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EXAMINATION

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COMP2823 Data Structures and Algorithms (Adv)

**EXAM WRITING TIME:** 2 hours

**READING TIME:** 10 mins

**EXAM CONDITIONS:**

This is a OPEN book examination.

All submitted work must be **done individually** without consulting someone else's help, in accordance with the University's "Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism" policies.

**MATERIALS PERMITTED IN THE EXAM VENUE:**

**MATERIALS TO BE SUPPLIED TO STUDENTS:**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS:**

Type your answers in your text editor (Latex, Word, etc.) and convert it into a pdf file.

Submit this pdf file via Canvas. No other file format will be accepted. Hand-written responses will **not** be accepted.

Start by typing you student ID at the top of the first page of your submission. Do **not** type your name.

Submit only your answers to the questions. Do **not** copy the questions.

Do **not** copy any text from the permitted materials. Always write your answers in your own words.

**For examiner use only:**

Problem	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Marks						
Out of	10	10	15	15	10	60

**Problem 1.**

a) Analyze the time complexity of this algorithm.

[5 marks]

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1: def COMPUTE(A)
2:   result  $\leftarrow$  0
3:   for i = 0; i < n; i ++ do
4:     if A[i] > i then
5:       result  $\leftarrow$  result + A[i]
6:   return result

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b) We are planning a board games event and we're using one of the shelves in my office to store the games. Unfortunately the shelf only has a certain amount of space  $S$ , so we need to carefully pick which games we want to bring. Every game takes some space  $s_i$  and has a fun factor  $f_i$  that indicates how much fun it is to play that game (for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). [5 marks]

We want to maximize the amount of fun we'll have, so we want to maximize the sum of the fun factors of the games we pick (i.e.,  $\max \sum_{\text{picked game } i} f_i$ ), while

making sure that the games fit on my shelf, so the sum of the space the games we pick take should be at most  $S$  (i.e.,  $\sum_{\text{picked game } i} s_i \leq S$ ). For simplicity, you can

assume that all  $f_i$ ,  $s_i$ , and  $S$  are all distinct positive integers.

The strategy of PICKLARGEST is to always pick the game with the highest fun factor until my shelf is full: it sorts the games by their fun factor  $f_i$  in decreasing order and adds a game when its required space is less than the remaining space on the shelf.

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1: def PICKLARGEST(all  $f_i$  and  $s_i$ ,  $S$ )
2:   currentSpace  $\leftarrow$  0
3:   currentFun  $\leftarrow$  0
4:   Sort games by  $f_i$  and renumber such that  $f_1 \geq f_2 \geq \dots \geq f_n$ 
5:   for i  $\leftarrow$  1; i  $\leq$  n; i++ do
6:     if currentSpace +  $s_i \leq S$  then
7:       currentSpace  $\leftarrow$  currentSpace +  $s_i$            ▷ Pick the ith game
8:       currentFun  $\leftarrow$  currentFun +  $f_i$ 
9:   return currentFun

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Show that PICKLARGEST doesn't always return the correct solution by giving a counterexample.

**Problem 2.** The product of two  $n \times n$  matrices  $X$  and  $Y$  is a third  $n \times n$  matrix  $Z = XY$ , where the  $(i, j)$  entry of  $Z$  is  $Z_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n X_{ik}Y_{kj}$ . This definition immediately leads to an  $O(n^3)$  time algorithm for matrix multiplication. Here we explore the option of designing an alternative algorithm using divide and conquer. Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are divided into four  $n/2 \times n/2$  blocks each:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } Y = \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{bmatrix}.$$

Using this block notation we can express the product of  $X$  and  $Y$  as follows

$$XY = \begin{bmatrix} AE + BG & AF + BH \\ CE + DG & CF + DH \end{bmatrix}.$$

In this way, one multiplication of  $n \times n$  matrices can be expressed in terms of 8 multiplications and 4 additions that involve  $n/2 \times n/2$  matrices. It is straightforward to translate this insight into a divide and conquer algorithm for matrix multiplication; unfortunately, this new algorithm's time complexity is again  $O(n^3)$ .

Suppose that instead of 8 recursive multiplications of  $n/2 \times n/2$  matrices, we could compute the product using only 4 such matrix multiplications and a constant number of matrix addition operations. Let  $T(n)$  be the time complexity of multiplying two  $n \times n$  matrices using this improved recursive algorithm. **Your task** is to

- a) Derive the recurrence for  $T(n)$ . (Assume that adding two  $k \times k$  matrices takes  $O(k^2)$  time.) [5 marks]
- b) Solve the recurrence by unrolling it or using the Master Theorem. [5 marks]

**Problem 3.** Consider the *Dynamic Matrix* ADT for representing an matrix  $A = \{a_{i,j}\}_{i,j=1}^n$  that supports the following operations:

- **CREATE()**: creates a  $1 \times 1$  matrix where  $a_{1,1} = 0$ .
- **SET/GET( $i, j$ )**: set or get the value of the entry  $a_{i,j}$ .
- **INCREASE-SIZE**: If the current size of the matrix is  $n \times n$ , increase it to  $n + 1 \times n + 1$  such that the new entries are set of 0. In other words,  $A$  becomes  $A'$  such that  $a'_{i,j} = a_{i,j}$  if  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , and  $a'_{i,j} = 0$  otherwise.

**Your task** is to come up with a data structure implementation for the Dynamic Matrix ADT that uses  $O(n^2)$  space, where  $n$  is the size of the matrix, and **CREATE**, **SET**, **GET** take  $O(1)$  and **INCREASE-SIZE** takes  $O(n)$  time. Remember to:

- a) Describe your data structure implementation in plain English. [6 marks]
- b) Prove the correctness of your data structure. [6 marks]
- c) Analyze the time and space complexity of your data structure. [3 marks]

**Problem 4.** Let  $G$  be a connected undirected graph on  $n$  vertices. We say that two distinct spanning trees  $T$  and  $S$  of  $G$  are *one swap away* from each other if  $|T \cap S| = n - 2$ ; that is,  $T$  and  $S$  differ in only one edge.

For two distinct spanning trees  $T$  and  $S$  we say that  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_k$  form a *swapping sequence* from  $T$  to  $S$  if:

1.  $R_1 = T$ ,
2.  $R_k = S$ , and
3. for any  $1 \leq i < k$ , the trees  $R_i$  and  $R_{i+1}$  are one swap away from each other

**Your task** is to design a polynomial time algorithm that given  $G$  and two spanning trees  $T$  and  $S$  of  $G$ , constructs a minimum length swapping sequence. Remember to:

- a) Describe your algorithm in plain English. [6 marks]
- b) Prove the correctness of your algorithm. [6 marks]
- c) Analyze the time complexity of your algorithm. [3 marks]

**Problem 5.** One last hard problem here.

[10 marks]