

# Data structures and algorithms, exam

(DAT038, DIT182, DAT495, DAT525, and TDA417)

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We will visit exam rooms continuously throughout the exam.

**Notes:** *Answer directly on the question sheets!*

If you need additional space, you can use extra pages.  
Refer to them from the question sheet so that we don't miss them.

Write your anonymous code (not your name) on the first page of the question sheet (and on all extra pages). Don't tear pages out of this question sheet.

You may answer in English or Swedish.

Excessively complicated answers may be rejected.  
Write legibly, we need to be able to read your answer!

Questions and solutions will be published afterwards here:  
<https://github.com/ChalmersGU-data-structure-courses/past-exams>

**Allowed aids** One *hand-written* A4 sheet of notes (double sided).  
If you make use of a sheet, you must hand it in along with your answers.

**Review** When the exams have been graded, they will be available for review in the CSE Student Office at Johanneberg (EDIT floor 6) during their opening hours. If your course was originally given at Lindholmen (DIT18X, DAT495), the exams will be moved after a couple of weeks to the Lindholmen Student Office in Jupiter floor 4.

If you want to discuss the grading, you can contact the examiner via email. Remarks about the grading should be explained thoroughly. Attach a picture of your answer.

**Grading** The six basic questions are graded either **correct** or **incorrect**, while the three advanced questions are awarded 0, 1 or 2 points each.

- To pass the exam, you must pass 5 of the 6 basic questions.

For advanced grades, the following additional requirements must be met:

- 4: 2 out of 6 points for the advanced questions.
- 5: 4 out of 6 points for the advanced questions.
- VG: 3 out of 6 points for the advanced questions.

**Good luck!**

## INEFFECTIVE SORTS

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DEFINE HALFHEARTEDMERGESORT(LIST):
  IF LENGTH(LIST) < 2:
    RETURN LIST
  PIVOT = INT(LENGTH(LIST) / 2)
  A = HALFHEARTEDMERGESORT(LIST[:PIVOT])
  B = HALFHEARTEDMERGESORT(LIST[PIVOT:])
  // UMMMMMM
  RETURN[A, B] // HERE. SORRY.

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DEFINE FASTBOGOSORT(LIST):
  // AN OPTIMIZED BOGOSORT
  // RUNS IN O(N LOG N)
  FOR N FROM 1 TO LOG(LENGTH(LIST)):
    SHUFFLE(LIST):
    IF ISSORTED(LIST):
      RETURN LIST
  RETURN "KERNEL PAGE FAULT (ERROR CODE: 2)"

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DEFINE JOBINTERVIEWQUICKSORT(LIST):
  OK SO YOU CHOOSE A PIVOT
  THEN DIVIDE THE LIST IN HALF
  FOR EACH HALF:
    CHECK TO SEE IF IT'S SORTED
    NO, WAIT, IT DOESN'T MATTER
    COMPARE EACH ELEMENT TO THE PIVOT
    THE BIGGER ONES GO IN A NEW LIST
    THE EQUAL ONES GO INTO, UH
    THE SECOND LIST FROM BEFORE
  HANG ON, LET ME NAME THE LISTS
  THIS IS LIST A
  THE NEW ONE IS LIST B
  PUT THE BIG ONES INTO LIST B
  NOW TAKE THE SECOND LIST
  CALL IT LIST, UH, A2
  WHICH ONE WAS THE PIVOT IN?
  SCRATCH ALL THAT
  IT JUST RECURSIVELY CALLS ITSELF
  UNTIL BOTH LISTS ARE EMPTY
  RIGHT?
  NOT EMPTY, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN
  AM I ALLOWED TO USE THE STANDARD LIBRARIES?

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DEFINE PANICSORT(LIST):
  IF ISSORTED(LIST):
    RETURN LIST
  FOR N FROM 1 TO 10000:
    PIVOT = RANDOM(0, LENGTH(LIST))
    LIST = LIST[PIVOT:] + LIST[:PIVOT]
    IF ISSORTED(LIST):
      RETURN LIST
  IF ISSORTED(LIST):
    RETURN LIST
  IF ISSORTED(LIST): // THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING
    RETURN LIST
  IF ISSORTED(LIST): // COME ON COME ON
    RETURN LIST
  // OH JEEZ
  // I'M GONNA BE IN SO MUCH TROUBLE
  LIST = [ ]
  SYSTEM("SHUTDOWN -H +5")
  SYSTEM("RM -RF ./")
  SYSTEM("RM -RF ~/*")
  SYSTEM("RM -RF /")
  SYSTEM("RD /S /Q C:\*") // PORTABILITY
  RETURN [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

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