

Midterm Solution

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Limit Rule

Suppose that $L := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n)/g(n)$ exists. Then,

- if $L = 0$ then f is $O(g)$ and f is not $\Omega(g)$;
- if $0 < L < \infty$ then f is $\Theta(g)$;
- if $L = \infty$ then f is $\Omega(g)$ and f is not $O(g)$.

- When f and g are **positive** and **differentiable** functions for $n > 0$, one of the following satisfies:
 - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) = \infty$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(n) = \infty$
 - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) = 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(n) = 0$

L'Hopital rule of calculus can be applied:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f'(n)}{g'(n)}$$

Question 1 (A)

(A) Prove that $T(n) = n^4 + 2n^3 + 3n^2 + 10n$ is both $O(n^4)$ and $O(n^5)$.

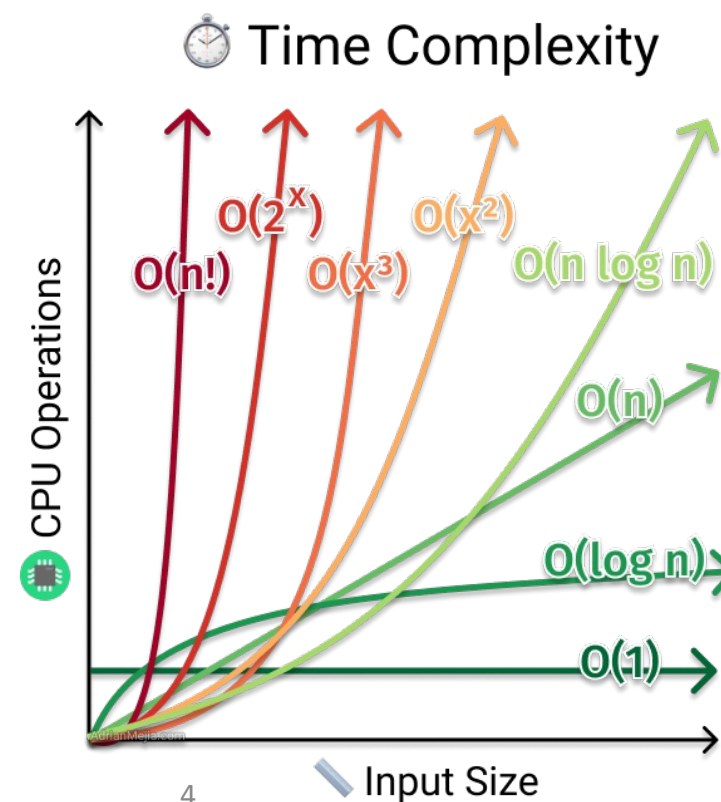
$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^4 + 2n^3 + 3n^2 + 10n}{n^4} = 3$. This means $T(n)$ is $\Theta(n^4)$, and is also $O(n^4)$.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^4 + 2n^3 + 3n^2 + 10n}{n^5} = 0$. This means $T(n)$ is $O(n^5)$.

Question 1 (B)

(B) Consider the following functions of n : $2n^2$, $n \lg_3^n$, $0.1n^{3/2}$, $n!$, 2^n . Put them in order from smallest to largest asymptotic growth rate. [8 marks]

$$n \lg_3^n < 0.1n^{3/2} < 2n^2 < 2^n < n!$$



Question 1 (C)

- (C) Let $T(n) = n^{1/50} + 5n^{1/100} \log_2 n + (\log_2 n)^2$ be processing time of an algorithm for input of size n . Which is the asymptotic time complexity of this algorithm, $\Theta(n^{1/50})$ or $\Theta((\log n)^2)$? Please show your working to justify your answer. [8 marks]

$T(n) = n^{1/50} + 5n^{1/100} \log_2 n + (\log_2 n)^2$. The dominant term is $n^{1/50}$, because $\log_2 n < n^k$ where $k > 0$. We can show this using limit rule and L'Hopital's rule:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_2 n}{n^k} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{\ln 2 \cdot n^k} && \text{(Change the base of logarithm)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln 2 \cdot n \cdot kn^{k-1}} && \text{(Apply L'Hopital's rule)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln 2 \cdot kn^k} && \text{(Because } k > 0, n^k \rightarrow \infty \text{)} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

As such, the asymptotic time complexity is $n^{1/50}$.

