COM S 311 SPRING 2021
EXAM 1

Due: March 9 7:59 p.m.

You must turn in a single pdf with your typed answers by 7:59.

Guidelines

- For each problem, if you write the statement "I do not know how to solve this problem" (and nothing else), you will receive 20% credit for that problem. If you do write a solution, then your grade could be anywhere between 0% to 100%. To receive this 20% credit, you must explicitly state that you do not know how to solve the problem.
- You are **not** allowed to discuss the problems with anyone. You are allowed to use the textbook and notes. Do **not** copy solutions from the internet. Your writing should demonstrate that you understand the proofs completely.
- When proofs are required, you should make them both clear and rigorous. Do not handwaive.
- Please submit your assignment on the given Canvas exam.
  - You **must** type your solutions. Please submit a PDF version.
  - Please make sure that the file you submit is not corrupted and that its size is reasonable (e.g., roughly at most 10-11 MB).

  If we cannot open your file, your exam will not be graded.
- Any concerns about grading should be expressed within one week of returning the exam.

Problems

(1) Prove or disprove the following statements **(20 points)**.
  (a) $4\sqrt{n} = O(n)$
  (b) $n = O(4\sqrt{n})$.

(2) Formally analyze the runtime of the following algorithm. Give the runtime in big oh notation. You must show your work. **(20 points)**

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Alg1(A)
    Input: Array of integers of length n
    constant number of operations
    for i = n, i ≥ 1, i = i/2 do
        for j = 1, j ≤ n, j = j + 1 do
            constant number of operations
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(3) We are given an array A of integers which is *strictly increasing*, i.e., $A[i] < A[i+1]$. Give a divide-and-conquer algorithm which outputs an index i such that $A[i] = i$, if one exists. If no such index exists, the algorithm outputs null. Formally analyze the runtime of your algorithm, giving a recurrence relation and a big oh bound on the runtime of your algorithm. You **must** use a divide and conquer strategy. You do not have to prove correctness. **(30 points)**

(4) Using the Master Theorem, bound the runtime $T(n)$ of the following recurrence.

$$T(n) = 2T(n/4) + 16\sqrt{n} + 1, \text{ where } T(1) = O(1).$$

You must state which case of the Master Theorem holds, and prove that it does apply. **(20 points)**

(5) Recall that a *leaf node* of a heap is a node which does not have any children. An *internal node* is a node which is not a leaf, i.e., a node which has at least one child. Prove that the number of leaves in an n-element max-heap is $\lceil n/2 \rceil$. **(10 points)**

Hint: Remember that every heap has an associated array with n elements, starting with index 1, such that, for every $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$,

$$\text{Parent}(i) = \lfloor i/2 \rfloor, \text{ Left}(i) = 2i, \text{ and Right}(i) = 2i + 1.$$

To get started on the problem, consider $2i$ and $2i + 1$ when $i > \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ and when $i \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$.