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- 2. Write your first name, last name and school on this page only.
- 3. Write your answers on the provided answer sheets. Write clearly and legibly with a blue or black pen or bic.
- 4. Use a pencil and eraser when working in draft form on the question sheets.
- 5. You may only have writing materials with you. Calculator, GSM, smartphone ... are forbidden.
- 6. You can always request extra scratch paper from the invigilator.
- 7. When you have finished, hand in this first page (with your name on it) and the pages with your answers, you can keep the other pages.
- 8. All the snippets of code in the exercises are written in **pseudo-code**. On the next pages you will find a description of the pseudo-code that we use.
- 9. If you have to respond with code, you can do so in **pseudo-code** or in any **current programming language** (such as Java, C, C++, Pascal, Python, ...). We do not deduct points for syntax errors.

Good Luck!

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Pseudo-code checklist

Data is stored in variables. We change the value of a variable using \leftarrow . In a variable, we can store whole numbers, real numbers, or arrays (see below), as well as Boolean (logical) values: true/correct (**true**) or false/wrong (**false**). It is possible to perform arithmetic operations on variables. In addition to the four conventional operators (+, -, × and /), you can also use the operator %. If a and b are whole numbers, then a/b and a%b denote respectively the quotient and the remainder of the division.

For example, if a = 14 and b = 3, then a/b = 4 and a%b = 2.

Here is a first code example, in which the variable age receives 17.

```
\begin{aligned} birth Year \leftarrow 2006 \\ age \leftarrow 2023 - birth Year \end{aligned}
```

To run code only if a certain condition is true, we use the instruction **if** and possibly the instruction **else** to execute another code if the condition is false. The next example checks if a person is of legal age and stores the price of their movie ticket in the variable *price*. Look at the comments in the code.

```
 \begin{array}{l} \textbf{if} \ (age \geq 18) \\ \{ \\ price \leftarrow 8 \ // \ This \ is \ a \ comment. \\ \} \\ \textbf{else} \\ \{ \\ price \leftarrow 6 \ // \ cheaper \ ! \\ \} \\ \end{array}
```

Sometimes when one condition is false, we have to check another. For this we can use **else if**, which comes down to executing another **if** inside the **else** of the first **if**. In the following example, there are 3 age categories that correspond to 3 different prices for the movie ticket.

```
if (age \geq 18)
{
    price \leftarrow 8 // Price for a person of legal age (adult).
}
else if (age \geq 6)
{
    price \leftarrow 6 // Price for children aged 6 or older.
}
else
{
    price \leftarrow 0 // Free for children under 6.
}
```

To handle several elements with a single variable, we use an array. The individual elements of an array are identified by an index (which is written in square brackets after the name of the array). The first element of an array tab[] has index 0 and is denoted tab[0]. The second element has index 1 and the last has index n-1 if the array contains n elements. For example, if the array tab[] contains the 3 numbers 5, 9 and 12 (in this order), then tab[0] = 5, tab[1] = 9, tab[2] = 12. The array is size 3, but the highest index is 2.



To repeat code, for example to browse the elements of an array, we can use a **for** loop. The notation **for** ($i \leftarrow a$ **to** b **step** k) represents a loop which will be repeated as long as $i \leq b$, in which i begins with the value a, and is increased by k at the end of each step. The following example calculates the sum of the elements of the array tab[] assuming its size is n. The sum is found in the variable sum at the end of the execution of the algorithm.

```
sum \leftarrow 0
for (i \leftarrow 0 \text{ to } n-1 \text{ step } 1)
{
sum \leftarrow sum + tab[i]
}
```

You can also write a loop using the instruction **while**, which repeats code as long as its condition is true. In the next example, we're going to divide a positive integer n by 2, then by 3, then by 4 ... until it is a single digit number (i.e. until n < 10).

```
d \leftarrow 2 while (n \ge 10) { n \leftarrow n/d d \leftarrow d+1 }
```

Often the algorithms will be in a frame and preceded by descriptions. After **Input**, we define each of the arguments (variables) given as input to the algorithm. After **Output**, we define the state of certain variables at the end of the algorithm execution and possibly the returned value. A value can be returned with the instruction **return**. When this instruction is executed, the algorithm stops and the given value is returned.

Here is an example using the calculation of the sum of the elements of an array.

```
 \begin{array}{c} \textbf{Input} & : \ tab[\ ], \ \text{an array of } n \ \text{numbers.} \\ & n, \ \text{the number of elements in the array.} \\ \\ \textbf{Output} & : \ sum, \ \text{the sum of all the numbers in the array.} \\ \\ sum \leftarrow 0 \\ \textbf{for} & (i \leftarrow 0 \ \textbf{to} \ n-1 \ \textbf{step} \ 1) \\ \\ \{ sum \leftarrow sum + tab \ [i] \\ \} \\ \textbf{return} & sum \\  \end{array}
```

Note: in this last example, the variable *i* is only used as a counter for the **for** loop. There is therefore no description for it either in **Input** or in **Output**, and its value is not returned.



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Question 1 – Star Battle

Star Battle is a logic puzzle where one needs to place **n** stars in a grid with **n** rows and **n** columns, divided into **n** zones separated by walls which are represented by thick lines

The following rules must be respected.

- Rule 1: Each row must contain 1 star.
- Rule 2: Each column must contain 1 star.
- Rule 3: Each zone must contain 1 star.
- Rule 4: The cells that surround a star cannot contain another star.

For example: the grid on the right has been filled up according to the four rules.

Here is an example with **n=6** where only one star has been placed.

The row numbers (from 0 to 5) are displayed on the left of the grid.

The column numbers (from 0 to 5) are displayed above the grid.

The star has been placed in the cell at the intersection of row 2 and column 1.

The cells where no further star can be placed are marked with 'x':

- the cells in row 2 (rule 1),
- the cells in column 1 (rule 2),
- the (gray) cells in the zone that contains the star (rule 3),
- the 8 cells surrounding the star (rule 4).

Zones are numbered from **0** to **n-1** by moving through the grid according to the English reading direction (left-right), starting from the top left corner.

