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Question 1: [20 marks]

Consider the naive implementation of bubble sort given below

```
def swap(the_list, a, b):
    tmp = the_list[a]
    the_list[a] = the_list[b]
    the_list[b] = tmp

def bubbleSort(aList):
    for i in range(len(aList)):
        for j in range(len(aList)-1):
            if aList[j] > aList[j+1]:
                swap(aList, j, j+1)

    return aList
```

- (a) (6 marks) We can modify this implementation to replace `range(len(aList)-1)` with `range(len(aList)-i-1)` in the inner (j dependent) loop. Will this have any impact on its:

- (i) *time complexity?*
- (ii) *actual runtime?*

Justify your answers.

- (b) (6 marks) Explain in words how the implementation of bubble sort given can be updated to have a best case complexity of $O(N)$. Justify your answer.

- (c) (8 marks) Consider the sorting (non-)algorithm known as bogoSort. One implementation of this is defined as follows:

```
terribleApproachBogoSort...  
... get the_list  
... while not inOrder(the_list)...  
... ... set pos1 to a random index of the_list  
... ... set pos2 to a random index of the_list  
... ... swap elements at pos1 and pos2 in the_list
```

- (i) What is sorting stability?
(ii) Assuming bogoSort terminated in finite time, would it be stable? Justify your answer with an example.

Question 2: [20 marks]

This question is about MIPS programming. Translate the following MIPS code into Python. Note that in this piece of code all variables are global variables. Use the space to the right of the MIPS code for your answer.

```
.data
a: .word 20
b: .word 41
c: .word 0

.text

    lw $t0, a
    lw $t1, b

    add $t2, $t1, $t0
    sw $t2, c
    addi $t3, $0, 2
    lw $t2, c
    div $t2, $t3
    mfhi $t4

    beq $t4, $0, ed

jUp:    lw $t6, c
        addi $t6, $t6, 1
        sw $t6, c

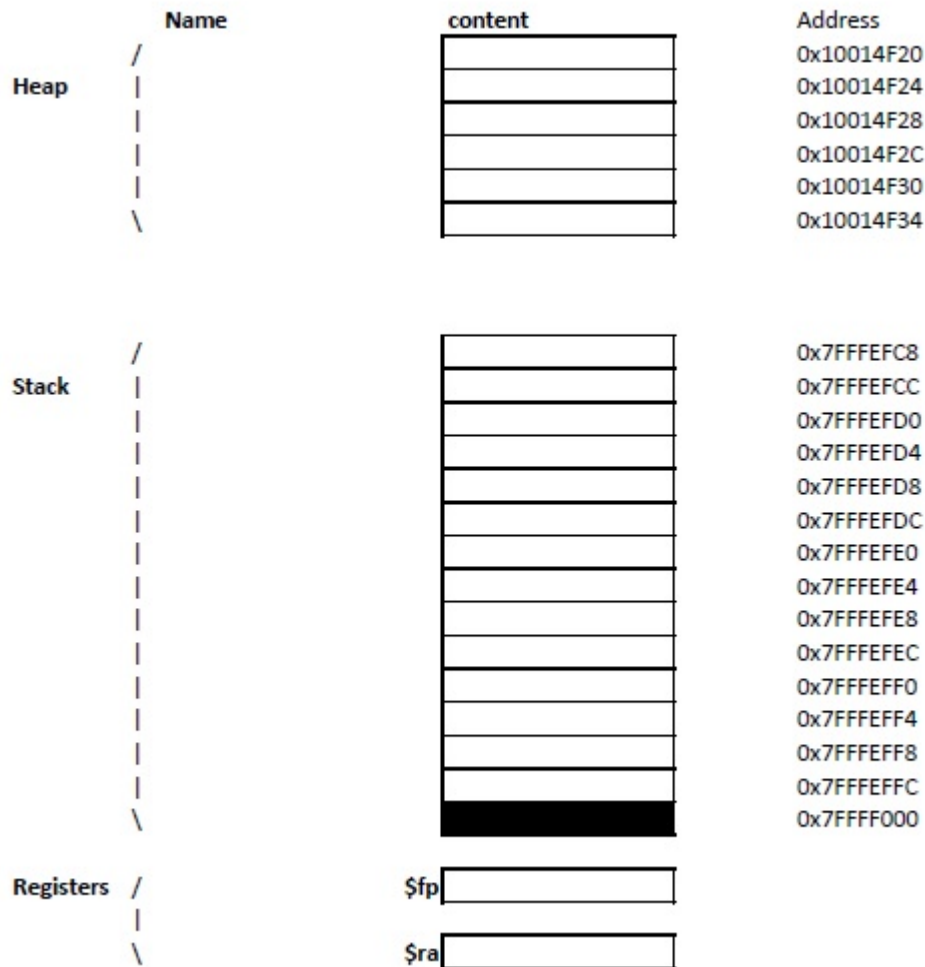
ed:     lw $t5, c
        addi $t3, $0, 2
        div $t5, $t3
        mflo $t5
        sw $t5, c
        addi $v0, $0, 1
        lw $a0, c
        syscall
```

