

# Homework 2: Backtracking and Dynamic Programming (Part I: written questions)

## DUE: 11:59pm Thur, Oct 13, 2022, on Blackboard

- Please type and submit PDF file to Blackboard. No late submissions will be accepted.
- **Academic honesty:** at the beginning of your paper, please include: “I understand and agree to abide by the provisions in the University of Houston Undergraduate Academic Honesty Policy” and “This is my own work.”
- Discussion is encouraged. In each problem solution, list the names of persons that you have discussed with about that problem, except for large group discussion such as in MS Teams where a note of “group discussion” suffices. If an online source helped you, list the URL.
- **Unless otherwise statement, for an algorithm design problem, please include algorithm description (texts + pseudocode), proof of correctness, and analysis of worst case time complexity (big O or big Theta).**

### Backtracking:

**P0 (15pt):** Give an algorithm to print out all possible subsets of an  $n$ -element set, such as  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ .

**P1 (15pt):** A *derangement* is a permutation  $p$  of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  such that no item is in its proper position; i.e.  $p_i \neq i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . For example,  $p = \{3, 1, 2\}$  is a derangement of  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ , whereas  $p = \{3, 2, 1\}$  is not.

Write an efficient backtracking program that prints out all derangements of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ .

### Dynamic Programming:

**P3 (20pt):** In a strange country, the currency is available in the following denominations: \$1, \$4, \$7, \$13, \$28, \$52, \$91, \$365. Find the minimum bills that add up to a given sum  $\$k$ .

(a) The greedy change algorithm repeatedly takes the largest bill that does not exceed the target amount. For example, to make \$122 using the greedy algorithm, we first take a \$91 bill, then a \$28 bill, and finally three \$1 bills. Give an example where this greedy algorithm uses more bills than the minimum possible. [Hint: It may be easier to write a small program than to work this out by hand.]

(b) Describe and analyze a recursive algorithm that computes, given an integer  $k$ , the minimum number of bills needed to make  $\$k$ . (Don't worry about making your algorithm fast; just make sure it's correct.)

(c) Describe a dynamic programming algorithm that computes, given an integer  $k$ , the minimum number of bills needed to make  $\$k$ . (This one needs to be fast.)