We write 0 in all the cells of the first zone. We write 1 in all the cells of the next zone that has no numbers yet, and we continue like that until we write **n-1** in the last zone (zone 5 in the example).

The first cells of each zone, according to the reading direction, are displayed in bold. In the programs, the grid is represented by the array $t[\][\]$ containing the zone numbers.

- t[2][1]=3, because the cell in row 2 and column 1 (in gray) is in zone 3.
- t[4][5]=1, because the cell in row 4 and column 5 (in gray) is in zone 1.

The player can suggest a solution by means of an array **col**[].

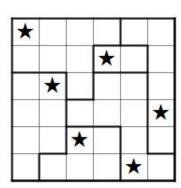
For each row number **i**, the player must give the column number **col[i]** where they want a star to be placed.

In the example on the right, col[]=[2,3,0,4,2,5]

(this is a shorthand for col[0]=2, col[1]=3, col[2]=0, col[3]=4, col[4]=2 and col[5]=5).

This suggestion is very bad since only rule 1 is enforced.

- Rule 2 is violated as there are multliple stars in column 2.
- Rule 3 is violated as there are multiple stars in zone 4.
- Rule 4 is violated by the stars in row 0 and row 1.



	0	1	2	3	4	5
0		x				
1	х	x	х			
2	х	*	X	х	х	х
3	х	x	х			
4	х	х	,			
5	х	X				

	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	2	2	1
2	3	3	0	4	4	1
3	3	3	4	4	4	1
4	3	3	5	5	4	1
5	3	5	5	5	4	4

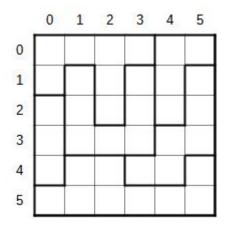
0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	*	0	1	1
0	0	0	*	2	1
*	3	0	4	4	1
3	3	4	4	*	1
3	3	*	5	4	1
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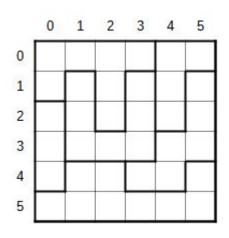


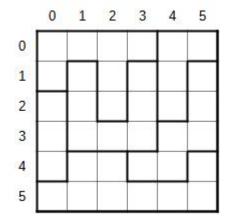
The questions on this page rely on the **Star Battle** grid which is given three times hereunder.

Use these grids as a draft to find the right answer with a pencil and an eraser.

Do not forget to copy your answer on the appropriate answer sheet.







For the next four questions, you need to **tick** the rules which **are respected**, and *avoid ticking* the rules that are *not respected*. You will score points only if you give the right answer for the four rules.

Q1(b) /2	Tick the rules tha	at are respected if co	l[]=[4, 1, 5, 2, 0, 3].	
	□ rule 1	□ rule 2	□ rule 3	□ rule 4
04() /0			W 1 10 7 4 0 2 41	
Q1(c) /2	Tick the rules that	at are respected if co	[1] = [2, 5, 4, 0, 3, 1].	
	□ rule 1	□ rule 2	□ rule 3	□ rule 4
Q1(d) /2	Tick the rules that	at are respected if co	I[]=[5, 3, 2, 0, 4, 1].	
	□ rule 1	□ rule 2	□ rule 3	□ rule 4
Q1(e) /2	Tick the rules that	at are respected if co	d[]=[3, 1, 4, 0, 3, 5].	
	□ rule 1	□ rule 2	□ rule 3	□ rule 4

Now, find a solution!

Q1(f) /2 Place six stars in the grid, while respecting the four rules.

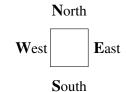
Q1(g) /2	What is the value of array col[] in your solution?
1	col[]=[,,,]



You must now complete **Program SB1** below, which is used to display on screen a puzzle grid, like in the first example on the first page of this question.

The program relies on the size \mathbf{n} , on the array $\mathbf{t}[\][\]$ and on the array $\mathbf{col}[\]$.

The program controls a robot that moves over the screen to draw lines, walls and stars. The program starts with the robot in the correct starting position to draw the cell in the top left corner of the grid (corresponding to textbft[0][0]).



We can use instructions Go(), line(), wall() and star() as explained below. Go(), line() and wall() need a direction W, E, N or S.

- Go (W, n), Go (E, n), Go (N, n) and Go (S, n) move the robot **n** cells in the given direction. Examples: Go (E, 1) moves the robot one cell to the right, Go (S, 2) moves it two cells down.
- Instruction wall() draws a wall on one of the edges of the cell where the robot is located.

 wall(W) draws a vertical wall on the left and wall(E) a vertical wall on the right.

 wall(N) draws an horizontal wall on the top of the cell and wall(S) an horizontal wall at the bottom.

 The grid and all zones must be surrounded by walls.
- line() works like wall() but draws a fine line instead of a wall. There must be either a fine line or a wall on each side of each cell.
- star () draws a star in the cell where the robot is located.

If a test contains several conditions combined with **or**, the whole test is **true** if one of these conditions is **true**. Moreover, if the first condition of an **or** is **true**, the second condition is not evaluated (as it is useless).

```
Q1(h) /10 Fill in the ______in program SB1.
You can score between 0 and 10 points and lose one point per mistake or missing answer.
```

You can use the code below to work out your solution. Do not forget to copy your answer on the proper answer sheet!

```
Input : n, t[][], col[]
for (i \leftarrow 0 \text{ to } n-1 \text{ step } 1) {
  for (j \leftarrow 0 \text{ to } n-1 \text{ step } 1) {
     if (i = 0 or t[i][j] \neq  ) { wall(N) }
     else {line(N)}
     if (______) {wall(S)}
     if (______ or ___
                           else {line(W)}
     if (______) {star()}
     Go (E, 1)
  }
  Go (W, ____)
  Go (______)
}
```



You must now complete **Program SB2** below which is used to check if a player's suggested solution respects the 4 rules. The program receives size **n**, array **t**[][], and the player's suggested solution in array **col**[].

