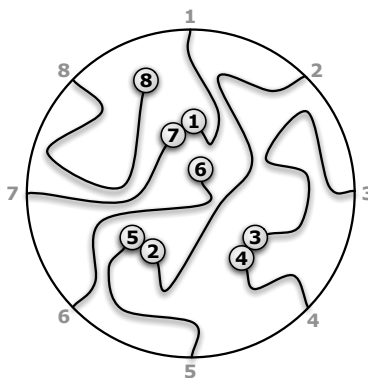
Prove that it is NP-hard to determine, given an initial configuration of red and blue stones, whether the puzzle can be solved.

- Suppose you are given two sorted arrays $A[1..n]$ and $B[1..n]$ and an integer k . Describe and analyze an algorithm to find the k th largest element in the union of A and B in $O(\log n)$ time. For example, given the input

$$A[1..8] = [0, 1, 6, 9, 12, 13, 18, 21], \quad B[1..8] = [2, 4, 5, 8, 14, 17, 19, 20], \quad k = 10,$$

your algorithm should return 13. You can assume that the arrays contain no duplicates. [Hint: What can you learn from comparing one element of A to one element of B ?]

4. Every year, as part of its annual meeting, the Antarctic Snail Lovers of Upper Glacierville hold a Round Table Mating Race. Several high-quality breeding snails are placed at the edge of a round table. The snails are numbered in order around the table from 1 to n . During the race, each snail wanders around the table, leaving a trail of slime behind it. The snails have been specially trained never to fall off the edge of the table or to cross a slime trail, even their own. If two snails meet, they are declared a breeding pair, removed from the table, and whisked away to a romantic hole in the ground to make little baby snails. Note that some snails may never find a mate, even if the race goes on forever.



The end of a typical Antarctic SLUG race. Snails 6 and 8 never find mates.
The organizers must pay $M[3, 4] + M[2, 5] + M[1, 7]$.

For every pair of snails, the Antarctic SLUG race organizers have posted a monetary reward, to be paid to the owners if that pair of snails meets during the Mating Race. Specifically, there is a two-dimensional array $M[1..n, 1..n]$ posted on the wall behind the Round Table, where $M[i, j] = M[j, i]$ is the reward to be paid if snails i and j meet.

Describe and analyze an algorithm to compute the maximum total reward that the organizers could be forced to pay, given the array M as input.

5. SUBSETSUM and PARTITION are two closely-related NP-hard problems.

- SUBSETSUM: Given a set X of positive integers and an integer t , determine whether there is a subset of X whose elements sum to t .
- PARTITION: Given a set X of positive integers, determine whether X can be partitioned into two subsets whose elements sum to the same value.

- Describe a polynomial-time reduction from SUBSETSUM to PARTITION.
- Describe a polynomial-time reduction from PARTITION to SUBSETSUM.

Don't forget to **prove** that your reductions are correct.