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Answer the questions in the spaces provided. If you run out of room for an answer, continue on the back of the page.

1. (15 points) Directly determine if $f(n) = O(g(n))$, or if $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$, or if $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$.

(a) $f(n) = 2^{2n}$, $g(n) = 2^n$.

(b) $f(n) = n^{\log c}$, $g(n) = c^{\log n}$.

(c) $f(n) = 8 \log(n^n)$, $g(n) = 100 \log(n!)$.

(d) $f(n) = n$, $g(n) = \log^2 n$.

(e) $f(n) = n \log n + n$, $g(n) = \log n + n$.

Solution:

a) We evaluate the limit:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{2n}}{2^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2^n)^2}{2^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n = \infty$$

Since the limit is ∞ , $f(n)$ grows asymptotically faster than $g(n)$. Therefore, $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$.

b) We use the identity $a^b = b^{\log_k a}$ for any base k . More simply, we can use the property $x^y = (e^{\ln x})^y = e^{y \ln x}$.

$$f(n) = n^{\log c} = e^{\ln(n^{\log c})} = e^{\log c \cdot \ln n}$$

$$g(n) = c^{\log n} = e^{\ln(c^{\log n})} = e^{\log n \cdot \ln c}$$

Since $\ln n \cdot \ln c = \ln c \cdot \ln n$, we have $f(n) = g(n)$. Therefore, $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$.

c) First, simplify $f(n)$ using the logarithm property $\log(a^b) = b \log a$:

$$f(n) = 8 \log(n^n) = 8n \log n$$

For $g(n)$, we use Stirling's approximation for $\ln(n!)$ which states $\ln(n!) \approx n \ln n - n$. Assuming \log is \ln (natural logarithm) or any other base, the dominant term is $n \log n$.

$$g(n) = 100 \log(n!) \approx 100(n \log n - n) = 100n \log n - 100n$$

Now, we evaluate the limit:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8n \log n}{100n \log n - 100n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8n \log n}{100n(\log n - 1)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8 \log n}{100(\log n - 1)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8}{100\left(1 - \frac{1}{\log n}\right)} = \frac{8}{100(1 - 0)} = \frac{8}{100} = \frac{2}{25}\end{aligned}$$

Since the limit is a positive finite constant $\frac{2}{25}$, $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ have the same asymptotic growth rate.

Therefore, $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$.

d) We evaluate the limit:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\log^2 n}$$

This is an indeterminate form $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$, so we can apply L'Hôpital's rule. We assume $\log n$ is $\ln n$.

Applying L'Hôpital's rule once:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dn}(n)}{\frac{d}{dn}(\ln^2 n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2 \ln n \cdot \frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2 \ln n}$$

This is still an indeterminate form $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$, so we apply L'Hôpital's rule again:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dn}(n)}{\frac{d}{dn}(2 \ln n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2 \cdot \frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2} = \infty$$

Since the limit is ∞ , $f(n)$ grows asymptotically faster than $g(n)$.

Therefore, $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$.

e) We evaluate the limit:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \log n + n}{\log n + n}$$

Divide both numerator and denominator by n :

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \log n}{n} + \frac{\frac{n}{\log n}}{n} + \frac{n}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n + 1}{\frac{\log n}{n} + 1} + 1$$

We know that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n}{n} = 0$.

$$= \frac{\infty + 1}{0 + 1} = \frac{\infty}{1} = \infty$$

Since the limit is ∞ , $f(n)$ grows asymptotically faster than $g(n)$.

Therefore, $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$.

2. (10 points) Solve the recurrence relation: for $n \geq 2$, $f(n) = 5f(n-1) - 6f(n-2)$; $f(0) = 1$; $f(1) = 0$.

Solution:

For the recurrence relation $f(n) = 5f(n-1) - 6f(n-2)$, the characteristic equation is:

$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$$

Factoring: $(x-2)(x-3) = 0$, so $x_1 = 2$ and $x_2 = 3$.

The general solution is: $f(n) = c_1 \cdot 2^n + c_2 \cdot 3^n$

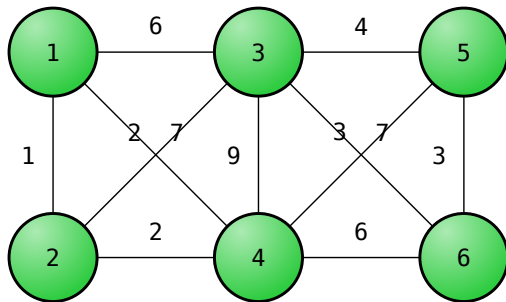
Using initial conditions $f(0) = 1$ and $f(1) = 0$:

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 1 \\ 2c_1 + 3c_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solving: $c_2 = -2$ and $c_1 = 3$.

