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DEGREES OF MSci, MEng, BEng, BSc, MA and MA (Social Sciences)

## Algorithms and Data Structures 2

(Answer all 40 questions.)

- This examination paper is worth a total of **60 marks**
- This is a **multiple-choice** paper with 4 choices per question
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### INSTRUCTIONS TO INVIGILATORS

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1. A binary search tree is a binary tree  $T$  such that each node of  $T$  stores an item  $e$ . Items stored in the left subtree of  $T$  rooted at a node  $v$  are less than the item in node  $v$ , and items stored in the right subtree of  $T$  rooted at a node  $v$  are greater than the item in node  $v$ . Below is java code for the `BNode` class, and below that code for the `BSTree` class which together implement a binary search tree suitable for storing a set of integers. [16]

```
public class BNode {
    private BNode left;
    private int    item;
    private BNode right;

    public BNode(int e){left = null; item = e; right =
null;}

    public int    getItem(){return item;}
    public BNode getLeft(){return left;}
    public BNode getRight(){return right;}
    public void   setLeft(BNode nd){left = nd;}
    public void   setRight(BNode nd){right = nd;}

    public String toString(){
        String s = "(";
        if (left != null) s = s + left.toString();
        s = s + "," + item + ",";
        if (right != null) s = s + right.toString();
        s = s + ")";
        return s;
    }
}

public class BSTree {
    private BNode root;
    private int size;

    public BSTree(){root = null;}

    public BNode root(){return root;}
    public boolean isEmpty(){return root == null;}
    public int size(){return size;}

    public void insert(int e){
        // ...
    }

    private void insert(int e,BNode nd){
        // ...
    }

    public boolean isPresent(int e){
        // ...
    }

    private boolean isPresent(int e,BNode nd){
        // ...
    }
}
```

- (a) What is the correct Java code for the public method `insert(int e)` in class `BSTree`, where the method inserts the integer `e` into the tree rooted at node `nd`.  
[2]

**Q01**

- (A)
- ```
public void insert(int e){
    if (!isEmpty()) {
        root = new BNode(e);
    } else {
        insert(e,root);
    }
}
```
- (B)
- ```
public void insert(int e){
    if (isEmpty()) {
        insert(e,root);
    } else {
        root = new BNode(e);
    }
}
```
- (C)
- ```
public void insert(int e){
    if (isEmpty()) {
        root = new BNode(e);
    } else {
        insert(e,root);
    }
}
```
- (D)
- ```
public void insert(int e){
    if (isEmpty()) {
        root = new BNode(e);
        insert(e,root);
    }
}
```

- (b) What is the correct Java code for the corresponding private method `insert(int e, BNode nd)` in class `BSTree`, where the method inserts the integer `e` into the tree rooted at node `nd`. [2]

**Q02**

- (A)
- ```
private void insert(int e, BNode nd) {
    if (e < nd.getItem() && nd.getLeft() == null) {
        nd.setLeft(new BNode(e));
        size++;
    } else if (e < nd.getItem()) {
        insert(e, nd.getLeft());
    } else if (e > nd.getItem() && nd.getRight() ==
null) {
        nd.setRight(new BNode(e));
        size++;
    } else if (e > nd.getItem()) {
        insert(e, nd.getRight());
    }
}
```
- (B)
- ```
private void insert(int e, BNode nd) {
    if (e < nd.getItem() && nd.getLeft() == null) {
        nd.setLeft(new BNode(e));
        size++;
    } else if (e > nd.getItem()) {
        insert(e, nd.getLeft());
    } else if (e < nd.getItem() && nd.getRight() ==
null) {
        nd.setRight(new BNode(e));
        size++;
    } else if (e < nd.getItem()) {
        insert(e, nd.getRight());
    }
}
```
- (C)
- ```
private void insert(int e, BNode nd) {
    if (e < nd.getItem() && nd.getLeft() == null) {
        nd.setLeft(new BNode(e));
        size++;
    } else if (e < nd.getItem()) {
        insert(e, nd.getLeft());
    } else if (e > nd.getItem() && nd.getRight() ==
null) {
        nd.setRight(new BNode(e));
        size++;
    } else {
        insert(e, nd.getRight());
    }
}
```
- (D)
- ```
private void insert(int e, BNode nd) {
    if (e < nd.getItem() && nd.getLeft() == null) {
        nd.setRight(new BNode(e));
        size++;
    } else if (e < nd.getItem()) {
        insert(e, nd.getLeft());
    } else if (e > nd.getItem() && nd.getRight() ==
null) {
        nd.setLeft(new BNode(e));
        size++;
    } else if (e > nd.getItem()) {
        insert(e, nd.getRight());
    }
}
```

