

# COMP108 Data Structures and Algorithms

## Week 02 Tutorial Exercises

Due: 07 February 2025, 5:00pm

(Late submission accepted until Monday 9:00am)

### Information

- Handwrite/typeset your answers and make it into a single pdf file. See this guide on how to scan documents to pdf.
- Submission: Submit a file named **COMP108W02.pdf** on Canvas  
**Late submission is only accepted until Monday 9:00am.**
- Submission of lab/tutorial exercises contributes to 10% of the overall module mark. Submission is marked on a pass/fail basis - you will get full marks for submitting a *reasonable attempt*.
- Individual feedback will not be given, but solutions will be posted promptly after the deadline has passed.
- These exercises aim to give you practices on the materials taught during lectures and provide guidance towards preparation of examination.
- Relevant lectures: **Lectures 1-3**
- Turn to next page for the questions.

1. Consider the following algorithm.

```
// Assume  $n$  is a given integer being power of 2
count  $\leftarrow$  0
 $x \leftarrow n$ 
while  $x > 1$  do
begin
     $x \leftarrow x/2$ 
    count  $\leftarrow$  count + 1
end
output count
```

- (a) Give the **trace table** and the **output** of the above algorithm when  $n = 32$ .

- (b) In general, how many times the while loop is executed for input  $n$  being a positive power of 2 (e.g., when  $n = 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, \dots$ )?

2. Write a pseudo code of a while-loop to find the sum of all multiples of 3 between  $x$  and  $y$  inclusively. You can assume that  $0 < x \leq y$ . For example, if  $x = 4$  and  $y = 12$ , then your pseudo code should output 27 (which equals to  $6 + 9 + 12$ ).

3. A *prime number* is a number that can be divisible by 1 and itself only. Write a pseudo code of an algorithm to determine if a positive integer  $x > 1$  is a prime number or not.

Hints: (1) We can use a loop to check for each integer  $i$  smaller than  $x$  whether  $x$  is divisible by  $i$ . (2) If we want to make it quicker, we can stop earlier, the question is when should we stop the loop. (3) You can use the `%` operator to find remainder, e.g.,  $a\%b$  gives the remainder of  $a$  divided by  $b$ .