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Assignment 2

1. Introduction

- **Problem Statement:**
  Begin with a clear and concise explanation of the problem you're addressing. Include details such as:
    - The domain of the problem (e.g., data science, networking, optimization).
    - Why the problem is relevant or pressing (e.g., industry needs, academic interest, societal importance).
    - The gap in existing solutions or methods that your work aims to fill.
- **Research Questions:**
  Specify the primary and secondary questions your study seeks to answer. Examples include:
    - Which algorithm is most efficient for solving X under Y conditions?
    - How can algorithm Z be optimized for a specific case or dataset?
    - What trade-offs exist between computational efficiency and result accuracy in solving the problem?

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2. Literature Review

- **Background on Algorithms:**
  Summarize past studies or solutions related to the problem. Discuss:
    - Key algorithms that have been applied to similar problems.
    - Strengths, weaknesses, and limitations of these algorithms.
    - What makes your approach different or necessary.
- **Theoretical Foundations:**
  Discuss relevant theoretical concepts, such as:
    - **Computational Complexity:** Highlight how Big O notation helps to classify algorithms.
    - **Paradigms:** Address which paradigm fits best (e.g., divide and conquer for sorting, dynamic programming for optimization).
    - **Optimization Techniques:** Mention tools or methods (e.g., linear programming, heuristics) relevant to the case.

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3. Problem Description and Data

- **Problem Definition:**
  Formulate the problem formally, including inputs, expected outputs, and constraints. Use precise language, and include mathematical notation or pseudocode when beneficial.

- **Case Study Context:**
  Explain the real-world application of the problem. Examples:
    - A routing algorithm for optimizing delivery paths in logistics.
    - Data sorting for real-time analytics in finance.
    - Scheduling in cloud computing to optimize resource usage.
- **Input Data:**
  Describe the nature of the data being used, including:
    - Data size, structure, and source (e.g., synthetic vs. real-world).
    - Assumptions or preprocessing steps applied to the data.

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4. Algorithm Selection or Design

- **Algorithm Choice:**
  Justify why you chose a particular algorithm. Discuss:
    - Its applicability and expected performance.
    - Theoretical insights and practical considerations.
- **Design and Innovation:**
  If designing a new algorithm or tweaking an existing one:
    - Highlight the rationale and novelty.
    - Explain how your approach improves upon existing solutions.
- **Algorithm Description:**
  Provide a step-by-step explanation of the algorithm using pseudocode, flowcharts, or diagrams. Be clear and comprehensive.

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5. Complexity Analysis

- **Time Complexity:**
  Analyze how the algorithm's runtime grows with input size.
- **Space Complexity:**
  Assess memory requirements and implications for scalability.
- **Worst-case, Best-case, and Average-case Analysis:**
  Provide a breakdown of performance under different scenarios.

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6. Experimental Setup

- **Test Cases:**
  Define test scenarios, including:
    - Dataset characteristics (e.g., small, large, sparse, dense).
    - Edge cases and real-world inputs.
- **Metrics:**
  Explain how performance is measured (e.g., runtime, accuracy, memory usage).
- **Comparative Analysis:**
  If applicable, compare your algorithm with alternatives under identical conditions.

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7. Results

- **Experimental Results:**
  Present findings using:
    - Tables to summarize numerical data.
    - Graphs or charts to visualize trends and comparisons.
- **Performance Analysis:**
  Analyze results in the context of theoretical expectations. Discuss any deviations and their implications.

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8. Discussion

- **Interpretation of Results:**
  Reflect on what the results reveal about the algorithm's strengths and weaknesses.
- **Strengths and Weaknesses:**
  Discuss where the algorithm excels and where it struggles. Mention areas for improvement.
- **Contextual Analysis:**
  Relate findings to the broader field of study. Identify potential applications or follow-up research opportunities.

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9. Conclusion

- **Summary of Findings:**
  Recap key insights and contributions of your study.
- **Future Work:**
  Suggest directions for improving the algorithm, addressing limitations, or exploring related problems.
