

# Ve281 Data Structures and Algorithms

## Written Assignment Three

**This assignment is announced on Oct. 22nd, 2016. It is due by 5:40 pm on Nov. 2nd, 2016. The assignment consists of five problems.**

1. Define a family  $H$  of hash functions mapping keys from a universe  $U$  to the set  $\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$  to be  $\epsilon$ -**universal** if for all pairs of distinct keys  $k, l \in U$ ,

$$Pr(h(k) = h(l)) \leq \epsilon,$$

where the probability is over the random choice of the hash function  $h$  from the family  $H$ . Show that an  $\epsilon$ -universal family of hash functions must have

$$\epsilon > \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{|U|}.$$

2. In lecture, we show a few examples of universal family of hash functions which satisfy that for all pairs of distinct keys  $k, l \in U$ ,

$$Pr(h(k) = h(l)) = \frac{1}{n},$$

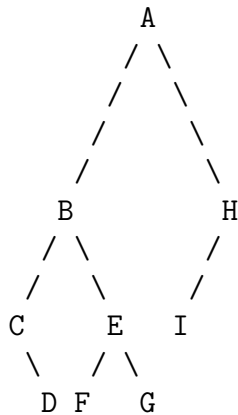
where  $n$  is the size of the hash table and the probability is over the random choice of the hash function  $h$  from the family  $H$ . Does there exist any example with  $|U| > n$  so that for all pairs of distinct keys  $k, l \in U$ ,

$$Pr(h(k) = h(l)) < \frac{1}{n}?$$

(Hint: consider this problem together with the claim in Problem 1.)

3. Suppose we want to design a hash table containing at most 600 elements using linear probing. We require that an unsuccessful search needs no more than 8.5 compares and a successful search needs no more than 3 compares on average. Please determine a proper hash table size.
4. A full node in a binary tree is a node with two children. Prove that the number of full nodes plus one is equal to the number of leaves in a nonempty binary tree.

5. For the following tree, show the order in which the nodes are visited during the following tree traversals (The nodes in the tree are from A to I):
- Pre-order depth-first traversal.
  - Post-order depth-first traversal.
  - In-order depth-first traversal.
  - Level-order traversal.



6. In class, we showed a recursive way to realize in-order depth-first traversal of a binary tree. In this problem, we ask you to design a **nonrecursive** algorithm that performs in-order depth-first traversal. Assume the tree is stored using a linked structure with node as

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struct node {
    int key;
    node *left, *right;
}

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You can either describe your algorithm in plain English or write pseudo-code. If you choose to write pseudo-code, you should write in a way that can be easily understood. Otherwise, you will get a zero for the problem. (Hint: consider using a stack as an auxiliary data structure.)