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Algorithms
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Final Examination

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- Date: August 2, 2012.
- Start Time: 9:00am. End Time: 11:30am.
- Number of pages (including cover and one blank page): 15.
- No additional materials are allowed.
- Print your initials at the top of each page (in case a page gets detached).
- All answers should be placed in the spaces given. Backs of pages may be used as scratch papers and will not be marked (unless you clearly indicate otherwise). If you need more space to complete an answer, you may use the blank page at the end.
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1	/8	
2	/30	
3	/16	
4	/11	
5	/13	
6	/22	
Total	/100	

1. [*8 marks*] *Analysis of divide-and-conquer algorithms.* Consider the following pseudocode:

strange$(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$:
if $n \leq 2012$ then return
strange$(a_1, \ldots, a_{\lfloor n/6 \rfloor}, a_{\lfloor 3n/6+1 \rfloor}, \ldots, a_{\lfloor 4n/6 \rfloor})$
strange$(a_{\lfloor n/6+1 \rfloor}, \ldots, a_{\lfloor 2n/6 \rfloor}, a_{\lfloor 4n/6+1 \rfloor}, \ldots, a_{\lfloor 5n/6 \rfloor})$
for $i = n$ down to 1 do
    print a_i
strange$(a_{\lfloor 2n/6+1 \rfloor}, \ldots, a_{\lfloor 3n/6 \rfloor}, a_{\lfloor 5n/6+1 \rfloor}, \ldots, a_n)$
strange$(a_1, \ldots, a_{\lfloor n/6 \rfloor}, a_{\lfloor 5n/6+1 \rfloor}, \ldots, a_n)$
strange$(a_{\lfloor 2n/6+1 \rfloor}, \ldots, a_{\lfloor 4n/6 \rfloor})$
for $i = 1$ to n do
    for $j = 1$ to $i - 1$ do
        if $a_j > a_i$ then swap a_i and a_j

(a) [*5 marks*] Analyze the running time by giving a recurrence for this pseudocode. Show your work. (Remember to give tight Θ bounds. You may ignore floors and ceilings.)

(b) [*3 marks*] Solve your recurrence using the Master method.

2. [*30 marks*] *Short questions.*

   (a) [*6 marks*] Arrange the following six functions in increasing order of growth rate. (Justifications are not required.) All logarithms are in base 2.

$$2^n, \quad n^3, \quad \frac{n^3(\log\log n)^3}{(\log n)^2}, \quad n^{2.81}, \quad n^{\log n}, \quad \log(2012^n).$$

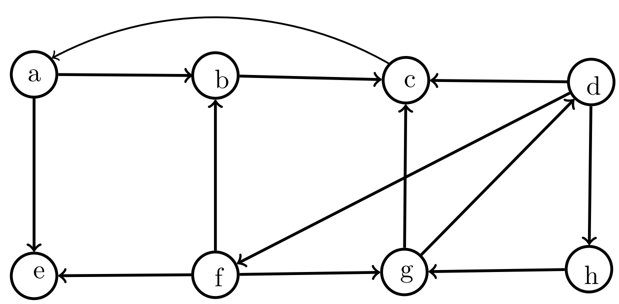
   (b) [*3 marks*] State the recurrence for the running time of Karatsuba and Ofman's divide-and-conquer algorithm for multiplying two n-bit numbers.

$$T(n) \;=\; \left\{ \right.$$

   (c) [*3 marks*] Describe a correct greedy strategy to solve the following *disjoint intervals* problem: given a set of n intervals $[a_1, b_1], \ldots, [a_n, b_n]$, choose a largest subset of intervals so that no two chosen intervals overlap. (No need to prove correctness.)

(d) [*4 marks*] Consider the *coin changing* problem: given a set of n coin values and a target number W (all positive integers), find coins that sum to exactly W (assuming an unlimited supply of coins of each value). What is the running time of the correct (non-greedy) algorithm given in class for this problem, and is the running time considered to be truly polynomial in the input size? Explain.

(e) [*6 marks*] Run the algorithm for the *strongly connected components* problem from class (due to Sharir/Kosaraju). In the first pass, use alphabetical order; draw the DFS trees and number the vertices in order of finish. In the second pass, draw the transposed graph and the new DFS trees.



(f) [*4 marks*] Describe and compare the data structures required for an $O(m \log n)$-time implementation of Kruskal's and Prim's algorithms for *minimum spanning trees*.

(g) [*4 marks*] For the *all-pairs shortest paths* problem for a weighted graph with n vertices and m edges, recall that repeated application of Dijkstra's algorithm can achieve $O(n^2 \log n + mn)$ running time while the Floyd–Warshall algorithm has $O(n^3)$ running time. Despite the apparently worse asymptotic runtime, describe two advantages of the Floyd–Warshall algorithm over Dijkstra's.

