

CS3230 MID-TERM QUIZ  
Semester 1, AY2014/2015  
**SOLUTION SKETCH**

**Fun Bonus Question: (1 point)**

Give the full name of the *time consuming* operation  $CTR_k$  introduced in CS3230.

\_\_\_ CLEAN AND TIDY ROOM on day  $k$  \_\_\_\_\_ **(Free mark, ALWAYS TRY)**

**Noted that many students did not read the instructions on top of page 2:**

- *Unless otherwise specified, you are expected to **prove (justify)** your results.*

**Q1. (15 points)**

(a) (8 Points) **SOLUTION:**  $g_2(n) \ll g_1(n) \equiv g_3(n) \ll g_4(n)$

$$g_1(n) = 2n \sum_{k=1}^n (\lg k) = 2n\Theta(n \lg n) = \Theta(n^2 \lg n) \quad g_2(n) = \Theta(n^2 (\lg \lg n))$$

$$g_3(n) = 4(\lg n) \sum_{k=1}^n k = \Theta(n^2 \lg n) \quad g_4(n) = 2^{(3 \lg n)} = 2^{\lg(n^3)} = n^3$$

(b) (4 points) **Asymptotic Notations (by definition)**

Let  $f(n) = 8n^3 + 4n^2 - 2n + 1$

By using the definitions of  $\Theta$ , prove that  $f(n) = \Theta(n^3)$

**Upper Bound:** (showing all steps here)

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) = 8n^3 + 4n^2 - 2n + 1 &\leq 8n^3 + 4n^2 + 1 && \text{for all } n \geq 1 && \text{(throw away } -2n) \\ &\leq 8n^3 + 4n^3 + n^3 && \text{for all } n \geq 1 && \text{(upper everything to } n^3) \\ &= 13n^3 && \text{for all } n \geq 1 && \text{(simplify)} \end{aligned}$$

**Lower Bound:** (showing all steps here)

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) = 8n^3 + 4n^2 - 2n + 1 &\geq 8n^3 - 2n && \text{for all } n \geq 1 && \text{(throw away } 4n^2 + 1) \\ &= 7n^3 + (n^3 - 2n) && \text{for all } n \geq 1 && \text{(simplify)} \\ &= 7n^3 + (n^3 - 2n) && \text{for all } n \geq 1 && \text{(simplify)} \\ &\geq 7n^3 && \text{for all } n \geq 2 && \text{(since } (n^3 - 2n) > 0 \text{ for } n \geq 2) \end{aligned}$$

So, choose  $c_1 = 7$ ,  $c_2 = 13$ , and choose  $n_0 = 2 = \max \{1, 2\} = 2$

$$\text{Then } 7n^3 \leq f(n) \leq 13n^3 \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

By definition of  $\Theta$ ,  $f(n) = \Theta(n^3)$ .

(c) (3 points) **(Limit theorem & L'Hopital's rule)**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{2^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{D * 2^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{D^2 * 2^n} = 0 \quad \text{Hence, by limit theorem } h(n) = o(2^n)$$

**Q2. (15 points)****(a) (10 points)**

**(i) (3 points)**  $R(n) = 4R(n/16) + 25n^{0.5}$

Use Master's Theorem

$$f(n) = 25n^{0.5} = \Theta(n^{0.5}), \quad a=4, b=16. \quad \text{So } n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_{16} 4} = n^{\log_{16}(16)^{0.5}} = n^{0.5}.$$

$$\text{Since } f(n) = \Theta(n^{0.5}) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}),$$

This is **Case 2**, (with  $k=0$ ). Hence,  $R(n) = n^{0.5}(\lg n)$

**(ii) (3 points)**  $S(n) = 9S(n/3) + 5n^{1.5}$

Use Master's Theorem

$$f(n) = 5n^{1.5} = \Theta(n^{1.5}), \quad a=9, b=3. \quad \text{So } n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_3 9} = n^2.$$

$$\text{Since } f(n) = \Theta(n^{1.5}) = O(n^{2-\epsilon}), \text{ for } \epsilon=0.2 \text{ (for example).}$$

This is **Case 1**. Hence,  $S(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

**(iii)\* (4 points)** 
$$U(n) = \left[ \frac{2}{(n-1)} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} U(k) \right] + 3n$$

(Hint: Reuse the *average case analysis of Quicksort* [Lecture Notes].)