Question 2.1

(2.1) Which of the following statements is **TRUE**? [5 marks]

- ☒ (A) Insertion sort is preferred to the other sorting algorithms when the input arrays are almost sorted.
- ☐ (B) Insertion sort is never preferred to the more sophisticated algorithm.
- ☐ (C) Merge sort best complexity of $\Theta(n)$.
- ☐ (D) Insertion sort has worst complexity of $\Theta(n \log n)$.
- ☐ (E) Insertion sort should always be preferred to Merge sort.

Question 2.2

(2.2) Which of the following statements is **TRUE** about the quicksort algorithm? [5 marks]

- ☒ (A) The average time of Quicksort is $\Theta(n \log(n))$.
- ☐ (B) Quicksort is stable.
- ☐ (C) Quicksort is in-place.
- ☐ (D) The best, worst and average time of Quicksort is $\Theta(n \log(n))$.
- ☐ (E) None of the above.

Question 3

- Determine the order of the list after partitioning [41, 29, -100, 20, 15, 77, 10], assume the pivot is 20.
- Step1: First, we swap the pivot with the first element in the list.

[20, 29, -100, 41, 15, 77, 10]

- Step2: Next, we have the two pointers L and R starting on each end of the list and looks for elements bigger than the pivot and smaller than the pivot respectively. L pointer will find 29 and R pointer will find 10 for the first time. Swap 29 and 10.

[20, 10, -100, 41, 15, 77, 29]

Question 3 (Contd.)

- Step3: Continue to move L and R will lead to L finding 41 and R finding 15. Swap 41 and 15.

[20, 10, -100, 15, 41, 77, 29]

- Step4: Now, when the R moves to the left again, it will collide with L. This is when we swap this indexed element with the pivot.

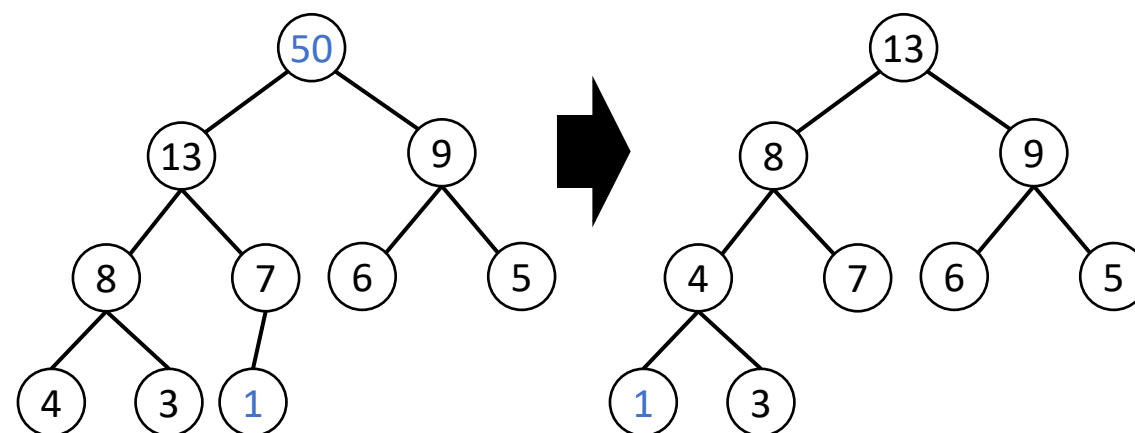
[15, 10, -100, 20, 41, 77, 29]

- At this point, all elements smaller than the pivot are on its left and all elements larger than the pivot are on its right. The first partition is done.

