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Data Structures CS2103

Time: 1.30 hrs

Full Marks: 50

*Answer question number 1 and any four from the rest. Credit will be given to precise answer.*

1. Answer any five questions

- (a) What do you mean by abstract data type?
  - (b) Differentiate linear from a non-linear data structure.
  - (c) Write down the prefix form of the expression  $(A + B) * D + E / (F + A * D) + C$
  - (d) What are the primary advantages of a linked list?
  - (e) Calculate the address of a random element present in a 2D array of size  $m \times n$ , given the base address as  $\alpha$ .
  - (f) Explain the scenarios when you prefer to use linear search over binary search.
  - (g) What are the problems with component sum hash code maps? [5 × 2]
2. (a) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the link list-based and array-based implementations of a queue.
- (b) Create a data structure that efficiently supports the stack operations (pop and push) and also return the maximum element. Assume the elements are integers or reals so that you can compare them. [5+5]
3. (a) Suppose you are given a linked list  $L$  (containing integer keys) and an integer  $x$ , write a function to rearrange the link list  $L$  in such a way that all the nodes less than  $x$  comes before all the nodes greater than or equal to  $x$ .
- (b) You are given two lists  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , sorted in increasing order, write a function to create and return a new list  $L_3$  representing the intersection (i.e. nodes with common values) of the two lists. [5+5]
4. (a) Prove that in a  $k$ -ary tree (i.e. a tree of degree  $k$ ) with  $n$  nodes, the total number of  $NULL$  links are  $n(k - 1) + 1$ .
- (b) Prove that if the closest leaf in an AVL tree is at level  $k$  (assuming the root is at level 1) then all the levels from 1 to  $k - 1$  contain the maximum possible number of nodes.
- (c) Show the result of inserting 2, 1, 4, 5, 9, 3, 6, 7 into an initially empty AVL tree (show the tree at the end of each insertion) [2+4+4]
5. (a) Justify which sorting method would you prefer in the following situations
- (i) sorting a keys that are already almost in order
  - (ii) Sorting a huge randomly-ordered file of small records
- (b) Prove that the running time of Quicksort when alternately good and bad splits occur is  $O(n \lg n)$ , where  $n$  is the number of elements. Note that good splits creates equal partition and bad splits creates partition of size 1 and  $n - 1$ . [5+5]
6. (a) What is collision in hashing and how can it be resolved?
- (b) What do you mean by universal hashing?
- (c) Suppose a hash table  $T$  has 11 slots,  $T[1], T[2], \dots, T[11]$ , and suppose 8 keys  $A, B, C, D, E, X, Y$ , and  $Z$  with the following hash addresses

Keys:    A   B   C   D   E   X   Y   Z  
h(k):    4   8   2   11   4   11   5   1

are inserted into the hash table  $T$  in that order as shown below.

X	C	Z	A	E	Y	-	B	-	-	D
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Now find the average number  $S$  of probes(comparison) for a successful search and the average number  $U$  of probes(comparison) for a unsuccessful search. [2+3+5]