

CS2040S — Algorithms and Data Structures  
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# Midterm Assessment — Answer Sheet

2022/2023 Semester 2

Time allowed: 2 hours

## Instructions (please read carefully):

- Write down your **student number** on the right and using ink or pencil, shade the corresponding circle in the grid for each digit or letter. **DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME!**
- This answer booklet comprises **TEN (10) pages**, including this cover page.
- All questions must be answered in the space provided; no extra sheets will be accepted as answers. You may use the extra page behind this cover page if you need more space for your answers.
- You must submit only the **ANSWER SHEET** and no other documents. The question set may be used as scratch paper.
- An excerpt of the question may be provided to aid you in answering in the correct box. It is not the exact question. You should still refer to the original question in the question booklet.
- You are allowed to use pencils, ball-pens or fountain pens, as you like as long as it is legible (no red color, please).
- Marks may be deducted** for unreadable answers.

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Question	Marks
Q1	12 / 12
Q2	15 / 18
Q3	12 / 14
Q4	15 / 17
Q5	14 / 14
Q6	11 / 14
Q7	11 / 11
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Use it ONLY if you need extra space for your answers, and indicate the **question number** clearly as well as in the original answer box. **Do NOT** use it for your rough work.

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**Question 1A** What sort was used on Column A?

[2 marks]

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|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> BubbleSort               | <input type="radio"/> MergeSort                       |
| <input type="radio"/> SelectionSort            | <input type="radio"/> QuickSort (first element pivot) |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> InsertionSort | <input type="radio"/> None of the above.              |

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**Question 1B** What sort was used on Column B?

[2 marks]

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| <input type="radio"/> BubbleSort    | <input type="radio"/> MergeSort                                  |
| <input type="radio"/> SelectionSort | <input checked="" type="radio"/> QuickSort (first element pivot) |
| <input type="radio"/> InsertionSort | <input type="radio"/> None of the above.                         |

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**Question 1C** What sort was used on Column C?

[2 marks]

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| <input type="radio"/> BubbleSort               | <input type="radio"/> MergeSort                       |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> SelectionSort | <input type="radio"/> QuickSort (first element pivot) |
| <input type="radio"/> InsertionSort            | <input type="radio"/> None of the above.              |

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**Question 1D** What sort was used on Column D?

[2 marks]

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| <input type="radio"/> BubbleSort    | <input type="radio"/> MergeSort                       |
| <input type="radio"/> SelectionSort | <input type="radio"/> QuickSort (first element pivot) |
| <input type="radio"/> InsertionSort | <input checked="" type="radio"/> None of the above.   |

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**Question 1E** What sort was used on Column E?

[2 marks]

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| <input type="radio"/> BubbleSort    | <input checked="" type="radio"/> MergeSort            |
| <input type="radio"/> SelectionSort | <input type="radio"/> QuickSort (first element pivot) |
| <input type="radio"/> InsertionSort | <input type="radio"/> None of the above.              |

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**Question 1F** What sort was used on Column F?

[2 marks]

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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> BubbleSort | <input type="radio"/> MergeSort                       |
| <input type="radio"/> SelectionSort         | <input type="radio"/> QuickSort (first element pivot) |
| <input type="radio"/> InsertionSort         | <input type="radio"/> None of the above.              |



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**Question 2A** Tightest bound from the available options: [2 marks]

- ☐  $O(\log n)$ 
☐  $O(n)$ 
☐  $O(n \log n)$ 
☒  $O(n^2)$ 
☐  $O(n^3)$ 
☐  $O(2^n)$

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**Question 2B** Tightest bound from the available options: [2 marks]

- ☐  $O(n)$ 
☐  $O(n \log n)$ 
☐  $O(n \log^2 n)$ 
☒  $O(n^2)$ 
☐  $O(n^3)$ 
☐  $O(2^n)$

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**Question 2C** True or false: [2 marks]

- ☐ True
 ☒ False

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**Question 2D** Tightest bound from the available options: [3 marks]