First, multiple by  $(n-1)$  on both sides.

$$(n-1)U(n) = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} U(k) + 3n(n-1)$$

Expand and get rid of full-history.

$$(n-1)U(n) = 2[U(1) + U(2) + \dots + U(n-2) + U(n-1)] + 3n(n-1)$$

$$(n-2)U(n-1) = 2[U(1) + U(2) + \dots + U(n-2)] + 3(n-1)(n-2)$$

$$(n-1)U(n) = nU(n-1) + 6(n-1)$$

Turn it into a form that *telescopes*. Divide both side by  $n(n-1)$ .

$$(n-1)U(n) = nU(n-1) + 6(n-1)$$

$$\frac{U(n)}{n} = \frac{U(n-1)}{(n-1)} + \frac{6}{n} \quad (\text{Divide by } n(n-1).)$$

Now, do the *telescoping process*.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{U(n)}{n} &= \frac{U(n-1)}{(n-1)} + \frac{6}{n} = \left[ \frac{U(n-2)}{(n-2)} + \frac{6}{(n-1)} \right] + \frac{6}{n} \\ &= \left[ \frac{U(n-3)}{(n-3)} + \frac{6}{(n-2)} \right] + \frac{6}{(n-1)} + \frac{6}{n} \\ &= \dots \\ &= \frac{U(1)}{1} + 6 \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-2)} + \frac{1}{(n-1)} + \frac{1}{n} \right] \\ &= 6H(n) + \Theta(1) \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $U(n) = 6nH(n) + \Theta(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$

**(b) (5 points) [Radix Sort]**

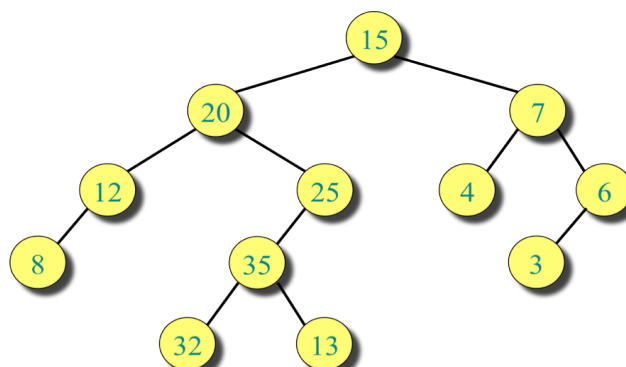
Run RADIX-SORT on the following list of English words shown below. Starting with the input in the leftmost column, show the list after each successive sorting step.

BIG	_TE <b>A</b> _	_T <b>A</b> B_	_B <b>I</b> G_
SPY	_SE <b>A</b> _	_T <b>A</b> R_	_H <b>O</b> T_
HOT	_T <b>A</b> B_	_P <b>A</b> R_	_P <b>A</b> R_
TEA	_B <b>I</b> G_	_T <b>E</b> A_	_P <b>O</b> T_
RUG	_R <b>U</b> G_	_S <b>E</b> A_	_R <b>U</b> G_
TAR	_T <b>A</b> R_	_B <b>I</b> G_	_S <b>E</b> A_
POT	_P <b>A</b> R_	_H <b>O</b> T_	_S <b>P</b> Y_
TAB	_H <b>O</b> T_	_P <b>O</b> T_	_T <b>A</b> B_
SEA	_P <b>O</b> T_	_S <b>P</b> Y_	_T <b>A</b> R_
PAR	_S <b>P</b> Y_	_R <b>U</b> G_	_T <b>E</b> A_

**Q3. (10 points)**

You are given a binary tree  $T$  with  $n$  nodes and height  $h$ . Each node  $v$  in the tree has a real-number key  $k(v)$ . For simplicity, you can assume that these keys are *all distinct*. Then, we say that a node  $v$  is a *local maximum* if its key is *greater than* that of *all its adjacent nodes*, i.e. its parent (if it exists) and all its children (if they exist).

**(a) (2 point)** Find a local maximum in the binary tree  $T$  given below.



**Answer:** Local Maximum = Node with key 35

- (b) (8 point) Describe an  $O(h)$  algorithm for finding a *local maximum* in the tree  $T$ .

**IDEA:** LOCAL-MAX ( $v$ ), where  $v$  is a vertex in tree.

Start at the root node  $v$ . If both children are smaller, then report  $v$  as answer

Else find any child  $w$  with larger key, recursively search with  $w$ .