3. [*16 marks*] *Dynamic programming.* Let $d(\cdot,\cdot)$ be a given cost function.

   We are given a sequence of n points $p_1,\ldots,p_n$ in 2D, where each point is colored red or blue. We are also given a number k. We want to find a polygonal chain $\langle p_{i_0}, p_{i_1},\ldots,p_{i_\ell}\rangle$ with $1 = i_0 < i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_{\ell-1} < i_\ell = n$, to minimize the total cost $d(p_{i_0}, p_{i_1}) + d(p_{i_1}, p_{i_2}) + \cdots + d(p_{i_{\ell-1}}, p_{i_\ell})$, subject to the constraint that the number of *red* vertices on the chain is *at most* k (there is no constraint on the number of blue vertices used or the total number ℓ of vertices used).

   Present an $O(n^3)$-time dynamic programming algorithm to solve the problem.

   Definition of subproblems:

   Base case(s):

   Recursive formula, with justifications:

Pseudocode for computing the optimal cost:

Pseudocode for retrieving an optimal path:

Analysis:

4. [*11 marks*] *Graph algorithms.*

   (a) [*5 marks*] Let $G = (V, E)$ be a directed graph with n vertices and m edges. Consider the *Hamiltonian path* problem: decide whether there exists a path that visits every vertex exactly once. In the special case when G is a directed acyclic graph (DAG), describe how this problem can be solved in $O(m + n)$ time. Explain why your method is correct. (Hint: use a known algorithm for a specific problem we have studied from class for DAGs. . .)

(b) [*6 marks*] Let $G = (V, E)$ be a weighted undirected graph with n vertices and m edges. Consider the following problem: given $s, t \in V$, find a path from s to t that minimizes the largest edge weight along the path. (This is the same problem considered in one of the questions from Assignment 4.) In the special case where all the edges in G have weights from $\{1, 2, \ldots, 2012\}$, describe how this problem can be solved in $O(m+n)$ time. (Hint: do not use minimum spanning tree algorithms, but instead use DFS or BFS. First solve the decision problem: given a value w, decide if the largest edge weight along the optimal path is at most w...)

5. [*13 marks*] *More short questions on* P *and* NP*.*

   (a) [*3 marks*] True or False: We know definitively that there is no polynomial-time algorithm for the CLIQUE problem. Briefly justify your answer.

   (b) [*3 marks*] True or False: There is a polynomial-time reduction from the SUBSET-SUM problem to the HAMILTONIAN-CYCLE problem. Briefly justify your answer.

   (c) [*3 marks*] Give a problem that, as we have shown in class, cannot be solved by an algorithm with running time less than $2^{2^{2^n}}$.

(d) [*4 marks*] Convert the following optimization problem into a decision problem in NP (you do not need to prove that the decision problem is in NP).

> *Input*: a set P of m points, a set S of n rectangles in 2D, and an integer k.
>
> *Output*: find a subset $T \subseteq S$ of k rectangles, maximizing the number of points in P that are covered by at least one rectangle in T.

6. [*22 marks*] *Proving NP-completeness.* For two strings a and b, define the distance $d(a, b)$ to be the number of positions j such that the j-th symbol of a does not match the j-th symbol of b. For example, $d(00110, 11000) = 4$.

   Consider the following problem DISTANT-STRING:

   > *Input*: a finite set Σ, a collection of m strings $a_1, \ldots, a_m$ where each a_i is a string of n symbols from Σ, and an integer K.
   > *Output*: "yes" iff there exists a string b of n symbols from $\{0, 1\}$, such that $d(a_i, b) \geq K$ for all $i = 1, \ldots, m$.

   For example, for input $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$, $a_1 = 00110$, $a_2 = 00111$, $a_3 = 10111$, and $K = 4$, the output is yes, by choosing $b = 11000$.

   (a) [*3 marks*] For the input $\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2\}$, $a_1 = 220002$, $a_2 = 221020$, $a_3 = 222100$, $a_4 = 221211$, and $K = 4$, is the answer "yes"? Justify your answer.

   (b) [*5 marks*] Prove that DISTANT-STRING is in NP.

(c) [*14 marks*] Prove that DISTANT-STRING is NP-complete, using the known fact that 3SAT is NP-complete.

- Give a polynomial-time reduction from ________________ to ________________.
  Given:

  To construct:

  The construction: (Remember to check that it runs in polytime. Hint: create strings similar to the example from part (a)...)

- Prove the correctness of your reduction.
  To show:

  Proof (two directions):

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