The program relies on an array **bcol**[] of **n** Boolean values. Initially, this array is filled up with **false** but every time a star is placed in a column, the corresponding cell in the array is changed to **true**. In order to test whether a star has already been placed in column 3, for instance, one can then use the test **if** (bcol[3]) {...} **else** {...} since **bcol**[3] is either **true** or **false**.

The program also relies on an array **bzone**[] of **n** Boolean that has the same role as **bcol**[] for zones (instead of columns).

The program starts by checking rule 2. If several stars are placed in the same column, the program stops and returns **false**. Next, the program checks rule 3 and stops returning **false** if there are several stars in the same zone. When rules 2 and 3 are verified, the program can then check rule 4 and stops, returning **false**, if two stars are directly next to each other. The last line gets executed only when the four rules are respected, and returns **true**.

```
Q1(i) /10 Fill in the _____ in Program SB2.
You score between 0 and 10 points and lose one point per mistake or missing answer.
```

You can use the code below to work out your answer. Do not forget to copy your answer on the proper answer sheet!

```
: n, t[][], col[]
Input
Output : true or false
for (i \leftarrow 0 \text{ to } n-1) {
   bcol[i] \leftarrow false
   bzone[i] ← false
}
//Rule 2 - Regle 2 - Regel 2
j \leftarrow col[i]
   if (bcol[____]) {return false}
   else { ← true}
}
//Rule 3 - Regle 3 - Regel 3
for (i \leftarrow 0 \text{ to} \quad \text{step } 1) {
   if (bzone[____]) {return false}
   else { ← true}
}
//Rule 4 - Regle 4 - Regel 4
for (i \leftarrow 0 \text{ to} \quad \text{step } 1) {
   if (col[i]= or col[i]= ) {return false}
return true
```



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Question 2 – Flowchart

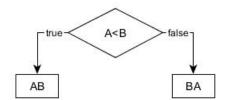
We can represent a test by a diamond shape, in which we write the condition to be checked.

Depending on the outcome of the test, we follow either the **true** or the **false** branch.

In the example below, A and B are variables that we want to compare.

If A<B, we display "**AB**", otherwise, we display "**BA**".

The display operations are represented by rectangles.



For example, if A=7 and B=4, the above algorithm will follow the **false** branch of the test and will display "**BA**".

Let us now consider a similar problem with three variables A, B and C that have **different values**.

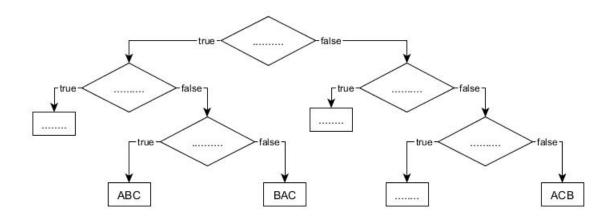
You are requested to represent graphically an algorithm that displays the three letters "A", "B" and "C" according to the values of these variables, from the lowest to the largest. For example, if A=11, B=16 and C=7, the algorithm must display "CAB" since C has the smallest value, and B has the largest.

To do so, you must write a test in each diamond. You can only write the following tests: A < B, B < A, A < C, C < A, B < C and C < B.

You must also fill in the rectangles with the ... blank spaces with the three letters in the appropriate order.

Q2(a) /8 Fill in the ... below. You will score one point for each correctly filled box.

You can use this sheet to work out your answer. Do not forget to **copy your answer to the appropriate answer sheet**.



Let us assume now that the variables can have **equal values**.

Q2(b) /2	What is the message that is displayed when the three variables are equal?
Q2(c) /2	Which messages are never displayed whenever two variables are equal?



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Question 3 – Intersecting lists

We want to find all the common elements in two lists of n elements L1[] and L2[].

We know that the elements of L1[] are all different, as are the elements of L2[].

We have to create the list Li[] containing all elements that belong to both L1[] and L2[].

For example, if n = 8, L1[] = [1, 3, 6, 10, 15, 21, 28, 36] and L2[] = [3, 7, 15, 19, 23, 29, 36, 41] then Li[] = [3, 15, 36]. As usual, list elements are numbered from 0.

First idea: program P1.

This program relies on two nested **for** loops.

The first loop selects a new element x1 from L1[] during each iteration.

The second loop, which is nested in the first one, compares successively x1 to all the elements of L2[].

When an equality is found, x1 is added to Li[].

P1 relies on Li[] \leftarrow [] to create an empty list Li[].

It further relies on method append () to append an element at the end of a list.

For example, if Li[] is empty, and if we call Li[].append(3) then Li[] = [3].

Next, if we execute Li[].append(15) followed by Li[].append(36), then Li[] = [3, 15, 36].

Note that, in **P1**, lines (1) and (2) are highlighted with a gray rectangle.

Q3(a) /1	If $n = 100$, how many times will line (1) be executed?
Q3(b) /1	If $n = 100$, how many times will line (2) be executed?
Q3(c) /1	In general, for a given <i>n</i> , how many times will line (1) be executed?
Q3(d) /1	In general, for a given n , how many times will line (2) be executed?

In the next questions, we test **P1** on lists of different lengths.

We will assume that the total execution time depends only on the number of times line **ligne (2)** is executed (this is clearly an approximation, but it is sufficiently precise for our purpose).

Q3(e) /1	If the execution time is 3 seconds for a given <i>n</i> , what is the execution time (in <i>seconds</i>) to run the program on lists that are 5 times longer?
Q3(f) /1	If the execution time is 6 seconds for a given n , what is the execution time (in <i>minutes</i>) to run the program on lists that are 10 times longer?
Q3(g) /1	If the execution time is 4 seconds for a given <i>n</i> , what is the execution time (in <i>hours</i>) to run the program on lists that are 60 times longer?



Second idea: program P2.

P1 will work on all lists, whether they are sorted or not, but it is relatively slow.

P2 is faster, but will only work when the input lists are sorted in increasing (ascending) order.

Here is the listing of **P2** without explanations.