Therefore: $f(n) = 3 \cdot 2^n - 2 \cdot 3^n$

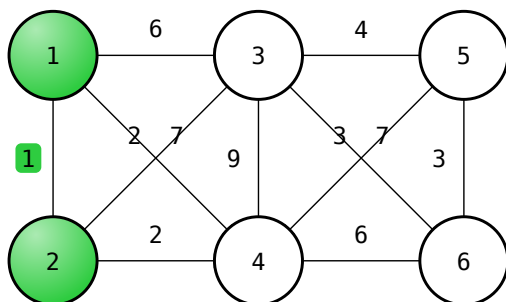
3. (10 points) Using Prim's algorithm, find the minimum spanning tree of the graph below.



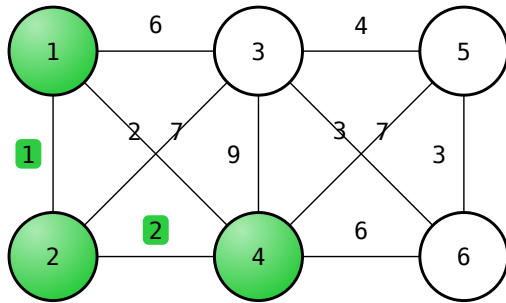
Solution:

Prim's Algorithm Steps

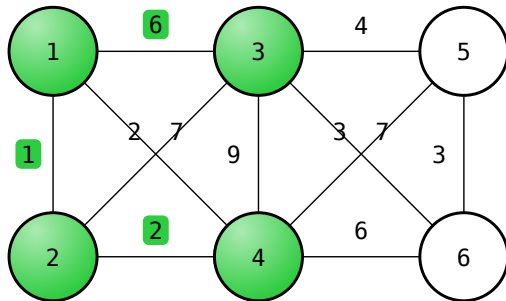
Step 1: Start with node 1. Available edges: 1-2(1), 1-3(6), 1-4(7). Choose 1-2 with weight 1.



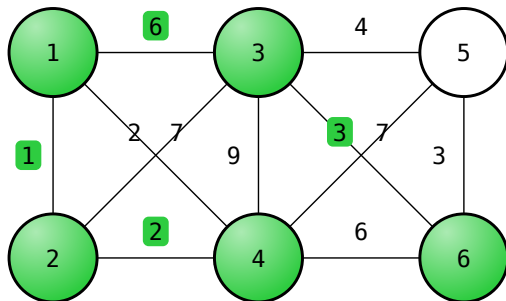
Step 2: MST = {1,2}. Available edges: 1-3(6), 1-4(2), 2-4(2), 2-3(7). Choose 2-4 with weight 2.



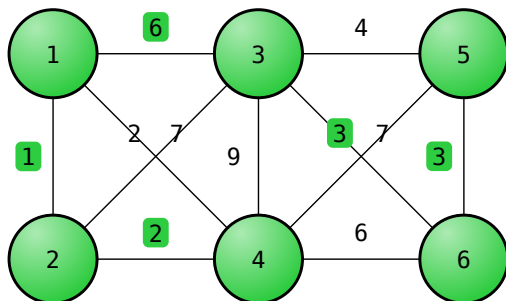
Step 3: $MST = \{1,2,4\}$. Available edges: $1-3(6)$, $2-3(7)$, $4-6(6)$, $4-5(3)$. Choose $1-3$ with weight 6.



Step 4: $MST = \{1,2,3,4\}$. Available edges: $3-5(4)$, $3-6(3)$, $4-6(6)$, $4-5(7)$. Choose $3-6$ with weight 3.

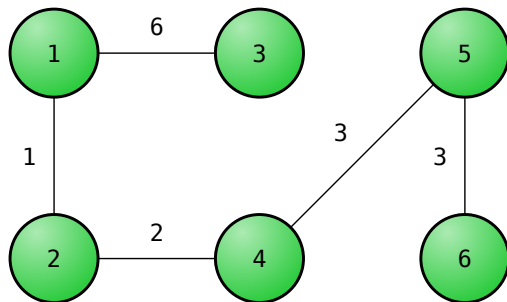


Step 5: $MST = \{1,2,3,4,6\}$. Available edges: $3-5(4)$, $4-5(7)$, $5-6(3)$. Choose $5-6$ with weight 3.

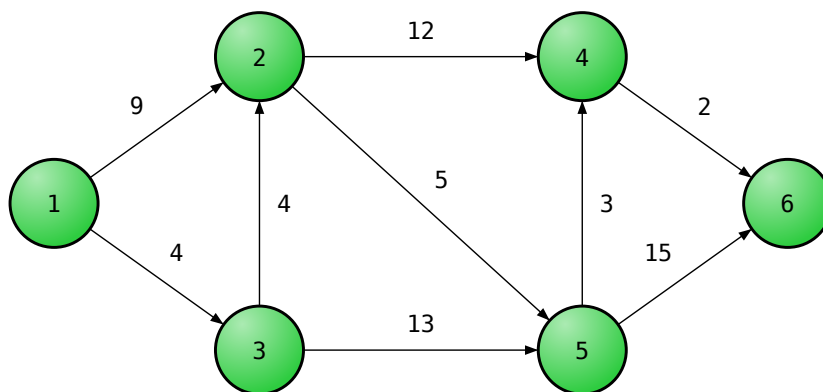


Step 6: All nodes included. MST complete.

