

# FUNDAMENTAL ALGORITHMS MIDTERM SOLUTIONS

No calculators, no notes. Do all problems. Maximal score: 125.

1. (20) Let  $A[1 \cdots N]$  and  $B[1 \cdots N]$  be arrays of numbers that are already in increasing order. Give an efficient algorithm for creating an array  $APPLE[1 \cdots 2N]$  consisting of the  $2N$  entries in  $A$  and  $B$ , placed in increasing order. How long (give a short reason) does your algorithm take?

**Solution:** This is the MERGE algorithm. The time is  $O(N)$ .

2. (20) For the following algorithms let  $T(N)$  denote the total number of times the step after the **WHILE** step is reached. For the first algorithm give an *exact* formula for  $T(N)$ . For the second algorithm first give  $T(N)$  as a precise sum. Then find  $T(N)$  is the form  $T(N) = \Theta(g(N))$  for a standard  $g(N)$ . Reasons please!

- (a)  $W=1$   
**WHILE**  $W < N$   
     do  $W=2*W$   
**END WHILE**

**Solution:** When you hit the **WHILE** for the  $t$ -th time  $W = 2^{t-1}$ . So you want the maximal  $t$  so that  $2^{t-1} < N$ , or  $2^{t-1} \leq N-1$  or  $t \leq 1 + \lg(N-1)$  so  $\lfloor 1 + \lg(N-1) \rfloor$ .

- (b) **FOR**  $J=1$  **TO**  $N$   
      $V=J$   
     **WHILE**  $V \leq N$   
         do  $V=2*V$   
     **END WHILE**  
**END FOR**

**Solution:** The inner loop takes (ignoring floors and ceilings)  $\lg(N/J)$  so you want  $\sum_{J=1}^N \lg(N/J)$ . One approach is that this is  $\lg(N^N/N!)$ . But by Stirling's Formula  $N^N/N! \sim e^N(2\pi N)^{-1/2}$  so the  $\lg$  is  $\Theta(N)$ .

- (c) (20) Let  $W[1 \cdots N]$  be an array of integers with all  $1 \leq W[i] \leq K$ . Give (psuedocode is fine) the algorithm **COUNTINGSORT** that ends with  $W$  in increasing order. (You may, and should, create auxilliary arrays.) Analyze the running time of **COUNTINGSORT**

when  $K = N$ . (Note: It is not sufficient simply to give the answer, an analysis is called for.)

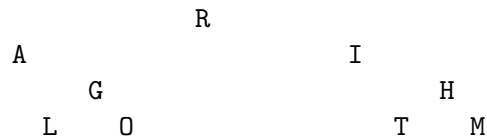
**Solution:** This is basic COUNTINGSORT. When  $K = N$  all three parts take time  $O(N)$  for a total time of  $O(N)$ .

3. (25) Consider the following Binary Search Tree **TREE** with **ROOT(TREE)=R**. (The values have been deliberately excluded. Assume the values are distinct.)

|            |     |   |   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|------------|-----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| vertex     | A   | G | H | I   | L   | M   | O   | R   | T   |
| leftchild  | NIL | L | T | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | A   | NIL |
| rightchild | G   | O | M | H   | NIL | NIL | NIL | I   | NIL |
| parent     | R   | A | I | R   | G   | H   | G   | NIL | H   |

- (a) (5) Draw a (nice!) picture of this tree.

**Solution:** Start at the root with R and children A,I. Continuing



- (b) (10) Which is the vertex with minimal value. Illustrate how the program **MIN** will find it.

**Solution:** Start at root R. Go to left A. Go to left NIL. So A is the MIN.

- (c) (10) Give the vertices of the tree in increasing order of value. (Give an indication of your method, but you needn't give every detail.)

**Solution:** IOTW(R) calls IOTW(A). Nothing on left so print A. Now call IOTW(G). Left to L, print L; print G; then print O; finish IOTW(G); finish IOTW(A); print R; Now IOTW(I). Final answer: ALGORIITHM

4. (20) Let  $A$  be an array of length 127 in which the values are distinct and in increasing order.

- (a) In the procedure **BUILD-MAX-HEAP(A)** *precisely* how many times will two elements of the array be exchanged? (Reason, please!)

**Solution:** (from first assignment!) **BUILD-MAX-HEAP(A)** starts

from  $I = \text{LENGTH}(A)/2$  DOWN to 1, every  $I$  will do Max-Heapify.

For  $32 \leq I \leq 63$ , there should be one exchange.

For  $16 \leq I \leq 31$ , there should be 2 exchanges.

For  $8 \leq I \leq 17$ , there should be 3 exchanges.

For  $I = 4, 5, 6, 7$ , there should be 4 exchanges.

For  $I = 2, 3$  there should be 5 exchanges.

The root goes down to the bottom, 6 exchanges.

Total:  $32 \cdot 1 + 16 \cdot 2 + 8 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 5 + 1 \cdot 6 = 120$

- (b) Now suppose the values are distinct and in decreasing order. Again, in the procedure **BUILD-MAX-HEAP(A)** *precisely* how many times will two elements of the array be exchanged? (Reason, please!)

**Solution:** Never! Each element will be placed originally in precisely its correct final spot.

5. (20) Consider an algorithm **BOHOC** for multiplication of two  $n$  digit numbers. (Don't worry about how **BOHOC** really works, we just want an analysis based on the information below.) It multiplies two  $n$  digit numbers by making five recursive calls to multiplication of two  $n/2$  digit numbers plus two additions of  $n$  digit numbers. Each of the additions take time  $O(n)$ . Give the recursion for the time  $T(n)$  for **BOHOC** and use the Master Theorem to find the asymptotics of  $T(n)$ . Is **BOHOC** a good algorithm to use for  $n$  large? Give brief reason for your answer.

**Solution:**  $T(n) = 5T(n/2) + O(n)$ . This is the low overhead case so  $T(n) = \Theta(n^\alpha)$  with  $\alpha = \log_2 5$ . As  $\log_2 5 > 2$  this is taking more than time  $O(n^2)$  which is what the standard multiplication takes so, no, this is not a good algorithm.