Question 4

We run the array implementation of the heapsort algorithm. We have built the binary heap $[50, 13, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 1]$. Which of the following arrays corresponds to the next step of the algorithm?

- (A) Remove 50 and get $[13, 9, 7, 8, 4, 6, 5, 1, 50]$.
- (B) Remove 50 and get $[13, 9, 7, 8, 3, 6, 5, 4, 1, 50]$.
- (C) Remove 4 and get $[50, 13, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 3, 1]$.
- ☒ (D) Remove 50 and get $[13, 8, 9, 4, 7, 6, 5, 1, 3, 50]$.
- (E) Remove 1 and get $[50, 13, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3]$.



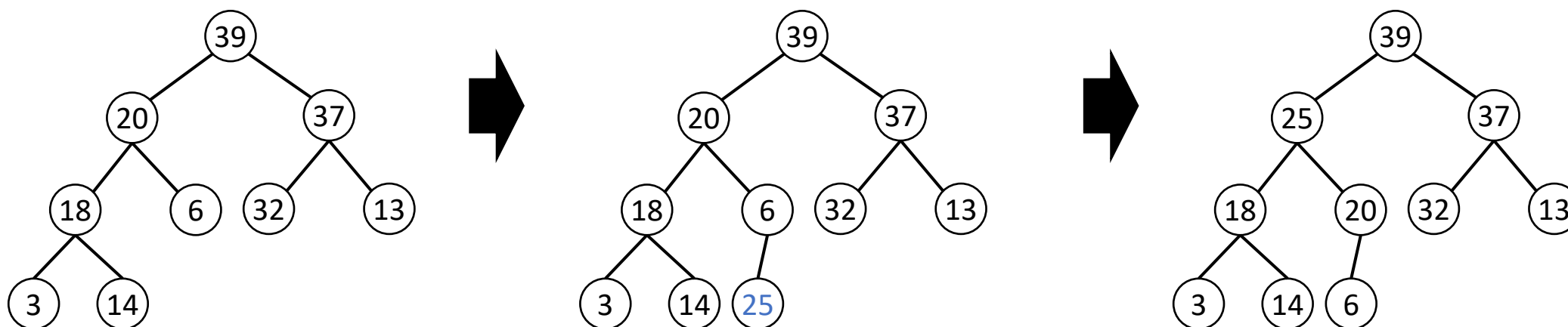
Question 5 (A)

Consider the following maximum heap: [39, 20, 37, 18, 6, 32, 13, 3, 14].

(A) Insert 25 to the heap.

(B) Delete 39 from the heap derived from previous step.

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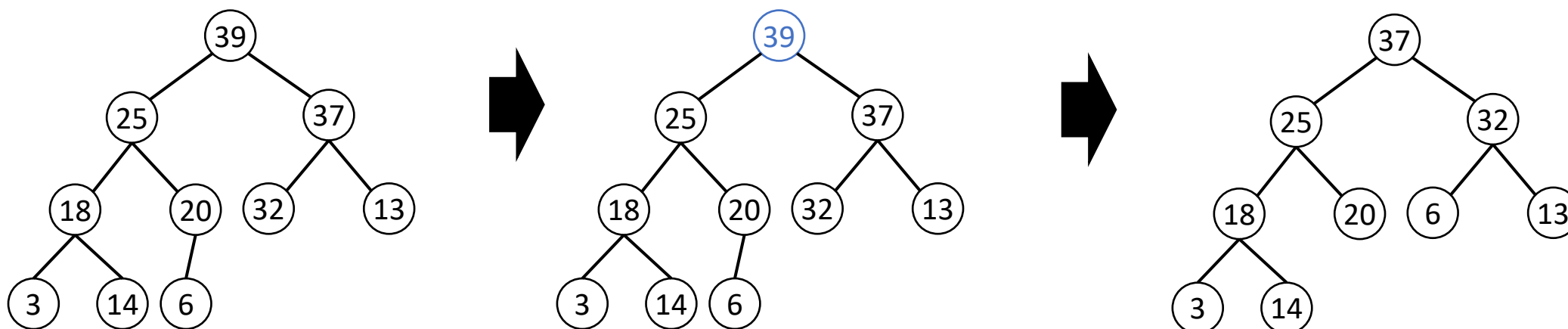
Question 5 (B)

Consider the following maximum heap: [39, 20, 37, 18, 6, 32, 13, 3, 14].

