

## Problem Sheet <sup>1</sup>

1. Given two sorted arrays  $A$  and  $B$ , find the  $k$ -th smallest element in the final sorted array. Design a divide and conquer algorithm to solve the problem. Justify the time complexity.
2. You are given a unimodal array of  $n$  distinct elements, meaning that its entries are in increasing order up until its maximum element, after which its elements are in decreasing order. Give a divide and conquer algorithm to compute the maximum element of a unimodal array that runs in  $O(\log n)$  time.
3. In an infinite array, the first  $n$  cells contain integers in sorted order and the rest of the cells are filled with  $\infty$ . Present an algorithm that takes  $x$  as input and finds the position of  $x$  in the array in  $O(\log n)$  time. You are not given the value of  $n$ .
4. Given a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$  of  $n$  points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , where  $p_i = (x_i, y_i)$ . Let  $s_{ij}$  denotes the slope of the line segment joining  $p_i$  and  $p_j$  and  $S = \{s_{ij} \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n\}$ . Basically,  $S$  contains all the slopes. Thus,  $|S| = O(n^2)$ . The objective is to compute maximum slope in  $S$  in  $O(n \log n)$  time, rather than the obvious  $O(n^2)$  time. Devise an algorithm for the above mentioned objective. (*Hint: 1. Use geometrical property, 2. the desired time complexity is another clue.*)
5. Recall the problem of finding the number of inversions. As discussed in the class, we are given a sequence of  $n$  numbers  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ , which we assume are all distinct, and we define an inversion to be a pair  $i < j$  such that  $a_i > a_j$ . However, one might feel that this measure is too sensitive. Let's call a pair a significant inversion if  $i < j$  and  $a_i > 2a_j$ . Give an  $O(n \log n)$  algorithm to count the number of significant inversions with new measure.
6. Find  $7499 \times 9274$  using *Karatsuba's Divide and Conquer Integer Multiplication Algorithm*.
7. Devise a divide and conquer algorithm for multiplying  $n$ -digit long integer to a single digit. Do it in  $O(n \log n)$ . Justify the time complexity. (eg. 4 digit: 1234 multiplied by 5).
8. Devise a divide and conquer algorithm for adding two  $n$ -digit long integers. Do it in  $O(n \log n)$ . Justify the time complexity.

### 9. Maximum Contiguous Subsequence Sum

Input: A sequence of  $n$  integers.

Output:  $\max(\sum_{i=b}^{i=e} a_i \mid 1 \leq b \leq e \leq n)$ .

Eg  $A = -3, 1, 3, -3, 4, -7$ , the maximum contiguous subsequence is  $1, 3, -3, 4$ , the result is 5.

Devise an efficient Divide and Conquer algorithm for the problem.

10. Given a set of  $n$  intervals  $I = [a_1, b_1], [a_2, b_2], \dots, [a_n, b_n]$ . Here  $a_i < b_i$  for all  $i = 1$  to  $n$ . Devise a Divide and Conquer algorithm to compute the length of the biggest overlap between any two intervals in  $O(n \log n)$  time. Justify the time complexity. For eg,  $[1, 7]$  overlaps with  $[3, 9]$ , and the length of the overlap between them is  $7 - 3 + 1 = 4$ .

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