**Note:** Special case when  $v$  is leaf (no children),  
then only need check against parent node.

**procedure** LOCAL-MAX ( $v$ ); (\* recursive procedure,  $v$  is a vertex in tree \*)

(\* Maintain Pre-condition:

{*whenever we search at  $v$ , then  $v$  is larger than parent*} \*)

1. **begin**

2.     **if** ( $v$  is a leaf node)

3.         **then** {report  $v$  as *local maximum*. Done; EXIT};

4.     **if** (*all children of  $v$  have smaller keys*)

5.         **then** {report  $v$  as *local maximum*. Done; EXIT}

6.         **else** {Let  $w$  = a child of  $v$  with larger key;

7.             LOCAL-MAX ( $w$ )

8. **end;**

Call it with LOCAL-MAX (*root*);

{Pre-condition: root is *trivially* larger than parent (since root has no parent).}

For the example given in 3(a), the path traced is 15, 20, 25, 35. Report 35.

### Correctness proof:

1. We first show pre-condition always true.

At initialization, when we call LOCAL-MAX(*root*), the *pre-condition* is trivially true since *root* is larger than parent (*since root has no parent*).

Recursive call is made only at line 7, and we confirm (in line 6) that  $w$  is larger than its parent (namely  $v$ ). Hence, *pre-condition* holds for all recursive calls.

2. The rest of the proof.

In line 3,  $v$  is a leaf (no children) and  $v$  is larger than parent (*pre-condition*). So,  $v$  must be a local maximum.

In line 5,  $v$  is larger than parent (*pre-condition*), and also *all its children* (line 4), so  $v$  must be a local maximum.

**Complexity Analysis:** We start at the root. At each level,  $\Theta(1)$  time and terminate at (or before) a leaf node. So, worst-case time is  $h \cdot \Theta(1) = \Theta(h)$ .

**Q4. (10 points)****[Finding the Missing Integer]**

You are given an array  $A[1..n]$  of size  $n$ , where  $n = (2^k - 1)$ . You are told that the *unsorted* array  $A[1..n]$  contain all the integers from 0 to  $n$  (inclusive), except *one*.

For  $k=3$ , an example is  $A[1..7]=[3, 0, 2, 6, 1, 4, 7]$ . Here the *missing number* is 5.

**(a) (5 points) [Finding the Missing Integer]**

Give a  $\Theta(n)$  algorithm to find the missing integer.

[Hint: Use an additional array  $B[0..n]$  if necessary.]

**SOLUTION:** We use array  $B[0..n]$  to count the items in  $A[1..n]$  (use the first two loops of the Counting Sort). Then, from  $B$ , find the element with 0-count.

**procedure** FIND-MISSING; (\* recursive procedure,  $v$  is a vertex in tree \*)

1. **begin**

2.     **for**  $i \leftarrow 0$  **to**  $n$

3.         **do**  $B[i] \leftarrow 0$

4.     **for**  $j \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n$

5.         **do**  $B[A[j]] \leftarrow B[A[j]] + 1$                        $\triangleleft B[i] = |\{\text{key} = i\}|$

6.     **for**  $i \leftarrow 0$  **to**  $n$

7.         **do if** ( $B[i] = 0$ ) **then report**  $i$  **as missing number. EXIT**

8. **end**

**Complexity analysis:** Trivial  $\Theta(n)$ .

**(b) (5 point)\*\***

However, you are *now* told that you cannot directly access the integers in  $A$  with a single query operation. (So, your algorithm from (a) don't work now.)

The elements in  $A$  are represented in binary and stored in  $k$  bits, namely,  $(b_{k-1} b_{k-2} \dots b_1 b_0)$  where each  $b_j$  is a binary bit. (Note:  $k = \lg n$ )

You can make the following query operation:

BIT-QUERY( $j, i$ ) : "fetch the  $j$ th bit of  $A[i]$ "                      (constant  $\Theta(1)$  time)

which returns a 0 or a 1 in constant  $\Theta(1)$  time.

To illustrate this, we show an example using the array  $A[1..7]$  above and give some sample queries. Remember, the array  $A[1..n]$  is hidden from you.

Hidden Array:	Sample Queries
$A[1] = 0\ 1\ 1$	BIT-QUERY(0,2) = 0
$A[2] = 0\ 0\ 0$	
$A[3] = 0\ 1\ 0$	BIT-QUERY(1,3) = 1
$A[4] = 1\ 1\ 0$	
$A[5] = 0\ 0\ 1$	BIT-QUERY(2,6) = 1
$A[6] = 1\ 0\ 0$	
$A[7] = 1\ 1\ 1$	

Using this BIT-QUERY operation, and additional storage if needed, describe an algorithm for finding the *missing integer* with  $\Theta(n)$  worst-case running time. Also illustrate how your algorithm works on the above example.

