COMP9315 DBMS Implementation
Final Exam

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Question 4 (6 marks)

Consider a table `R(a,b,c,d)` indexed by tuple-based superimposed codeword signatures. The data and signature files have the following properties:

Page Size	4096 bytes
Number of records (r_R)	10000
Record size (R_R)	32 bytes
Signature size (m)	58 bits
Bits/attribute (k)	10 bits
False match probability (p_F)	1 in 1000

You can make the following (slightly unrealistic) assumptions:

- there are no headers on either data pages or signature pages
  each page (except the last) is packed with as many tuples as will fit
- the table has no primary key attribute
- a query like `R(?,b,c,d)` has exactly 4 genuine matches
- this query also has exactly 10 false matches (consistent with p_F)
- each matching tuple is on a different page
- each false match is on a different page
- no false match occurs on the same page as a genuine match

Based on the above, answer the following:

a. How many pages are there in the data file?

b. How many pages are there in the signature file?

c. How many pages are read in answering the query `R(?,b,c,d)`?
(include both signature pages and data pages, as needed)

d. How many pages are read in answering the query R(?,?,?,?)?
(include both signature pages and data pages, as needed)

e. What feature of the query signature would allow you to optimise the page reads for `R(?,?,?,?)`?

f. What would be the values of m and k if we decided to use page-level signatures, rather than tuple-level signatures?

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