CSE 431/531: Algorithm Analysis and Design

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Homework 2

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Your Name: _____ Your Student ID: _____

Problems	1	2	3	Total
Max. Score	20	30	30	80
Your Score				

Problem 1 Construct the Huffman code (i.e, the optimum prefix code) for the alphabet $\{a, b, c, d, e, f, g\}$ with the following frequencies:

Also give the weighted length of the code (i.e, the sum over all symbols the frequency of the symbol times its encoding length).

Problem 2 We are given an array A of length n. For every integer i in $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$, let b_i be median of the sub-array A[1..i]. (If the sub-array has even length, its the median is defined as the lower of the two medians. That is, if i is even, b_i is the i/2-th smallest number in A[1..i].) The goal of the problem is to output $b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_n$ in $O(n \log n)$ time.

For example, if n = 10 and A = (110, 80, 10, 30, 90, 100, 20, 40, 35, 70). Then $b_1 = 110, b_2 = 80, b_3 = 80, b_4 = 30, b_5 = 80, b_6 = 80, b_7 = 80, b_8 = 40, b_9 = 40, b_{10} = 40$.

Hint: use the heap data structure.

Problem 3 A string of "(" and ")" is said to be balanced, if it satisfies the recursive definition:

- \bullet The empty string "" is balanced.
- If A is balanced then (A) is balanced.
- If A and B are balanced, then AB is balanced.

For example, "(()())()" is balanced.

In this problem, you are given a string of "(" and ")", the goal is to remove the minimum number of characters so that the residual string is a balanced. For example, if the input is "())(()()))(()", then you can remove 3 characters to obtain a balanced string, as follows: "() $\frac{1}{2}$ (()())) $\frac{1}{2}$ ()".

Design a greedy algorithm to solve the problem. You need to show the algorithm is correct. To get a full score, your algorithm needs to run in O(n) time, where n is the length of the string.