COSC 302: Analysis of Algorithms — Spring 2018
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Problem Set 5 — Heaps, Non-comparison sorts, Red-black trees, Hashing
Due by 4:30pm Friday, Mar. 9, 2018 as a single pdf via Moodle (either generated via LaTeX, or concatenated photos of your work). Late assignments are not accepted.

This is an *individual* assignment: collaboration (such as discussing problems and brainstorming ideas for solving them) on this assignment is highly encouraged, but the work you submit must be your own. Give information only as a tutor would: ask questions so that your classmate is able to figure out the answer for themselves. It is unacceptable to share any artifacts, such as code and/or write-ups for this assignment. If you work with someone in close collaboration, you must mention your collaborator on your assignment.

Suggested practice problems, from CLRS: Ch 11.1 (1 and 2); 11.2-3; 12.2 (3, 4, and 5); 12.3-5; 13.3 (1, 2, and 4)

1. In this problem, we will investigate d-ary max-heaps: A d-ary heap is one in which each node has at most d children, whereas, in a binary heap, each node has at most 2 children.

   (a) Describe how to store/represent a d-ary heap in an array.

   (b) What is the height of a d-ary heap in terms of d and n?

   (c) Re-write function PARENT(i) for d-ary heaps, and give a new function CHILD(i,j) that gives the j-th child of node i (where $1 \leq j \leq d$).

   (d) Describe, and give pseudocode for, the algorithm MAX-HEAPIFY(A,i) for d-ary heaps and give a tight analysis for the worst-case running time of your algorithm.

   (e) Describe (semi-formally) how to implement MAX-HEAPIFY(A,i) in $O((\log_d n) \lg d)$ time. *(Hint: you need auxiliary data structures; the heap itself is not sufficient.)*

2. **(From homework 4, skip if already submitted)** Problem 8.2-4 from CLRS: Describe (semi-formally) an algorithm that, given n integers in the range 0 to k, preprocesses its input and then answers any query about how many of the n integers fall into a range $[a..b]$ in $O(1)$ time. Your algorithm should use $\Theta(n + k)$ preprocessing time.

3. Problem 13.3-5 from CLRS. (Describe semi-formally.) *(Hint: Follow the structure for an invariant.)*

4. **(Previous exam question)** Let $A[1..n]$ be an array of non-integers taken from some set K of size $k > 1$. *(Note: For this problem, you are not given the set K or k; this is only to illustrate that there are k distinct non-integer numbers. We only have access to elements through A. Further, note that k may be small or large: from constant to even larger than n.)*

   (a) Describe an algorithm that sorts A in expected time $O(n + k \lg k)$, and describe why it has this running time.

   (b) What is the worst-case running time of your algorithm? Justify your answer.