- (c) What is the correct Java code for the public method `isPresent(int e, Bnode nd)`, where the method delivers true if and only if `e` is in the tree rooted at node `nd`. [2]

**Q03**

- (A)  
`public boolean isPresent(int e){return root != null && !isPresent(e, root);}`
- (B)  
`public boolean isPresent(int e){return root != null && isPresent(e, root);}`
- (C)  
`public boolean isPresent(int e){return root == null && isPresent(e, root);}`
- (D)  
`public boolean isPresent(int e){return root == null || !isPresent(e, root);}`

- (d) What is the correct Java code for the private method `isPresent(int e, Bnode nd)`, where the method delivers true if and only if `e` is in the tree rooted at node `nd`. [2]

**Q04**

- (A)  
`private boolean isPresent(int e, BNode nd){  
return nd != null &&  
 (e == nd.getItem() ||  
 (e < nd.getItem() && isPresent(e, nd.getRight()) ||  
 (e > nd.getItem() && isPresent(e, nd.getLeft()))));  
}`
- (B)  
`private boolean isPresent(int e, BNode nd){  
return nd != null &&  
 (e != nd.getItem() ||  
 (e > nd.getItem() && isPresent(e, nd.getLeft()) ||  
 (e < nd.getItem() && isPresent(e, nd.getRight()))));  
}`
- (C)  
`private boolean isPresent(int e, BNode nd){  
return nd != null &&  
 (e == nd.getItem() ||  
 (e < nd.getItem() && isPresent(e, nd.getLeft()) ||  
 (e > nd.getItem() && isPresent(e, nd.getRight()))));  
}`
- (D)  
`private boolean isPresent(int e, BNode nd){  
return  
 (e == nd.getItem() ||  
 (e < nd.getItem() && isPresent(e, nd.getLeft()) ||  
 (e > nd.getItem() && isPresent(e, nd.getRight()))));  
}`

- (e) Assume that the following items are inserted into an empty `BSTree` in the following order: 30, 40, 24, 58, 48, 26, 11, 24, 13, 36.

- What is the top node of the tree? [1]

**Q05**

- (A) 48
- (B) 13
- (C) 24
- (D) 30

- What is the height of the tree? [1]

**Q06**

- (A) 2
- (B) 3
- (C) 4
- (D) 5

- What is the preorder traversal of the tree. [1]

**Q07**

- (A) 30,24,26,11,13,40,36,58,48
- (B) 30,24,11,13,26,40,36,58,48
- (C) 30, 40,36,58,48, 24,11,13,26
- (D) 30, 40,36,58,48, 24,26,11,13

- What is the inorder traversals of the tree. [1]

**Q08**

- (A) 11,13,24,26,30,36,40,48,58
- (B) 58,48,40,36,30,26,24,13,11
- (C) 30,24,26,11,13,40,36,58,48
- (D) 30, 40,36,58,48, 24,26,11,13

- What is the postorder traversal of the tree. [1]

**Q09**

- (A) 13,11,26,24,36,48,58,40,30
- (B) 26,13,11,24,48,58,36,40,30
- (C) 26,13,11,24,30,48,58,36,40
- (D) 48,58,36,40,26,13,11,24,30

- (f) How might we modify the `BNode` class such that our binary search tree can represent a multiset? [3]

**Q10**

- (A) change the `BNode` class so the item is a linked list
- (B) include an occurrence counter in the `BSTree` class
- (C) make the `BSTree` root a list of `BNode`
- (D) include an occurrence counter in the `BNode` class

2. Given a 2-D grid of  $N \times N$  unsigned integers. We will create a datastructure to hold these values. Each pointer is stored as an unsigned integer as well. You can store up to 8 values in scalar variables (i.e. outside of the datastructure). [20]

(a) Assuming the  $N \times N$  grid is constructed as a double-linked list containing  $N$  double-linked lists of size  $N$ .

