

CS 170 Midterm 1

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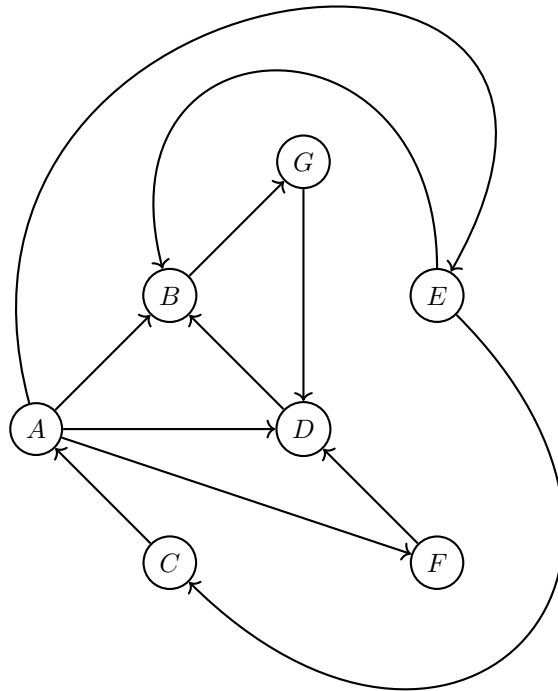
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- ☐ Dwinelle 145 ☐ Hearst Field Annex A1
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- The exam will last 110 minutes.
- The exam has 10 questions with a total of 100 points. You may be eligible to receive partial credit for your proof even if your algorithm is only partially correct or inefficient.
- Only your writings inside the answer boxes will be graded. **Anything outside the boxes will not be graded.** The last page is provided to you as a blank scratch page.
- Answer all questions. Read them carefully first. Not all parts of a problem are weighted equally.
- Be precise and concise.
- The problems may **not** necessarily follow the order of increasing difficulty.
- The points assigned to each problem are by no means an indication of the problem's difficulty.
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- Unless the problem states otherwise, you should assume constant time arithmetic on real numbers. Unless the problem states otherwise, you should assume that graphs are simple.
- If you use any algorithm from lecture and textbook as a blackbox, you can rely on the correctness and time/space complexity of the quoted algorithm. If you modify an algorithm from textbook or lecture, you must explain the modifications precisely and clearly, and if asked for a proof of correctness, give one from scratch or give a modified version of the textbook proof of correctness.
- Assume the subparts of each question are **independent**.
- Please write your SID on the top of each page.
- Good luck!



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3 Guess the Number (8 points)

Ajit has a positive integer n , and James has to figure out what it is. James may guess an integer x , and Ajit will say whether $n > x$, $n = x$, or $n < x$. Please help James use the least amount of guesses possible to figure out Ajit's integer.

1. (3 points) If we know $n \leq B$ for some positive integer B , describe an algorithm that uses $O(\log B)$ guesses to guess n .

2. (5 points) If there are no bounds on n (n can be any positive integer), describe an algorithm that uses $O(\log n)$ of guesses to guess n . Please explain its runtime as well.

Param loves pears. He also loves pairing up his pears. Param has $2N$ pears, each located at a distinct integer location on the number line. The locations have already been sorted in increasing order. He wishes to pair up his pears, forming N pairs. However, he would like to minimize the sum of distances between the pears in each pair. Design an efficient algorithm to pair up the pairs while minimizing the sum of distance between each of the pairs, and prove its correctness using an exchange argument. **You do not have to analyze its runtime.**

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7 Igloo Part 2 (10 points)

PNPenguin has a rectangular igloo, which consists of a $m \times n$ grid of rooms; each room is separated from each of the 4 adjacent rooms by a door. Rooms on the edge or the corner of the grid are only connected to the 3 or 2 adjacent rooms. Every minute, PNPenguin chooses one of the doors and opens it; now, the two rooms are connected. Every time PNPenguin opens a door, he would like to know how many **new** pairs of rooms are connected (i.e. rooms A and B were not connected before the door was opened, but are connected after the door was opened). Rooms A and B are connected if and only if it is possible to get from room A to room B through a sequence of open doors.

Describe an algorithm that can compute the number of pairs of rooms that are connected. Your algorithm must run in $O(\log(mn))$ time every time a door is opened. Also prove its correctness and analyze its runtime. Your algorithm can store the state of the grid (it doesn't have to start from scratch every time a door is opened), along with other variables if necessary.

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