Note that line (3) is highlighted with a number in a gray rectangle.

Q3(h) /1	If $n = 10$, what is the MINimum number of times that line (3) will be executed?
Q3(i) /1	If $n = 10$, what is the MAXimum number of times that line (3) will be executed?
Q3(j) /1	If $n = 10$ and $L1[] = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19]$, give a list $L2[]$ of different integer > 0 numbers such that line (3) gets executed a MINimal number of times.
Q3(k) /1	If $n = 10$ et $L1[] = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19]$, give a list $L2[]$ of different integer > 0 numbers such that line (3) gets executed a MAXimal number of times.
Q3(l) /1	For a given <i>n</i> , what is the MINimum number of times that line (3) will be executed?
Q3(m) /1	For a given <i>n</i> , what is the MAXimum number of times that line (3) will be executed?

In the next questions, we test **P2** on lists of different lengths.

We will assume that the total execution time depends only on the number of times line **ligne** (3) is executed (this is clearly an approximation, but it is sufficiently precise for our purpose).

Q3(n) /1	If the MAXimum execution time is 3 seconds for a given <i>n</i> , what is the MAXimum execution time (in <i>seconds</i>) for lists that are 5 times longer?
Q3(o) /1	If the MAXimum execution time is 6 seconds for a given n , what is the MAXimum execution time (in <i>minutes</i>) for lists that are 10 times longer?
Q3(p) /1	f the MAXimum execution time is 4 seconds for a given <i>n</i> , what is the MAXimum execution time (in <i>minutes</i>) for lists that are 60 times longer?



Third idea: Program P3.

P2 is way faster than **P1**, but the lists must be sorted.

If the lists L1[] et L2[] are not sorted, which of the two following procedures will be the fastest?

Running P1 or first sorting the two lists then running P2? It depends on the speed at which we are able to sort lists!

P3 relies on method sort () to sort lists.

For example, if L[] = [36, 16, 4, 25, 9, 1] and we run L[] . sort (), then L[] = [1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36].

The method implements an algoritm that executes approximately $n \cdot \log_2(n)$ instructions to sort a list of n elements.

Here are some examples of values of $log_2(n)$ rounded to the nearest integer:

$$\log_2{(100)} \simeq 7$$

$$\log_2(1000) \simeq 10$$

$$\log_2{(1000000)} \simeq 20$$

P3 the consists in first sorting L1[] and L2[], then calling **P2**.

For the next questions, you have to compute the approximate number of instructions executed by P3 running on lists of length n.

For the approximate computation, you will rely on the two sorting operations (using the formula on gray background and the provided values of $log_2(n)$) and on the MAXimum number of times that instruction (3) is executed in **P2**.

Q3(q) /1	If $n = 100$, how many instructions will P3 execute approximately?
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Q3(r) /1 If
$$n = 1000$$
, how many instructions will P3 execute approximately?

Q3(s) /1 If
$$n = 1000000$$
, how many instructions will P3 execute approximately?

In the next questions, you are requested to compute the ratio $\frac{\text{execution time of P3}}{\text{execution time of P1}}$.

In practice, you must reuse the numbers of instructions that you computed in the previous questions.

Example:

If **P1** and **P3** execute 20000 and 300 instructions respectively, you have to compute $\frac{300}{20000} = \frac{3}{200} = 0.015$.

In this example, the execution time of **P3** is thus only 0.015 = 1.5% of the execution time of **P1**.

Your answers must be rounded to two significant numbers (for example 0, 03681 is rounded to 0, 037).

Q3(t) /1	If $n = 100$, what is the value of $\frac{\text{execution time of P3}}{\text{execution time of P1}}$?
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Q3(u) /1 If
$$n = 1000$$
, what is the value of $\frac{\text{execution time of P3}}{\text{execution time of P1}}$?

Q3(v) /1 If
$$n = 1000$$
, what is the value of $\frac{\text{execution time of P3}}{\text{execution time of P1}}$?

Q3(w) /1	Conclusion: if the lists are not sorted, which program is faster: P1 or P3?
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Question 4 – Blocks

L[] is a list with n elements $L[0], \ldots, L[n-1]$.

The **length** of a list is the number of elements it contains.

A **block** from L[] is a sub-list which is as long as possible and contains consecutive elements of L[] which are all equal. For example: the blocks of L[] = [4, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 2] are [4], [2, 2, 2], [1, 1] and [2], with lengths 1, 3, 2 et 1 respectively.

Given L[], its **associated** list is the list of the lengths of the blocks from L[].

Example (continued): The list associated to $\left[4,2,2,2,1,1,2\right]$ is $\left[1,3,2,1\right]$.

Q4(a) /1	What is the associated list of [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]?
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Q4(b) /1	What is the associated list of [3, 3, 3, 3, 3]?
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Q4(c) /2 What is the length of
$$L[]$$
 if its associated list is $[3, 2, 2, 3]$?

Q4(d) /2 Which list is equal to its own associated list?

In all the following questions, we consider lists $L[\]$ containing only the numbers 1 and 2, and starting with 1.

For example, L[] = [1, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2] or L[] = [1, 1, 1, 1].

A[] will be the list associated to L[].

For the two examples above, we have A[] = [1, 3, 1, 1] and A[] = [4], respectively.

O4(e) /2	What is $A[]$ if $L[]$	and A	have length 6?
Z -(-) /-	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	1	1

Q4(f) /2 What is $L[]$ if $L[]$ and $A[]$ have length 6?	Q4(f) /2
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In the next questions, Z[] is the list associated to A[].

For example, if L[] = [1, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2] then A[] = [1, 3, 3, 2] and Z[] = [1, 2, 1].

Q4(h) /3 What is the longest list
$$L[]$$
 such that $A[]$ contains only 1's and 2's and $Z[] = [1, 3, 1]$?



You need now to complete **Program B1** below which takes as input a list L[] and its length n (where n > 0) and which produces as output the list A[] associated to L[].

The program relies on $A[] \leftarrow []$ to create a an empty list A[].

The program also relies on the method append () which appends an element to the end of a list.