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Question 6

We are looking for 9 in $[0,1,3,4,13,19,-100]$. Which of the following statements best describes the first steps of a binary search algorithm?

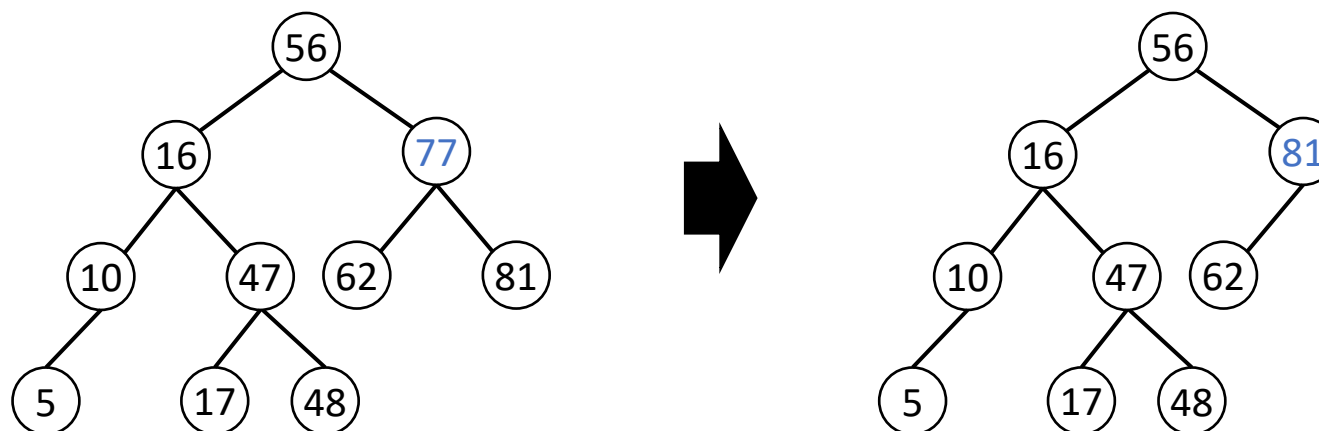
- (A) Find the middle element. It is 3. Because $9 > 3$ then look for 9 in $[4,13,19,-100]$.
- (B) Find the middle element. It is 3. Because $9 > 3$ then look for 9 in $[0,1]$.
- (C) Find the middle element. It is 3. Because $9 > 3$ then look for 9 in $[3,4,13,19,-100]$.
- (D) Take 0 as the pivot. Partition the list into $[]$ and $[1,3,4,13,19]$. Because $9 > 0$ we recursively search for 9 in $[1,3,4,13,19,-100]$.
- ☒ (E) We cannot use binary search because the list is not sorted.

Question 7 (A)

Describe the process and the outcome of the following deletion operations on τ .

- (A) Delete node 77 in the tree τ by using the minimum key in the right subtree.
- (B) Delete node 16 in the tree τ by using the minimum key in the right subtree.
- (C) Delete node 16 in the tree τ by using the maximum key in the left subtree.

Node 77 has two children: Find the minimum key $K = 81$ in the right subtree, delete that node, and replace the key of node 77 by K .