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Question 3: [24 marks]

Consider the following python code, which you wish to translate into MIPS. Complete the memory diagram when execution reaches the line with the comment *#HERE*. Include names and contents. PC for the `jal getMax` instruction would be `0x04000018` and `$fp` was `0x7FF00000` before jumping. You will need to add to the stack and heap anything *getMax* will need access to.

```
def getMax(the_list):
    index = 0
    theMax = the_list[index]
    index+=1
    #HERE
    while index < len(the_list):
        if the_list[index]>theMax:
            theMax = the_list[index]
        index+=1
    return theMax
getMax([4,1,9])
```



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Question 4: [16 marks]

- (a) (8 marks) Consider the 32bit instruction format for MIPS. Going to 64bit instructions can improve the performance or abilities of the system. Provide one reason (there are several) for this and justify your answer.

You should use your knowledge of the instruction format to justify this.

Note: you do not need to know the precise number of bits used for each part of the instruction but you should have a general idea of what's involved.

(b) (8 marks) Consider the MIPS code shown below.

```
.data
    value: .word 25

.text
1.    lw $t0, value
2.    addi $t1,$0,4

3.    div $t0, $t1
4.    mflo $t0
5.    sw $t0, value

6.    lw $t0, value
7.    div $t0, $t1
8.    mflo $t0
9.    mfhi $t1

10.   lw $a0, value
11.   addi $v0, $0, 1
12.   syscall
```

Using the table provided, show the effect of each MIPS instruction on the **HI**, **LO**, **\$t0** and **\$t1** registers and on the contents of the label **value** in main memory.

Note: You may use ‘?’ to represent an undefined value

Line number	HI	LO	\$t0	\$t1	value:	line run...
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12						

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Table 1: SPIM system calls

Call code (\$v0)	Service	Arguments	Returns	Notes
1	Print integer	\$a0 = value to print	-	value is signed
4	Print string	\$a0 = address of string to print	-	string must be terminated with '\0'
5	Input integer	-	\$v0 = entered integer	value is signed
8	Input string	\$a0 = address to store string at \$a1 = maximum number of chars	-	returns \$a1-1 characters or Enter typed, the string is terminated with '\0'
9	Allocate memory	\$a0 = number of bytes	\$v0 = address of first byte	-
10	Exit	-	-	ends simulation

Table 2: General-purpose registers

Number	Name	Purpose
R00	\$zero	provides constant zero
R01	\$at	reserved for assembler
R02, R03	\$v0, \$v1	system call code, return value
R04-R07	\$a0--\$a3	system call and function arguments
R08-R15	\$t0--\$t7	temporary storage (caller-saved)
R16-R23	\$s0--\$s7	temporary storage (callee-saved)
R24, R25	\$t8, \$t9	temporary storage (caller-saved)
R26, R27	\$k0, \$k1	reserved for kernel code
R28	\$gp	pointer to global area
R29	\$sp	stack pointer
R30	\$fp	frame pointer
R31	\$ra	return address

Table 3: Assembler directives

.data	assemble into data segment
.text	assemble into text (code) segment
.byte b1[, b2, ...]	allocate byte(s), with initial value(s)
.half h1[, h2, ...]	allocate halfword(s), with initial value(s)
.word w1[, w2, ...]	allocate word(s) with initial value(s)
.space n	allocate n bytes of uninitialized, unaligned space
.align n	align the next item to a 2 ⁿ -byte boundary
.ascii "string"	allocate ASCII string, do not terminate
.asciiz "string"	allocate ASCII string, terminate with '\0'

Table 4: Function calling convention

On function call:	
Caller:	Callee:
saves temporary registers on stack	saves \$ra and \$fp on stack
passes arguments on stack	copies \$sp to \$fp
calls function using jal fn_label	allocates local variables on stack

On function return:

Callee:	Caller:
sets \$v0 to return value	clears arguments off stack
clears local variables off stack	restores temporary registers off stack
restores saved \$fp and \$ra off stack	uses return value in \$v0
returns to caller with jr \$ra	

Table 5: Instruction Set

A partial instruction set is on the next page. The following conventions apply.	
Instruction Format	
Rsrc, Rsrc1, Rsrc2:	source operand(s), - must be a register value(s)
Src2;	source operand - may be an immediate value or a register value
Rdest:	destination, must be a register
Imm:	Immediate value, may be 32 or 16 bits
Imm16:	Immediate 16-bit value
Addr:	Address in the form: offset(Rsrc) ie. absolute address = Rsrc + offset
label:	label of an instruction
★:	pseudoinstruction
Immediate Form -: no immediate form, or this is the immediate form	
★: immediate form synthesized as pseudoinstruction	
Unsigned form (append 'u' to instruction name):	
- : no unsigned form, or this is the unsigned form	