For example, if A[] is empty and we call A[]. append (3) then A[] = [3].

If we further execute A[] append (1), then A[] = [3, 1].

```
Q4(i) /6 Fill in the _____ in program B1.
You will score between 0 and 6 points, and you will lose 1 point per mistake or missing answer.
```

```
Input : n, L[]
Output : A[]
A[] \leftarrow []
value \leftarrow L[0]
length \leftarrow 0
{
    if (_____)
        length ← length +
    else
    {
        A[].append(_____)
        value \leftarrow L[i]
        length ← _____
}
A[].append(_____)
return A[]
```

You can work out your answers on this page. Do not forget to copy your answers to the actual answer sheet.



We can consider infinite lists as well.

For example, the infinite list $[1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, \dots]$ has $[1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots]$ as associated list, which is infinite as well.

There exists a unique "magic" infinite list with the following three properties:

- It starts with 1.
- It contains 1's and 2's only.
- It is equal to its associated list.

We call the magic list M[].

Q4(j) /4 What are the 6 first elements of the magic list M[]?

You now need to complete Program B2 below, which generates the first elements of the magic list.

The input of the algorithm is an integer number n, which is the number of elements that the algorithm must compute. The output is an array M[] of length n that contains the n first elements of the magic list.

The program relies on $M[] \leftarrow [1]$ to create a list M[] that contains a unique element M[0] equal to 1. On top of the append() method that we have introduced already, this program relies on the method pop() that **deletes the last element of a list**.

For example, if L[] = [1, 2, 2, 4] and we execute $L[] \cdot pop()$ then L[] = [1, 2, 2].

We must sometimes call this method at the end of the program because it can generate, during the **while** loop, one element more than the requested n elements.

```
Q4(k) /8 Fill in the _____ in Program B2.
You will score between 0 and 6 points, and you will lose 1 point per mistake or missing answer.
```

You can use the program to work out your solution. **Do not forget to copy your answers to the actual answer sheet.**

```
Input
       : n
Output : M[]
M[] \leftarrow [1]
iL \leftarrow 1
iA \leftarrow 1
value \leftarrow 2
while (iL < n)</pre>
{
    M[].append(value)
    if (M[iA] = 2) {
    iL ← iL + _____
    iA ← iA +
    value ← ____
if (iL = n+1) {M.pop()}
return M[]
```

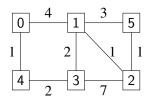


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Question 5 – The journey of the Smurfs

The Smurfs love to travel, everybody knows that! They regularly embark on a trip, lead by Papa Smurf. But these travels are very long (« How much farther, Papa Smurf? ») and Papa Smurf is starting to feel his age now that he has turned 542...

Computer Smurf decides to help him. He asks Geographer Smurf for assistance to draw a map of all the paths that are known in the Magic Forest, together with the times that are needed to go from one point to another. The map is given below.



On this map, the different places are represented by squares.

0 is the village, which is the starting point of all journeys; 1 is the big oak; 2 is Gargamel's hovel; and so forth.

The lines between the places represent the paths.

The numbers on the paths show the time needed to go from one place to the other.

For example, one needs 4 hours to travel from 0 to 1.

But Geographer Smurf's map displays *direct* paths only.

Computer Smurf wants to compute the fastest *itinerary* to reach any place.

An *itinerary* is a sequence of places that one can visit by following directly connected paths, starting from the village.

For example 0, 4, 3, 2 is an itinerary, but 0, 3, 2 is not because there is no direct path between 0 and 3.

The *duration* of an itinerary is the sum of the durations of all the paths in the itinerary.

For example, the duration of 0, 4, 3, 1 is 1 + 2 + 7 = 10 hours.

Q5(a) /1	What is the duration of 0, 1, 3, 2, 5 ?
Q5(b) /1	Can we travel from 0 to 5 in exactly 7 hours? If your answer is 'yes', give the itinerary; otherwise answer 'no'.
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Q5(c) /1	Can we travel from 0 to 5 in less than 5 hours? If your answer is 'yes', give the itinerary; otherwise answer 'no'.
Q5(d) /1	What is the fastest itinerary to go from 0 to 5 ?

Computer Smurf then proceeds to explain the algorithm (given below) that he came up with to compute the fastest itineraries.

My algorithm relies on an array D[], indexed by the place numbers. At the end of the algorithm, for each place x, D[x] will be the duration of the fastest itinerary from the village to x.

Initially, I let $D[x] = +\infty$ for all places x thanks to a **for** loop.

Straight away after that, I let D[0] = 0, since the village is always the starting point of all itineraries.



The $+\infty$ symbol means 'infinite value'.

It is some sort of mathematical equivalent to 'It's still very far, my little Smurfs!'

It is a special value that is larger than any number.

Moreover, adding an integer value to $+\infty$ yields $+\infty$.

For example, $+\infty + 5 = +\infty$.

During its execution, my algorithm identifies two types of places.

- The places for which the fastest itinerary (from the village) is already know.
 - For these places, the value D[x] will not change anymore.
 - We will call these places the known places.
- The places for which the fastest itinerary (from the village) is not known yet.
 - For those places, D[x] can still change during the rest of the execution.
 - We will call these places the unknown places.

At the beginning, the algorithm assumes that all places are unknown.

At the end of the execution, when all the fastest itineraries have been computed, all places will be considered as known. In practice, the algorithm maintains an array of Boolean values K[] such that K[X] is **true** for the known places and **false** for the unknown places.

When we are certain that D[x] will not change anymore, it means that x becomes *known*, and this information is stored by setting K[x] to **true**.

The most important operations of the algorithm take place in the **while** loop. This is what gets executed at each iteration of the loop:

- Among all *unknown* places, pick the place m such taht D[m] is minimum.
- Set m as a known place.
- Consider all the *successors* of m to check whether we can find an itinerary that is faster than the one we already know. The successors of m are all the places that can be reached from m by following a direct path.

For example, the successors of 0 are 1 and 4.

I then check what is the duration D[s] of the fastest known itinerary to each successor s and I try to improve it with an itinerary going through m.