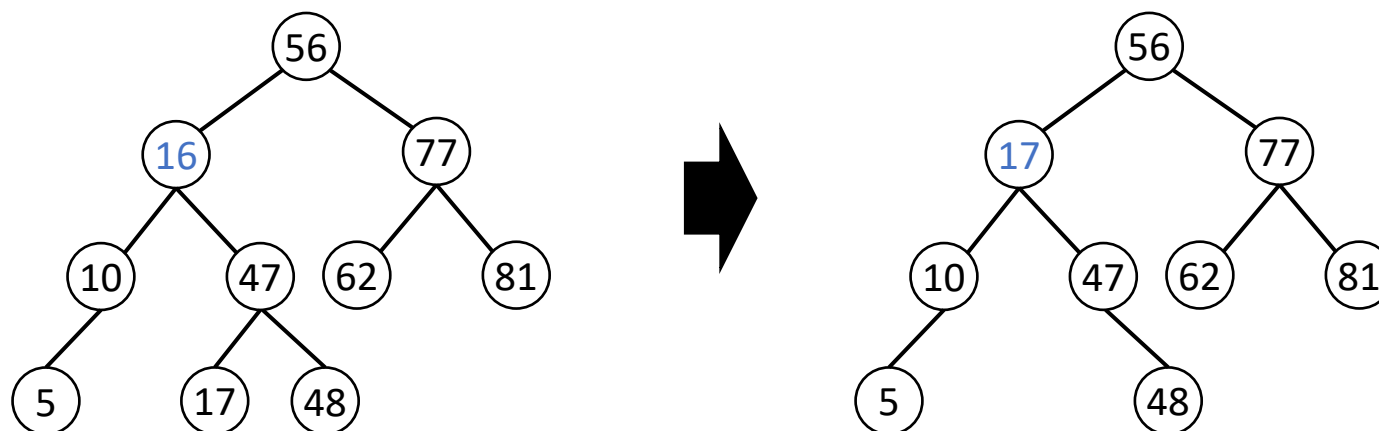


Question 7 (B)

Describe the process and the outcome of the following deletion operations on τ .

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- (B) Delete node 16 in the tree τ by using the minimum key in the right subtree.
- (C) Delete node 16 in the tree τ by using the maximum key in the left subtree.

Node 16 has two children: Find the minimum key $K = 17$ in the right subtree, delete that node, and replace the key of node 16 by K .

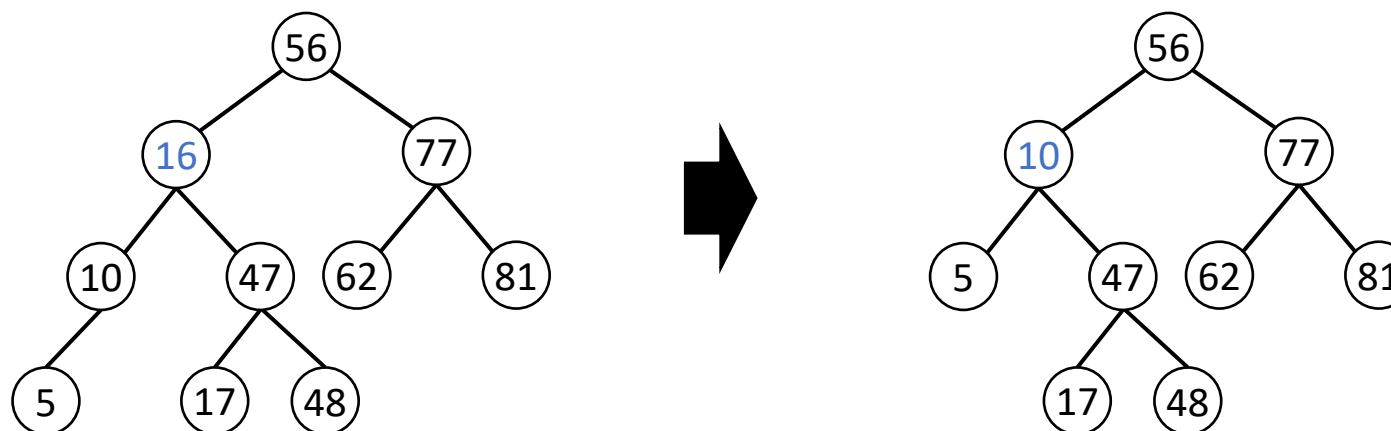


Question 7 (C)