Final MST:



4. (15 points) Using Dijkstra's algorithm, solve the single-source shortest path problem for the graph below, with the source node set to 1.

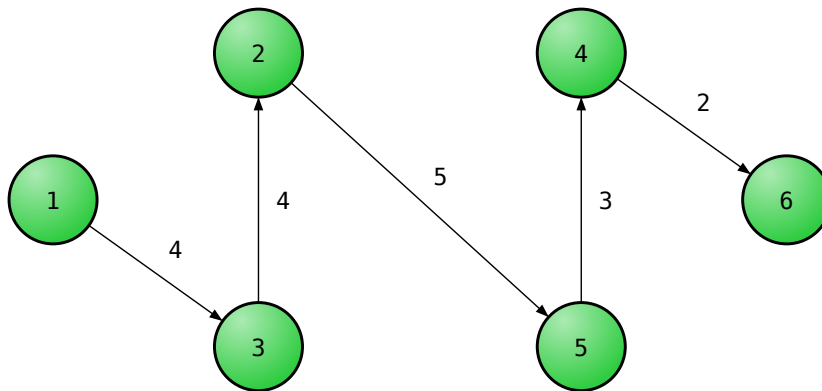


Solution:

Dijkstra's Algorithm Steps

Step	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	0	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞
2		9	4	∞	∞	∞
3		8		∞	17	∞
4				20	13	∞
5				16		28
6						18

Final Shortest Distances



5. (15 points) Use dynamic programming to solve the 0 – 1 knapsack problem. Given that the knapsack capacity is 22, and the volumes of 5 items are 3, 5, 7, 8, 9 respectively, with corresponding values of 4, 6, 7, 9, 10. Find the maximum value of the knapsack and the selected items.

Solution:

It.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
2	0	0	0	4	4	6	6	6	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
3	0	0	0	4	4	6	6	7	10	10	11	11	13	13	13	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
4	0	0	0	4	4	6	6	7	10	10	11	13	13	15	15	17	19	19	20	20	22	22	22
5	0	0	0	4	4	6	6	7	10	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	20	21	23	23	25

Therefore, the maximum value of items we can select is 25, and the items chosen are 2, 4, and 5.

6. Find the matrix chain multiplication for the following 5 matrices: $M_1(4 \times 5)$; $M_2(5 \times 4)$; $M_3(4 \times 6)$; $M_4(6 \times 4)$; $M_5(4 \times 5)$.

(a) (10 points) Using either a textual description or pseudocode, outline the dynamic programming algorithm for the problem.

Solution:

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Matrix-Chain(p, n):
    for i ← 1 to n do m[i][i] ← 0;
    for l ← 2 to n do // l is length of sub-chain
        for i ← 1 to n - l + 1 do
            j ← i + l - 1;
            m[i][j] ← ∞;
            for k ← i to j - 1 do
                q ← m[i][k] + m[k+1][j] + p[i-1] * p[k] * p[j];
                if q < m[i][j] then
                    m[i][j] ← q;
                    s[i][j] ← k;
    return m and s;

```

(b) (10 points) Describe how this algorithm is used to solve the problem, and present the final results.

Solution:

Table of multiplication costs:

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	80	176	240	320
2		0	120	176	276
3			0	96	176
4				0	120
5					0

Table of optimal splits:

	1	2	3	4	5
1		1	2	2	4
2			2	2	2
3				3	4
4					4
5					

Therefore, the optimal parenthesization for this matrix chain is $((M_1M_2)(M_3M_4))M_5$, and the minimum number of multiplications required is 320.

7. (15 points) Let A be a sequence of n numbers. An element x in A is called an “approximate median” if the number of elements less than x is at least $\frac{n}{3}$, and the number of elements greater than x is also at least $\frac{n}{3}$. Design an algorithm to find an approximate median of A . Explain the design idea of your algorithm and its worst-case time complexity.

Solution:

An approximate median means the element x ’s rank falls between $\frac{n}{3}$ and $\frac{2n}{3}$. In simpler terms, x is an element located in the middle third of the sorted array.

Therefore, any element in the middle third of a sorted array will satisfy the approximate median condition. We can use QuickSort to completely sort the array, then select any element from the valid range.

Algorithm: QuickSort Approach

```
void QSort(Elem A[], int p, int q) {
    if (p >= q) return;
    Elem pivot = A[p];
    int m = partition(A, p, q, pivot);
    QSort(A, p, m - 1);
    QSort(A, m + 1, q);
}
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int partition(Elem A[], int p, int q, Elem x) {  
    int i = p;  
    for (int j = p + 1; j <= q; ++j) {  
        if (A[j] <= x) {  
            ++i;  
            swap(A[i], A[j]);  
        }  
    }  
    swap(A[p], A[i]);  
    return i;  
}
```

Then, just return any element from the range $A\left[\frac{n}{3}\right]$ to $A\left[\frac{2n}{3}\right]$.

The worst-case time complexity of this algorithm is $O(n \log n)$.