Finally, I have to explain how I represent the map with the paths.

I rely on an array G[][] such that G[i][j] is the duration of the direct path between place i and place j, if this path exists.

If there is no direct path between place i and place j, I let $G[i][j] = +\infty$. For example, with the map of Geographer Smurf, we have G[0][1] = 4 and $G[0][3] = +\infty$.

The algorithm relies on function minFalse(D[], K[]) that returns the number (between 0 and n-1) of the *unknown* place with the smallest value D[].

If there is a tie between several *unknown* places, the function returns the one with the smallest number.

If all the places are known, the function returns -1.

Example: if the unknown places are 2, 4 and 5, and if D[] = [0, 7, 9, 15, 17, 9], then minFalse (D[], K[]) will look for the smallest value among D[2] = 9, D[4] = 17 and D[5] = 9. The result will be 9.

Since there is draw between 2 and 5, minFalse(D[], K[]) returns the smallest number, which is 2.

I hope you have smurfed—I mean, 'understood'—this whole explanation!



Here is Computer Smurf's algorithm:

Input: n, the number of places; G[][], the map.

Output: D[], such that D[m] is the duration of the fastest itinerary from 0 to m.

```
for (i \leftarrow 0 \text{ to } n-1 \text{ step } 1) {
     D[i] \leftarrow +\infty
      K[i] \leftarrow false
}
D[0] \leftarrow 0
m \leftarrow minFalse(D[],K[])
while (m \neq -1) {
    K[m] \leftarrow true
    for (s \leftarrow 0 to n-1 step 1) {
          if ((not K[s]) and (G[m][s] \neq +\infty)) {
                if (D[m] + G[m][s] < D[s]) {
                      D[s] \leftarrow D[m] + G[m][s]
                }
            }
    m \leftarrow minFalse(D[],K[])
return D[]
```

Here are the first few steps of execution of the algorithm, using the map of Geographer Smurf.

The arrays represent D[] and K[]. As an abbreviation, we represent **true** by T and **false** by F.

• Initialisation:

$$0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5$$

$$0 \quad +\infty \quad +\infty \quad +\infty \quad +\infty \quad +\infty$$

	0	1	2	3	4	5
K:	F	F	F	F	F	F

• During the first iteration of the loop, the algorithm selects m= 0 and inspects its successors 1 and 4.

We have G[0][1] = 4 and G[0][4] = 1. Since $D[0] + G[0][1] = 0 + 4 = 4 < +\infty$, we update D[1] with this value.

Similarly, D [4] will be updated and we obtain:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	
K:	T	F	F	F	F	F	

What are the next steps of the algorithm?

Q5(f) /4	Give the arrays D[] and K[] at the end of the third iteration of the while loop.
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Q5(g) /4	Give the arrays D[] and K[] at the end of the fourth iteration of the while loop.
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Computer Smurf has written function minFalse, but he has spilled sarsaparilla juice on his listing, and cannot recover the missing expressions. Can you help him?

Q5(h) /3 Fill in the ______ in the listing of function minFalse.

You can write your working in the code below. Do not forget to copy your answers to the proper answer sheet!

Input: The array D [] with size n containing integers or $+\infty$.

The array K [] with size n containing Booleans.

Output: The place m, such that D[m] is minimal in D[] among all the places i with K[i] = false.

Value -1 if there is no place i such that K[i] =**false**.

```
m ←
minD ← +∞

for (i ← 0 to n-1 step 1) {
   if ((not K[i]) and (D[i] < ____)) {
      m ← i
      minD ←
    }
}
return m</pre>
```

Now, Computer Smurf is reflecting on the efficiency of his algorithm to compute the fastest itineraries, and on the answers it could return...

Q5(i) /2 With the map from Geographer Smurf, how many iteration of the while loop will be executed?

Q5(j) /2 If the map has n places, and the largest duration of a direct path is M, how many iteration of the while loop will be executed?

Next, Computer Smurf shows his algorithm to Papa Smurf.

He answers: 'This is really good, my little Smurf, but your algorithm is of little use to me if it computes only the *durations* of the best itineraries! I want to know the actual itineraries as well!'

Computer Smurf goes back to work and figures out that he needs to compute, for each place x, the place y that precedes directly x in the fastest itinerary to reach x. He calls y the *predecessor* of x.

For example, the fastest itinerary to reach 3 is 0, 4, 3.

Hence, we must remember that the predecessor of 3 is 4, and that the predecessor of 4 is 0.

Computer Smurf enhances his algorithm with an array P[] which is meant to remember, for each location x, its predecessor P[x].

Initially, P[x] must be equal to a special value indicating that nothing has been computed yet.

Computer Smurf chooses as special value: -1.

Next, he needs to modify the **while** loop to be able to update P[x].



Based on this information, can you help him to fill in the two missing lines in his algorithm?

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Q5(k) /4 Fill in the ______ in Computer Smurf's algorithm to compute P[].
```

You can use the code below to work out your solution. Do not forget to copy your answer to the proper answer sheet!