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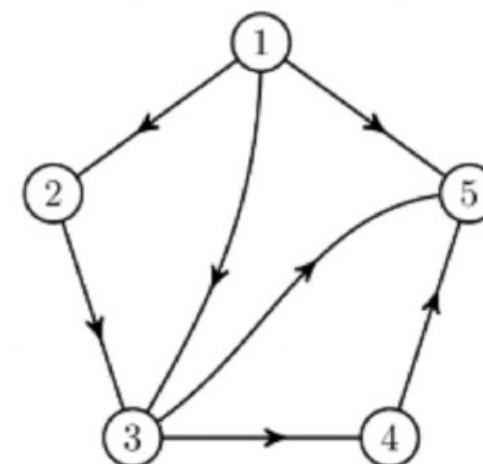
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Node 16 has two children: Find the maximum key $K = 10$ in the left subtree, delete that node, and replace the key of node 16 by K .



Question 8

- (A) What is the source node and sink node of G ?
- (B) What is the adjacency list of this digraph G ?
- (C) What is the adjacency matrix of this digraph?



(A)

source = 1
sink = 5

(B)

Adjacency list

1 : 2, 3, 5
2 : 3
3 : 4, 5
4 : 5
5 :

(C)

Adjacency matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
 \end{bmatrix}$$

Question 9

Which of the following statements about graph data operation is **TRUE**?

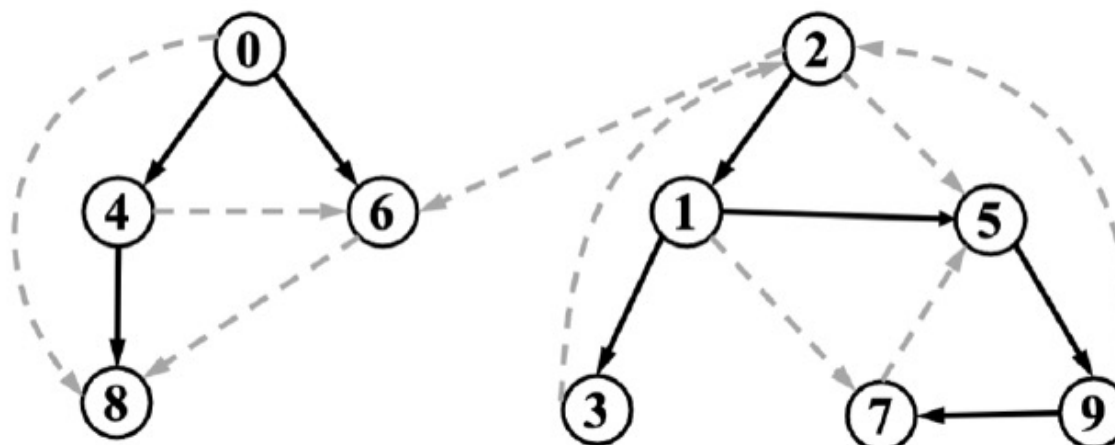
- (A) In graph adjacency list, it takes $\Theta(n)$ to compute the in-degree of a vertex.
- (B) It takes less complexity to delete a vertex from the adjacency matrix than from the adjacency list for sparse graphs.
- ☒ (C) In graph adjacency matrix, it takes $\Theta(n)$ to compute the out-degree of a vertex.
- (D) To add a vertex, it takes $\Theta(n)$ for both adjacency matrix and adjacency list representations.
- (E) In graph adjacency list, it takes $\Theta(n)$ to compute the out-degree of a vertex.