- ☐  $O(1)$ 
☒  $O(n)$ 
☐  $O(n \log^2 n)$ 
☐  $O(n^3)$
- ☐  $O(\log n)$ 
☐  $O(n \log n)$ 
☐  $O(n^2)$ 
☐  $O(2^n)$

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☐  $O(n^3)$
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☒  $O(n \log n)$ 
☐  $O(n^2)$ 
☐  $O(2^n)$

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**Question 2F** Asymptotic running time. [3 marks]

- ☐  $O(1)$ 
☐  $O(n)$ 
☒  $O(n^2)$ 
☐  $O(2^n)$
- ☐  $O(\log n)$ 
☐  $O(n \log n)$ 
☐  $O(n^3)$

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**Question 2G** Which recurrence best describes this function? [3 marks]

- ☐  $T(n) \leq T(n/2) + O(n)$ .
 ☐  $T(n) \leq T(n/4) + O(n^2)$ .
- ☐  $T(n) \leq T(n/2) + O(n^2)$ .
 ☐  $T(n) \leq 4T(n/4) + O(n)$ .
- ☐  $T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + O(n^2)$ .
 ☒  $T(n) \leq 2T(n/4) + O(n^2)$ .
- ☐  $T(n) \leq T(n/4) + O(n)$ .
 ☐ None of the above.

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**Question 3A** Worst-case for InsertionSort on array containing only 2 elements: [2 marks]

- ☐  $O(1)$ 
☐  $O(n)$ 
☐  $O(n \log^2 n)$ 
☐  $O(n^3)$
- ☐  $O(\log n)$ 
☐  $O(n \log n)$ 
☒  $O(n^2)$ 
☐  $O(2^n)$

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**Question 3B** MergeSort on partially sorted array:

[2 marks]

- ☐  $O(1)$ 
☒  $O(n)$ 
☐  $O(n \log^2 n)$ 
☐  $O(n^3)$
- ☐  $O(\log n)$ 
☐  $O(n \log n)$ 
☐  $O(n^2)$ 
☐  $O(2^n)$

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**Question 3C** Paranoid QuickSort on a deck of  $kn$  cards:

[3 marks]

- ☐  $\Theta(n)$ 
☐  $\Theta(nk)$ 
☐  $\Theta(nk \log(nk))$
- ☐  $\Theta(n \log(k))$ 
☐  $\Theta(nk \log(k))$
- ☐  $\Theta(n \log(n))$ 
☒  $\Theta(nk \log(n))$ 
☐ None of the above.

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**Question 3D** Worst-case running time for inserting a string of length?

[2 marks]

- ☐  $O(1)$ 
☐  $O(\log n)$ 
☐  $O(\log n + L)$
- ☐  $O(L)$ 
☒  $O(L \log n)$ 
☐  $O(nL)$

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**Question 3E** Rotations on insertion.

[2 marks]

- ☒  $O(1)$ 
☐  $O(n)$ 
☐  $O(n^2)$
- ☐  $O(\log n)$ 
☐  $O(n \log n)$

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**Question 3F** Building an AVL tree.

[3 marks]

- ☐  $O(1)$ 
☒  $O(n)$ 
☐  $O(n \log^2 n)$ 
☐  $O(n^3)$
- ☐  $O(\log n)$ 
☐  $O(n \log n)$ 
☐  $O(n^2)$

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**Question 4A** Good loop invariant?

[3 marks]

- ☐ For all  $k$  such that  $k < i$ :  $A[k] \leq A[k+1]$ .
- ☒ For all  $k$  such that  $k < i$ :  $A[k] \geq A[k+1]$ .
- ☐ The subarray  $A[0..i]$  contains the  $i+1$  smallest elements in the array.
- ☐ The subarray  $A[0..i-1]$  contains the  $i$  smallest elements in the array.
- ☐ The subarray  $A[0..i]$  contains the  $i+1$  largest elements in the array.
- ☐ The subarray  $A[0..i-1]$  contains the  $i$  largest elements in the array.
- ☐ None of the above.