```
for (i \leftarrow 0 \text{ to } n-1 \text{ step } 1) {
     D[i] \leftarrow +\infty
     K[i] \leftarrow false
     P[i] ← _____
}
D[0] \leftarrow 0
m \leftarrow minFalse(D[],K[])
while (m \neq -1) {
    K[m] ← true
    for (s \leftarrow 0 to n-1 step 1) {
          if ((not K[s]) and (G[m][s] \neq +\infty)) {
               if (D[m] + G[m][s] < D[s]) {
                     D[s] \leftarrow D[m] + G[m][s]
               }
           }
    m \leftarrow minFalse(D[],K[])
}
```

Q5(1) /2 What is the content of array P[] at the end of the execution of the algorithm, when executed on the map from Geographer Smurf?

Unfortunately, Gargamel, the archenemy of the Smurfs, has installed Smurf traps on some paths.

The Smurfs cannot use those paths anymore, and Geographer Smurf has therefore decided to delete them from the map. Hence, some place can now be totally unreachable from the village!

Computer Smurf now wonders how his algorithm will behave.

Brainy Smurf, who always believes he understands everything that has to do with computing, comes up with a series of statements.

Which ones are true?

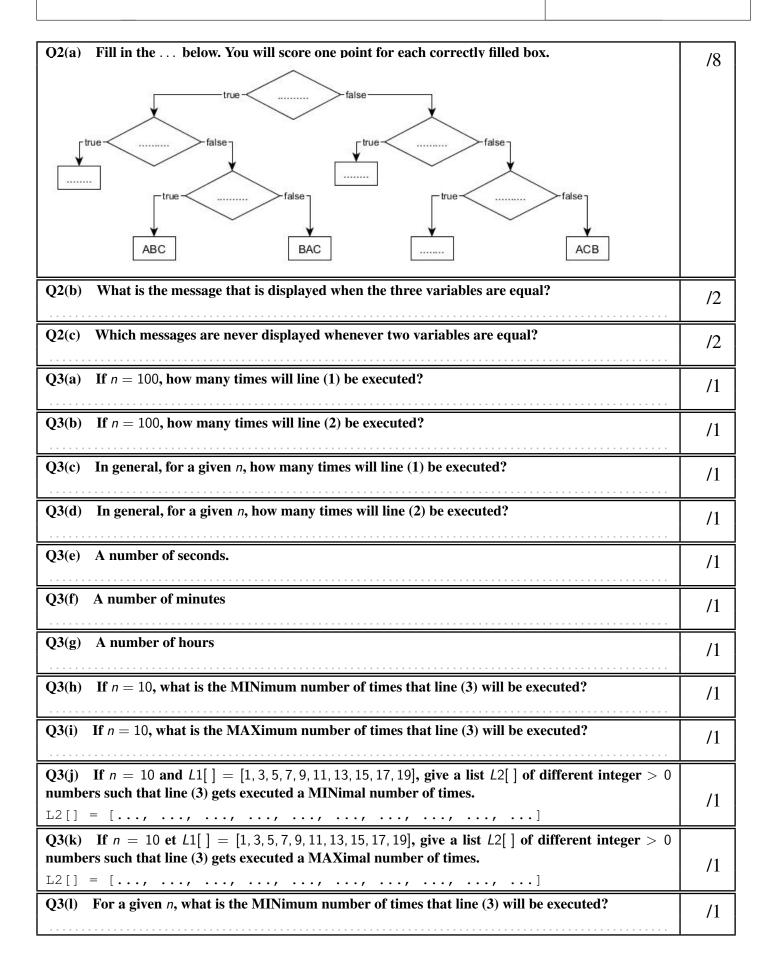
		Brainy Smurf's propositions
Q5(m) /1	True / False	There is no map for which the algorithm returns an array $P[]$ containing a value $+\infty$.
Q5(n) /1	True / False	On certain maps, the algorithm can return an array $D[]$ containing one or several values $+\infty$.
Q5(o) /1	True / False	The algorithm is not correct when some places are not reachable from the village (place 0). In this case, it does not always compute the durations of the fastest itineraries for all the places that we can access from the village.
Q5(p) /1	True / False	The algorithm returns an array $D[]$ where $D[x] = +\infty$ for all the places x such that the fastest itinerary to reach x has a duration $\geq 2^n$, where n is the number of places.
Q5(q) /1	True / False	The algorithm returns an array D[] where D[x] = $+\infty$ for all the places x such that there is no itinerary to reach x from the village (place 0).

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Give your answers here!

Q1(a) Values of cells from t[][].			
t[1][5]=, t[2][3]=, t	[3][0]=, t[4][3]=		
Q1(b) Tick the rules that are respect ☐ rule 1 ☐ rule 2	ed if col[]=[4, 1, 5, 2, 0, 3]. ☐ rule 3 ☐ rule 4	/2	
Q1(c) Tick the rules that are respect ☐ rule 1 ☐ rule 2	ed if col[]=[2, 5, 4, 0, 3, 1]. □ rule 3 □ rule 4	/2	
Q1(d) Tick the rules that are respect ☐ rule 1 ☐ rule 2	ed if col[]=[5, 3, 2, 0, 4, 1]. ☐ rule 3 ☐ rule 4	/2	
Q1(e) Tick the rules that are respect ☐ rule 1 ☐ rule 2	ed if col[]=[3, 1, 4, 0, 3, 5]. □ rule 3 □ rule 4	/2	
Q1(f) Place six stars in the grid, while 0 1 2 3 4 5	e respecting the four rules. O 1 2 3 4 5	/2	
Q1(g) The array col[] of your solution		/2	

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Q1(h) Fill in the _____ in program SB1.
                                                                /10
 Input : n, t[][], col[]
 for (i \leftarrow 0 to n-1 step 1) {
   for (j \leftarrow 0 \text{ to } n-1 \text{ step } 1) {
      else {line(N)}
      if (______) {wall(S)}
      else {line(W)}
      if (______) {wall(_____)}
      if ( ) {star()}
      Go(E, 1)
   }
   Go (W, ____)
   Go (______)
 }
Q1(i) Fill in the _____ in Program SB2.
                                                                /10
 Input : n, t[][], col[]
 Output : true or false
 for (i \leftarrow 0 to n-1) {
   bcol[i] ← false
   bzone[i] \leftarrow false
 //Rule 2 - Regle 2 - Regel 2
 j \leftarrow col[i]
   if (bcol[____]) {return false}
   else { ← true}
 //Rule 3 - Regle 3 - Regel 3
 for (i \leftarrow 0 \text{ to} \longrightarrow \text{step } 1) {
   z —
   if (bzone[____]) {return false}
   else { ← true}
 //Rule 4 - Regle 4 - Regel 4
 if (col[i]= or col[i]= ) {return false}
 return true
```