Adjacency Lists / Matrices: Comparative Performance

Operation	array/array	list/list
arc (i, j) exists?	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(d)^*$
out-degree of i	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(1)$
in-degree of i	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(n + e)$
add arc (i, j)	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(1)$
delete (i, j)	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(d)$
add node	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(1)$
delete node i	$\Theta(n^2)$	$\Theta(n + e)$

Question 10

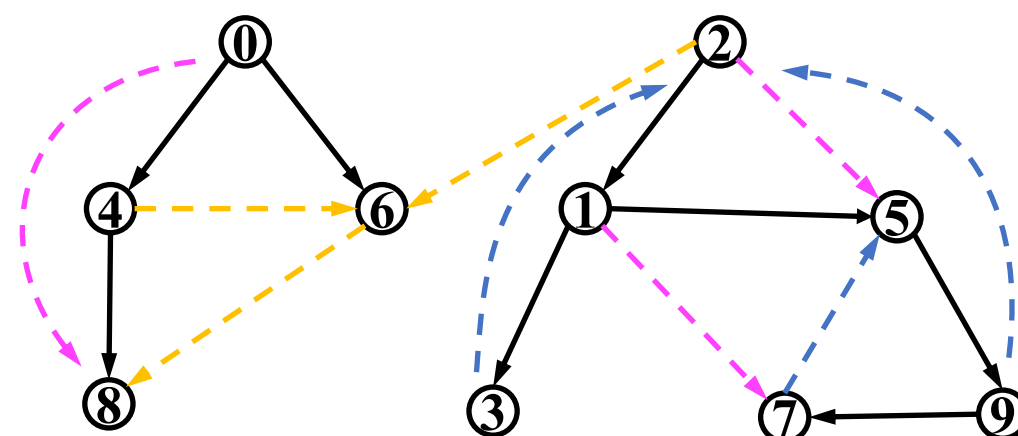
Consider the search forest of a digraph G after running the general graph traversal algorithm. Which of the following statement is **TRUE**?



T1

T2

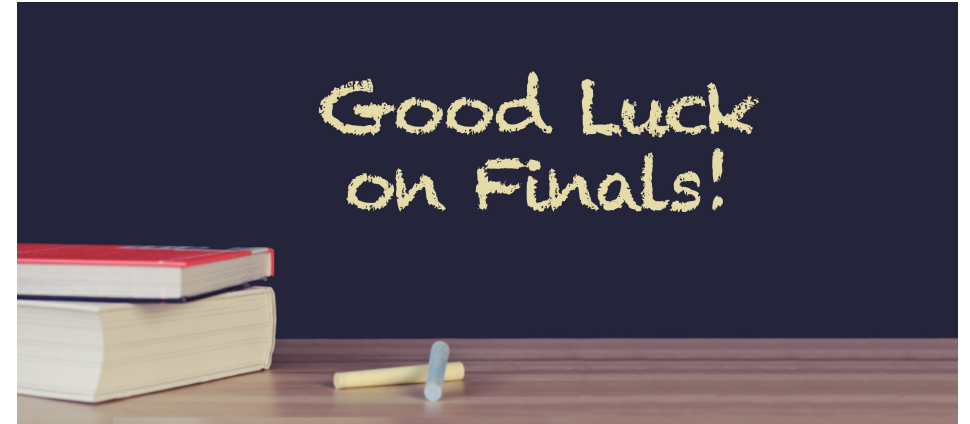
- (A) Node 5 is coloured grey before node 2.
- ☒ (B) Node 0 is coloured grey before node 2.
- (C) Arc (6,8) is a forward arc.
- (D) Arc (1,7) is a cross arc.
- (E) None of the other answers are correct.



Final Exam

Question Types:

1. Multiple Choice Question
2. Short Answer Questions



Topics

1. Complexity [~10]
2. Sorting [~15]
3. Searching [~5]
4. Graph Traversal [~20]
5. Cycles and Girth [~10]
6. Topological Order [~5]
7. Bipartite Graphs (Coloring) [~10]
8. Shortest Path [~15]
9. Minimum Spanning Tree [~10]