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**Question 4B** Stable or not?

[2 marks]

☐ Stable☒ Not stable

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**Question 4C** Invariants for an AVL tree.

[3 marks]

☐ Only I.☐ I and IV.☐ II, III, and IV.☐ Only II.☐ II and III.☐ I, II, III, and IV.☐ Only III.☐ II and IV.☐ None of the above is accurate.☐ Only IV.☐ III and IV.☐ I and II.☐ I, II, and III.☒ I and III.☐ I, II, and IV.

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**Question 4D** Invariants for an (a,b)-tree.

[3 marks]

☐ Only I.☐ I and IV.☐ II, III, and IV.☐ Only II.☐ II and III.☐ I, II, III, and IV.☐ Only III.☐ II and IV.☐ None of the above is accurate.☐ Only IV.☐ III and IV.☐ I and II.☒ I, II, and III.☐ I and III.☐ I, II, and IV.

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**Question 4E** Balanced or not?

[2 marks]

☒ Balanced☐ Not balanced

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**Question 4F** Special search?

[4 marks]

- ☐ The algorithm works correctly: when invoked on array  $A$  with  $low = 0$  and  $high = A.length - 1$ , a search for a key  $k$  will return the index of  $k$  if  $k$  is in  $A$  and return  $-1$  otherwise.
- ☐ The algorithm sometimes fails to find a key: when invoked on array  $A$  with  $low = 0$  and  $high = A.length - 1$ , a search for a key  $k$  will sometimes return  $-1$  even when  $k$  is in  $A$ .
- ☐ The algorithm sometimes returns the wrong index: when invoked on array  $A$  with  $low = 0$  and  $high = A.length - 1$ , a search for a key  $k$  will sometimes return an index  $j$  where  $A[j] \neq k$ .
- ☒ The algorithm does not terminate: when invoked on array  $A$  with  $low = 0$  and  $high = A.length - 1$ , a search for a key  $k$  will sometimes never return.
- ☐ None of the above options is a good description of the situation.

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**Question 5A** Highest out-of-balance node?

[4 marks]

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| <input type="radio"/> F | <input type="radio"/> P            | <input type="radio"/> U | <input type="radio"/> None of these listed. |
| <input type="radio"/> H | <input type="radio"/> Q            | <input type="radio"/> W |   |
| <input type="radio"/> L | <input checked="" type="radio"/> R | <input type="radio"/> X |   |
| <input type="radio"/> M | <input type="radio"/> S            | <input type="radio"/> Y |   |
| <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> T            | <input type="radio"/> Z |   |

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**Question 5B** How to balance?

[4 marks]

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| <input type="radio"/> right-rotate(R)                            | <input type="radio"/> left-rotate(K), right-rotate(N) |
| <input type="radio"/> left-rotate(H)                             | <input type="radio"/> right-rotate(N), left-rotate(K) |
| <input type="radio"/> right-rotate(N)                            | <input type="radio"/> right-rotate(K), left-rotate(H) |
| <input type="radio"/> left-rotate(T)                             | <input type="radio"/> left-rotate(T), right-rotate(R) |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> right-rotate(R), left-rotate(H) | <input type="radio"/> No rotations occur.             |
| <input type="radio"/> left-rotate(H), right-rotate(R)            | <input type="radio"/> None of the above.              |

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**Question 5C** How many split?

[2 marks]

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| <input type="radio"/> 0 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 6 |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 4            |                         |
| <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 5            |                         |

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**Question 5D** What keys are in the root node?

[2 marks]

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| <input type="radio"/> (17, 50, 91)     | <input type="radio"/> (90)               |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> (50)  | <input type="radio"/> (17, 50, 90, 91)   |
| <input type="radio"/> (17, 50, 78, 91) | <input type="radio"/> (50, 78)           |
| <input type="radio"/> (50, 78, 82)     | <input type="radio"/> None of the above. |
| <input type="radio"/> (86)             |  |

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**Question 5E** What is the height of the tree?

