

# Comp 7712 (Algorithms/Problem Solving ) Fall 2018. Programming Assignment 1.

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**Submission:** This assignment is due on Th Oct 4th. Please note:

1. Each student must submit his or her own assignment.
2. You must write code in either C, C++, Java or Python. Moreover, code should be put in a folder of its own with a README file on how to run the code and test it. It must strictly adhere to the Input/Output format described in the problem below. To submit, upload the zipped folder using ecourseware by the due date.

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**Problem 1[30 + 30 + 40 pts]** To give you an input a polynomial it will be represented as a sequence of numbers, each time an exponent followed by a coefficient as a list. The exponents will be in decreasing order. So for example,

3 5 1 10 0 5

represents the polynomial  $5x^3 + 10x + 5$ . While the exponents are always integers, the coefficients may be rational numbers. Now, write programs to do the following:

(1) Prompt the user for a polynomial input. Once that is entered, prompt the user for the input of some number  $a$ . Now compute the quotient and remainder obtained when the input polynomial  $P(x)$  is divided by  $x - a$ . For example, suppose the user enters the polynomial  $3x^4 + 7x^2 - x + 3$  and enters  $a = 1$ , the result should be,

Quotient :  $3x^3 + 3x^2 + 10x + 9$ , Remainder : 12.

Make sure this runs in  $O(n)$  time where  $n$  is the degree of the polynomial.

(2) Write code to compute  $(x - a_1)(x - a_2) \dots (x - a_n)$  for  $n$  given numbers, in  $O(n^2)$  time.

(3) Now write code to do interpolation in  $O(n^2)$  time. The problem input be a set of pairs of  $(x, y)$  values like

3 4 7 2 4 10

where the list is the  $x$  value followed by the  $y$  value. Here, the output will be a polynomial of degree 2. It is computed as follows. Suppose the input is  $(x_1, a_1), (x_2, a_2), \dots, (x_n, a_n)$ . Then the interpolated polynomial is given by  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i P_i(x)$ , where the polynomial  $P_i(x)$  is defined as,

$$\frac{\prod_{j \neq i} (x - x_j)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (x_i - x_j)}.$$

Notice that  $P_i(x_i) = 1$  and  $P_i(x_j) = 0$  for  $j \neq i$ .