Q3(m) For a given <i>n</i> , what is the MAXimum number of times that line (3) will be executed?	/1
Q3(n) A number of seconds.	/1
Q3(o) A number of minutes.	/1
Q3(p) A number of minutes.	/1
Q3(q) If $n = 100$, how many instructions will P3 execute approximately?	/1
Q3(r) If $n = 1000$, how many instructions will P3 execute approximately?	/1
Q3(s) If n = 1000000, how many instructions will P3 execute approximately?	/1
Q3(t) If $n = 100$, what is the value of $\frac{\text{execution time of P3}}{\text{execution time of P1}}$?	/1
Q3(u) If $n = 1000$, what is the value of $\frac{\text{execution time of P3}}{\text{execution time of P1}}$?	/1
Q3(v) If $n = 1000$, what is the value of $\frac{\text{execution time of P3}}{\text{execution time of P1}}$?	/1
Q3(w) Conclusion: if the lists are not sorted, which program is faster: P1 or P3?	/1
Q4(a) What is the associated list of [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]?	/1
Q4(b) What is the associated list of [3, 3, 3, 3, 3]?	/1
Q4(c) What is the length of $L[]$ if its associated list is $[3, 2, 2, 3]$?	/2
Q4(d) Which list is equal to its own associated list?	/2
Q4 (e) What is A[] if L[] and A[] have length 6? $A[] = [,,,]$	/2
Q4(f) What is $L[]$ if $L[]$ and $A[]$ have length 6? $L[] = [1, \ldots, \ldots, \ldots]$	/2
Q4(g) What is $L[]$ if it contains 7 elements and $Z[] = [2,3]$? $L[] = [1, \ldots, \ldots, \ldots]$	/3

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Q4(h) A list L[].
                                                                                   /3
L[\ ]=[1,\ldots ]
Q4(i) Fill in the _____ in program B1.
                                                                                   /6
 Input : n, L[]
 Output : A[]
 A[] \leftarrow []
 value \, \leftarrow \, \texttt{L[0]}
 length \leftarrow 0
 for (i \leftarrow 0 to step 1)
     if (_____)
          length ← length +
     else
          A[].append(_____)
          value \leftarrow L[i]
          length ← _____
 A[].append(_____)
 return A[]
Q4(j) What are the 6 first elements of the magic list M[]?
                                                                                   /4
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Q4(k) Fill in the _____ in Program B2.
                                                                                         /8
 Input : n
 Output : M[]
 M[] \leftarrow [1]
 iL \leftarrow 1
 iA \leftarrow 1
 value \leftarrow 2
 while (iL < n)
      M[].append(value)
      if (M[iA] = 2) {
      iL ← iL + _____
      iA \leftarrow iA +
      value ←
 if (iL = n+1) {M.pop()}
 return M[]
Q5(a) What is the duration of 0, 1, 3, 2, 5?
                                                                                         /1
Q5(b) Either an itinerary, or 'no'.
                                                                                         /1
Q5(c) Either an itinerary, or 'no'.
                                                                                         /1
Q5(d) What is the fastest itinerary to go from 0 to 5?
                                                                                         /1
Q5(e) Give the arrays D[] and K[] at the end of the second iteration of the while loop.
                                                                                         /4
D[] = [..., ..., ..., ..., ...]
K[] = [\ldots, \ldots, \ldots, \ldots]
Q5(f) Give the arrays D[] and K[] at the end of the third iteration of the while loop.
                                                                                         /4
D[] = [..., ..., ..., ..., ...]
K[] = [..., ..., ..., ..., ...]
Q5(g) Give the arrays D[] and K[] at the end of the fourth iteration of the while loop.
                                                                                         /4
D[] = [..., ..., ..., ..., ...]
K[] = [..., ..., ..., ..., ...]
```

```
Q5(h) Fill in the ______ in the listing of function minFalse.
                                                                                                           /3
 Input:
             The array D [] with size n containing integers or +\infty.
             The array K [] with size n containing Booleans.
 Output:
             The place m, such that D[m] is minimal in D[] among all the places i with K[i] = false.
             Value -1 if there is no place i such that K[i] = false.
 m ← ____
 minD \leftarrow +\infty
 for (i \leftarrow 0 \text{ to } n-1 \text{ step } 1) {
    if ((not K[i]) and (D[i] < ____)) {</pre>
       m \leftarrow i
       \texttt{minD} \leftarrow \_\_\_
     }
 return m
Q5(i) An integer.
                                                                                                           12
Q5(j) An expression.
                                                                                                           12
Q5(k) Fill in the _____ in the algorithm.
                                                                                                           /4
 for (i \leftarrow 0 \text{ to } n-1 \text{ step } 1) {
       \text{D[i]} \leftarrow +\infty
       K[i] \leftarrow false
       P[i] ← _____
  }
 D[0] \leftarrow 0
 m \leftarrow minFalse(D[],K[])
 while (m \neq -1) {
      K[m] \leftarrow true
      for (s \leftarrow 0 \text{ to } n-1 \text{ step } 1) {
            if ((not K[s]) and (G[m][s] \neq +\infty)) {
                 if (D[m] + G[m][s] < D[s]) {
                       D[s] \leftarrow D[m] + G[m][s]
                 }
             }
      m \leftarrow minFalse(D[],K[])
Q5(1) What is the content of array P[] at the end of the execution of the algorithm, when executed
on the map from Geographer Smurf?
                                                                                                           /2
P[] = [..., ..., ..., ..., ...]
```

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	True	False	Brainy Smurf's propositions	/5
Q5(m) /1			There is no map for which the algorithm returns an array P [] containing a value	
			$+\infty$.	
Q5(n) /1			On certain maps, the algorithm can return an array $D[]$ containing one or several values $+\infty$.	
Q5(o) /1			The algorithm is not correct when some places are not reachable from the village (place 0). In this case, it does not always compute the durations of the fastest itineraries for all the places that we can access from the village.	
Q5(p) /1			The algorithm returns an array $D[]$ where $D[x] = +\infty$ for all the places x such that the fastest itinerary to reach x has a duration $\geq 2^n$, where <i>n</i> is the number of places.	
Q5(q) /1			The algorithm returns an array D[] where D[x] = $+\infty$ for all the places x such that there is no itinerary to reach x from the village (place 0).	