- What is the required storage size for the pointers? [2]

**Q11**

- (A)  $N \times N \times 3$
- (B)  $N \times (N+1) \times 3$
- (C)  $(N \times N + 1) \times 3$
- (D)  $N \times N$

- Given a point at  $(k, k)$  on this grid, how many steps are required to calculate the sum of the point and the four neighbours of that point? In pseudo code the operation is:

`grid(k,k) = grid(k,k) + grid(k+1,k) + grid(k-1,k) + grid(k,k+1) + grid(k,k-1)` [2]

**Q12**

- (A)  $10 \times k$
- (B)  $4 \times k$
- (C)  $6 \times k$
- (D)  $4 \times k + 2$

- What is the complexity of this lookup? [2]

**Q13**

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(N)$
- (C)  $O(N \times N)$
- (D)  $O(\log N)$

(b) If the list was single-linked,

- what would the corresponding size be? [2]

**Q14**

- (A)  $N \times N \times 2$
- (B)  $N \times (N+1) \times 2$
- (C)  $(N \times N + 1) \times 2$
- (D)  $N \times N$

- what would the corresponding number of steps be [2]

**Q15**

- (A)  $10 \times k$
- (B)  $4 \times k$
- (C)  $6 \times k$
- (D)  $4 \times k + 2$



- What is the complexity of this lookup? [2]

**Q16**

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(N)$
- (C)  $O(N*N)$
- (D)  $O(\log N)$

(c) Now if every element had 2 pointers, one pointing up and one left,

- what is the storage space? [2]

**Q17**

- (A)  $N*N*3$
- (B)  $N*(N+1)*3$
- (C)  $(N*N+1)*3$
- (D)  $N*N$

- What would the corresponding number of steps be? [2]

**Q18**

- (A)  $6*k$
- (B)  $4*k+2$
- (C)  $2*k+4$
- (D)  $2*k$

- What is the complexity of this lookup? [2]

**Q19**

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(N)$
- (C)  $O(N*N)$
- (D)  $O(\log N)$

(d) If the whole grid would be stored as a single 1-D singly linked list, what would be the complexity of the computation of the sum of the neighbours? [2]

**Q20**

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(N)$
- (C)  $O(N^2)$
- (D)  $O(\log N)$

3. An organisation has a data set of 1 million customers. The information the organisation holds on customers includes their height in centimetres (cm). The organisation wants to sort that data using height as a key, where height is an integer in the range 100cm to 220cm. This might be done using an insertion sort or a merge sort. [8]

(a) What is an insertion sort? [2]

**Q21**

(A)

- iterate through the unsorted list
- compare each element (elt) with the next (nelt), swap if  $\text{elt} > \text{nelt}$
- repeat this process until the first element ends up at the tail

(B)

- create an empty singly linked list
- iterate through the unsorted list
- for every element elt in the unsorted list, insert it before the first element ielt in the new list for which  $\text{ielt} > \text{elt}$

(C)

- iterate through the unsorted list
- compare each element (elt) with the next (nelt), swap if  $\text{elt} > \text{nelt}$
- repeat this process until no swaps are necessary

(D)

- create an empty singly linked list
- iterate through the unsorted list
- for every element elt, insert it after the first element ielt in the new list for which  $\text{ielt} < \text{elt}$
- repeat until all values are sorted

(b) What is its complexity of insertion sort? [2]

**Q22**

(A)  $O(N \log N)$

(B)  $O(N)$

(C)  $O(N^2)$

(D)  $O(\log N)$

(c) What is a merge sort? [2]

**Q23**

(A)

- iterate through the unsorted list
- compare each element (elt) with the next (nelt), swap if  $\text{elt} > \text{nelt}$
- put the ordered pairs in a new list
- repeat this process until all pairs are sorted
- merge the sorted pairs into a single list

(B)

- iterate through the unsorted list
- compare each element (elt) with the next (nelt), swap if  $\text{elt} > \text{nelt}$
- put the ordered pairs into a new list
- repeat this process until no swaps are necessary
- merge the resulting list of pairs into a single list

(C)

- create an empty singly linked list
- iterate through the unsorted list
- compare each element (elt) with the next (nelt), swap if  $\text{elt} > \text{nelt}$
- put the ordered pairs in the new list
- compare each pair with the next and swap if necessary
- repeat until all values are sorted

(D)