Table 6: MIPS instruction set

Instruction format	Meaning	Operation	Immediate form	Unsigned form(u)
add Rdest, Rsrc1, Rsrc2	Add	$Rdest = Rsrc1 + Rsrc2$	addi	no overflow trap
sub Rdest, Rsrc1, Rsrc2	Subtract	$Rdest = Rsrc1 - Rsrc2$	*	no overflow trap
mul Rdest, Rsrc1, Rsrc2 *	Multiply	$Rdest = Rsrc1 * Rsrc2$	*	unsigned operands
mulo Rdest, Rsrc1, Rsrc2 *	Multiply (with 32-bit overflow)	$Rdest = Rsrc1 * Rsrc2$	*	unsigned operands
mult Rsrc1, Rsrc2	Multiply (machine instruction)	$Hi:Lo = Rsrc1 * Rsrc2$	-	unsigned operands
div Rdest, Rsrc1, Rsrc2 *	Divide	$Rdest = Rsrc1 / Rsrc2$	*	unsigned operands
div Rsrc1, Rsrc2	Divide (machine instruction)	$Lo = Rsrc1 / Rsrc2$ $Hi = Rsrc1 \% Rsrc2$	-	unsigned operands
rem Rdest, Rsrc1, Rsrc2 *	Remainder	$Rdest = Rsrc1 \% Rsrc2$	*	unsigned operands
neg Rdest, Rsrc *	Negate	$Rdest = -Rsrc1$	-	no overflow trap
and Rdest, Rsrc1, Rsrc2	Bitwise AND	$Rdest = Rsrc1 \& Rsrc2$	andi	-
or Rdest, Rsrc1, Rsrc2	Bitwise OR	$Rdest = Rsrc1 Rsrc2$	ori	-
xor Rdest, Rsrc1, Rsrc2	Bitwise XOR	$Rdest = Rsrc1 \wedge Rsrc2$	xori	-
nor Rdest, Rsrc1, Rsrc2	Bitwise NOR	$Rdest = \sim(Rsrc1 Rsrc2)$	*	-
not Rdest, Rsrc *	Bitwise NOT	$Rdest = \sim(Rsrc)$	-	-
sll Rdest, Rsrc1, Rsrc2	Shift Left Logical	$Rdest = Rsrc1 \ll Rsrc2$	-	-
srl Rdest, Rsrc1, Rsrc2	Shift Right Logical	$Rdest = Rsrc1 \gg Rsrc2$ (MSB=0)	-	-
sra Rdest, Rsrc1, Rsrc2	Shift Right Arithmetic	$Rdest = Rsrc1 \gg Rsrc2$ (MSB preserved)	-	-
move Rdest, Rsrc *	Move	$Rdest = Rsrc$	-	-
mfhi Rdest	Move from Hi	$Rdest = Hi$	-	-
mflo Rdest	Move from Lo	$Rdest = Lo$	-	-
li Rdest, Imm *	Load immediate	$Rdest = Imm$	-	-
lui Rdest, Imm16	Load upper immediate	$Rdest = Imm16 \ll Imm$	-	-
la Rdest, Addr(or label) *	Load Address	$Rdest = Addr$ (or $Rdest = label$)	-	-
lb Rdest, Addr (or label) *	Load byte	$Rdest = mem8[Addr]$	-	zero-extends data
lh Rdest, Addr (or label) *	Load halfword	$Rdest = mem16[Addr]$	-	zero-extends data
lw Rdest, Addr (or label) *	Load word	$Rdest = mem32[Addr]$	-	-
sb Rsrc2, Addr (or label) *	Store byte	$mem8[Addr] = Rsrc2$	-	-
sh Rsrc2, Addr (or label) *	Store halfword	$mem16[Addr] = Rsrc2$	-	-
sw Rsrc2, Addr (or label) *	Store word	$mem32[Addr] = Rsrc2$	-	-
beq Rsrc1, Rsrc2, label	Branch if equal	if ($Rsrc1 == Rsrc2$) PC = label	*	-
bne Rsrc1, Rsrc2, label	Branch if not equal	if ($Rsrc1 != Rsrc2$) PC = label	*	-
blt Rsrc1, Rsrc2, label *	Branch if less than	if ($Rsrc1 < Rsrc2$) PC = label	*	unsigned operands
ble Rsrc1, Rsrc2, label *	Branch if less than or equal	if ($Rsrc1 \leq Rsrc2$) PC = label	*	unsigned operands
bgt Rsrc1, Rsrc2, label *	Branch if greater than	if ($Rsrc1 > Rsrc2$) PC = label	*	unsigned operands
bge Rsrc1, Rsrc2, label *	Branch if greater than or equal	if ($Rsrc1 \geq Rsrc2$) PC = label	*	unsigned operands
slt Rdest, Rsrc1, Rsrc2	Set if less than	if ($Rsrc1 < Rsrc2$) $Rdest = 1$ else $Rdest = 0$	slti	unsigned operands
j label	Jump	PC = label	-	-
jal label	Jump and link	$\$ra = PC + 4$; PC = label	-	-
jr Rsrc	Jump register	PC = Rsrc	-	-
jalr Rsrc	Jump and link register	$\$ra = PC + 4$; PC = Rsrc	-	-
syscall	System call	depends on call code in $\$v0$	-	-