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D4 - SYMBOL TABLES (AND SORTING)

Problems 4 through 7 are of the problem solving type. You are to give an efficient algorithmic method that solves the given problem. Give answers as a clear but *succinct* text description (few lines each). Grade is given for serious effort.

If not specified, you should assume that input numbers can have a very large range.

Problem 1. *What is the most frequent word in "A tale of two cities" (tale.txt) of length at least 7 that starts with the same letter as your first name? How frequent is it? [Hint: Consider `FrequencyCounter.java`]*

Problem 2. *(Problem 3.2.4) Suppose that a certain BST has keys that are integers between 1 and 10, and we search for 5. Which sequence below cannot be the sequence of keys examined?*

- (1) 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5
- (2) 4, 10, 8, 6, 5
- (3) 1, 10, 2, 9, 3, 8, 4, 7, 6, 5
- (4) 2, 7, 3, 8, 4, 5
- (5) 1, 2, 10, 4, 8, 5

Problem 3. *Write the constructor `BST(double a[])`, that converts the unsorted array of numbers into a corresponding (properly ordered) binary search tree. The tree should be of minimum height, and the method efficient. You may use support functions.*

Problem 4. *Josie needs a data structure that can handle the following operations: `push`, `pop`, `contains`, `remove`, where `contains(Item x)` answers whether a given item is in the data structure and `remove(Item x)` removes the given item from the data structure. How can this be implemented efficiently?*

Problem 5. *We are given k sorted arrays, with a total of N (distinct) elements, where $k < N$. How can we output all the numbers in sorted order, using time $O(N \log k)$?*

Problem 6. *Given a collection of intervals (on the real line) and a real value x , a stabbing count query is the number of intervals that contain x . Design a data structure that supports interval insertions intermixed with stabbing count queries, in logarithmic time per operation.*

Problem 7. *Give a sequence of N insertions into a red-black tree that lead to the tree having height $\sim 2 \log N$. (You may assume $N = 2^k - 2$, for some k).*

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Problem 8. Suppose that the keys *A* through *G*, with the hash keys given below, are inserted in some order into an initially empty table of size 7 using linear probing ($M=7$, no resizing).

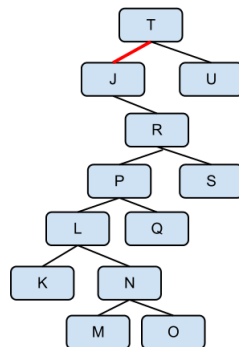
key	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
hash	2	0	5	4	4	4	2

Which of the following (more than one might apply) could not possibly result from inserting these keys? Explain briefly.

- (1) B E A G D F C
- (2) C F A G D E B
- (3) F B G A E C D
- (4) F C B G A D E

Class Problems. These problems will be discussed in the exercise sections. Please attempt all these problems before that class, as this is essential to understanding the fundamentals.

Problem 9. (Problem 3.3.16) Show the result of inserting the letter *n* into the red-black BST shown on page 450 (only the search path is shown, and you need to include only these nodes in your answer).



Problem 10. (Problem 3.3.5, shortened) Draw all structurally different 2-3 trees for $N = 7, 8$, and 9 . (The trees for N from 1 to 6 are shown on p. 449)