[2 marks]

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| <input type="radio"/> 0 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 6 |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 4            |                         |
| <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 5            |                         |

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**Question 6A** Worst-case tree height:

[3 marks]

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| <input type="radio"/> $O(1)$      | <input type="radio"/> $O(\log^2 n)$ | <input checked="" type="radio"/> $O(n)$ | <input type="radio"/> $O(n^2)$ |
| <input type="radio"/> $O(\log n)$ | <input type="radio"/> $O(\sqrt{n})$ | <input type="radio"/> $O(n \log n)$     |                                |

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**Question 6B** Which statements are true?

[3 marks]

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| <input type="radio"/> I only.               | <input type="radio"/> II and III.                            |
| <input type="radio"/> II only.              | <input type="radio"/> I and II and III.                      |
| <input type="radio"/> III only.             | <input type="radio"/> None of the three statements are true. |
| <input type="radio"/> I and II.             |  |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> I and III. |  |

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**Question 6C** Upper bound on  $(3/4)$ -weight-balanced tree?

[3 marks]

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| <input type="radio"/> $\log_2(n) + 1$                | <input type="radio"/> $(4/3) \log_{4/3}(n) + 1$                                    |
| <input type="radio"/> $2 \log_2(n) + 1$              | <input type="radio"/> $(4/3) \log_{3/4}(n) + 1$                                    |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> $\log_{4/3}(n) + 1$ | <input type="radio"/> $(3/4) \log_{3/4}(n) + 1$                                    |
| <input type="radio"/> $\log_{3/4}(n) + 1$            | <input type="radio"/> None of the above is a reasonable upper bound on the height. |
| <input type="radio"/> $\log_{3/2}(n) + 1$            |  |
| <input type="radio"/> $(4/3) \log_2(n) + 1$          |  |



**Question 6D** Random temperatures?

[3 marks]

- ☐ 0
 ☒ 1/2
 ☐ 1  
☐ 1/4
 ☐ 2/3  
☐ 1/3
 ☐ 3/4
 ☐ None of the above.

**Question 6E** Does it work?

[2 marks]

- ☐ Yes, after the rotation, the temperature ordering property and binary search tree property both hold.  
☒ No, after the rotation, there (still) may be temperature violations.  
☐ No, after the rotation, there may be binary-search-tree property violations.

**Question 7A** What is the best use of the special variable?

[3 marks]

- ☐ The maximum right endpoint of any interval stored in  $I[k]$  where  $k \leq j$ .  
☐ The maximum right endpoint of any interval stored in  $I[k]$  where  $k \geq j$ .  
☐ The minimum left endpoint of any interval stored in  $I[k]$  where  $k \leq j$ .  
☒ The minimum left endpoint of any interval stored in  $I[k]$  where  $k \geq j$ .  
☐ None of these are useful.

**Question 7B** Which properties are true of the IntervalRay?

[3 marks]

- ☒ Only I.
 ☐ II and III.  
☐ Only II.
 ☐ II and IV.  
☐ Only III.
 ☐ I, II and III.  
☐ Only IV.
 ☐ II, III and IV.  
☐ I and II.
 ☐ None of the above indicates properties that are always true.  
☐ I and III.

**Question 7C** Which do you think will work?

[3 marks]

- ☐ Binary search  $I$ , comparing  $I[j].left$  to  $x$ .  
☐ Binary search  $I$ , comparing  $I[j].right$  to  $x$ .  
☒ Binary search  $I$ , comparing  $I[j].special$  to  $x$ .  
☐ Binary search  $I$ , comparing  $I[j].count$  to  $x$ .  
☐ None of these strategies work properly.

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**Question 7D** What is your evaluation of this approach? [2 marks]

- ☐ The approach works, and is a reasonable alternative, assuming that the binary search does not work.
- ☒ The approach works, but even assuming binary search does not work, there are better solutions.
- ☐ The approach does not work.

**Question 8**

[0 marks]

The Dark Room

Take 26 cards and put 13 each into each box.  
Highest expected probability of winning.

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