- create an empty singly linked list
- iterate through the unsorted list
- compare each element (elt) with the next (nelt), swap if  $\text{elt} > \text{nelt}$
- put the ordered pairs in the new list
- merge subsequent pairs into an ordered list
- repeat until all values are sorted

(d) What is its complexity of merge sort? [2]

**Q24**

- (A)  $O(\log N)$
- (B)  $O(N)$
- (C)  $O(N^2)$
- (D)  $O(N \log N)$

4. In Java, we might represent a set of integers using (i) a BitSet, (ii) a HashSet, (iii) a TreeSet or (iv) a LinkedList. [16]

(a) What is the complexity of adding an element to the set when it is represented as a BitSet, a HashSet, a TreeSet or a LinkedList, and the reason for it?

- Adding: BitSet Complexity [1]

**Q25**

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(n)$
- (C)  $O(n^2)$
- (D)  $O(\log n)$

- Adding: Reason for BitSet Complexity [1]

**Q26**

- (A) We need to iterate to find the bit to set
- (B) Because it is ordered we can use binary search
- (C) We only need to set the bit to 1
- (D) BitSet operations are always on the first bit

- Adding: HashSet Complexity [1]

**Q27**

- (A) Ideally  $O(1)$ , worst case  $O(n)$
- (B) Ideally  $O(n)$ , worst case  $O(n^2)$
- (C) Always  $O(n)$
- (D) Always  $O(\log n)$

- Adding: Reason for HashSet Complexity [1]

**Q28**

- (A) We need to iterate to find the bucket in which to insert
- (B) If there are many collisions, iteration will dominate
- (C) Hashing is always constant time
- (D) We can do a binary search as the set is fixed size

- Adding: TreeSet Complexity [1]

**Q29**

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(n)$
- (C)  $O(n^2)$
- (D)  $O(\log n)$

- Adding: Reason for TreeSet Complexity [1]

**Q30**

- (A) We need to visit the whole tree to find the item to set
- (B) In a balanced tree the number of iterations is the height of the tree
- (C) We only need to add one leaf node
- (D) Insertion operations are always on the root node

- Adding: LinkedList Complexity [1]

**Q31**

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(n)$
- (C)  $O(n^2)$
- (D)  $O(\log n)$

- Adding: Reason for LinkedList Complexity [1]

**Q32**

- (A) We need to iterate to find the item to set
- (B) Because it is ordered we can use binary search
- (C) We only need to add the item at the front
- (D) We only need to add the item at the back

(b) What is the complexity of removing an element from the set, for each of the four possible representations?

- Removal: Bitset Complexity [1]

**Q33**

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(n)$
- (C)  $O(n^2)$
- (D)  $O(\log n)$

- Removal: Reason for Bitset Complexity [1]

**Q34**

- (A) We need to iterate to find the bit to set
- (B) Because it is ordered we can use binary search
- (C) We only need to set the bit to 0
- (D) Bitset operations are always on the first bit

- Removal: HashSet Complexity [1]

**Q35**

- (A) Ideally  $O(1)$ , worst case  $O(n)$
- (B) Ideally  $O(n)$ , worst case  $O(n^2)$
- (C) Always  $O(n)$
- (D) Always  $O(\log n)$

- Removal: Reason for HashSet Complexity [1]

**Q36**

- (A) We need to iterate to find the bucket in which to delete
- (B) If there are many collisions, iteration will dominate
- (C) Hashing is always constant time
- (D) Deletion is not constant time because we need to find the bucket and then the collision chain

- Removal: TreeSet Complexity [1]

**Q37**

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(n)$
- (C)  $O(n^2)$
- (D)  $O(\log n)$

- Removal: Reason for TreeSet Complexity [1]

**Q38**

- (A) We need to visit the whole tree to find the item to delete
- (B) In a balanced tree the number of iterations is the height of the tree
- (C) We only need to delete one leaf node
- (D) Deletion operations are always on the root node

- Removal: LinkedList Complexity [1]

**Q39**

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(n)$
- (C)  $O(n^2)$
- (D)  $O(\log n)$

- Removal: Reason for LinkedList Complexity [1]

**Q40**

- (A) We need to iterate to find the item to set
- (B) Deletion is just breaking and restoring pointers
- (C) We only need to delete the item at the front
- (D) We only need to delete the item at the back