**For this, I take a developmental approach (develop solution, bit-by-bit). Enjoy.**

**Trivial Solution suggested in the Note:**

To get the value of  $A[i]$ , do  $k$  BIT-QUERY( $j, i$ ) (for  $j = k-1, k-2, \dots, 1, 0$ ), and use Horner's rule to compute value of  $A[i]$ . Do this for all  $A[i]$ .

Total of  $nk$  queries, so total time for this step is  $\Theta(nk) = \Theta(n \lg n)$  time. [too slow]

Then can call the algorithm from (a) above, which takes only  $\Theta(n)$  time.

Algorithm is  $\Theta(n \lg n)$  time and is not fast enough. (get very low marks)

### NEXT KEY IDEAS:

The idea behind this is *binary search*, but we need to figure out – *HOW exactly to do this binary search*. What question do we ask in order to “divide the problem into two”? And then, decide which half of the problem to recursively solve?

We know each integer  $A[i]$  is represented as a  $k$ -bit binary string.

Suppose the missing integer  $M$ , has binary encoding  $M = (m_{k-1}m_{k-2} \dots m_1m_0)$ .

**Step A:** (Determine  $m_{k-1}$ ) First, we do the following:

**for**  $i=1$  **to**  $n$  **do** {Count[0]  $\leftarrow$  0; Count[1]  $\leftarrow$  0} (\*from counting sort \*)

**for**  $i=1$  **to**  $n$  **do** {

$b \leftarrow \text{BIT-QUERY}(k-1, i)$  (\* “fetch the  $(k-1)^{\text{st}}$  bit of  $A[i]$ ” for all  $i$  \*)

    Count[b]  $\leftarrow$  Count[b] + 1; (\* Count them... \*)

}

**Analysis:** Clearly  $n$  queries. And also total time  $\Theta(n)$ .

Then at the end of this computation, if we look at Count[0] and Count[1], what are their values? **STOP READING** and think it one out *first*.

Yes, one of them is  $2^{(k-1)}$ , while the other is  $2^{(k-1)}-1$ . **Now, why is that so?**

[Hint: If  $m_{k-1} = 0$ , which one (of Count[0] or Count[1]) is  $2^{(k-1)}$ .

And if Count[1] =  $2^{(k-1)}$ , then what is the value of  $m_{k-1}$ ? ]

In summary, using  $n$  queries, we determine value of  $m_{k-1}$ , (most significant bit)

**Step B:** (Determine all the rest.)

What do we do next?

Well, we can do the same thing with the  $(k-2)^{\text{th}}$  bit. Can we not?

In that case, we can also spend  $n$  queries to determine the value of  $m_{k-2}$ .

And *then*, we can do the same for all the other bits of  $M$ .

This will take a total of  $nk = n(\lg n)$  queries. And algorithm takes  $\Theta(n \lg n)$  time.

**Summary:** With **Step A** and **Step B**, we solved the problem.

*But, we used too many queries.*

The question wants an algorithm that asks  $\Theta(n)$  queries.

How can we do better?

To do better, we cannot spend  $n$  queries in each round of **Step B**.

How about making a small change to **Step A**?

Incorporate Divide-and-Conquer idea during **Step A**;

Suppose we borrow the *Partitioning* idea (Quicksort), and call this **Step A'**.

**Step A'**: We partition the array  $A[1..n]$  based on the bit  $\#(k-1)$ .

But, we cannot swap the items  $A[i]$  and  $A[j]$ , so just use two lists:

List[0] to store those indices  $j$  with  $A[j]=0$ ,

List[1] to store those indices  $j$  with  $A[j]=1$ .

During partitioning, we merely insert (or append)  $j$  into List[0] or List[1] depending on value of bit- $\#(k-1)$ -of- $A[j]$  also increment the size of each list. This takes  $\Theta(1)$  per insert/append.

After partitioning, we know Count[0], Count[1] and we know  $m_{k-1}$ . ☺

And we also know which “half” the missing number  $M$  belongs to. Then we can recursively find  $m_{k-2}$  in the correct half, and so on.

Just a *small change* in the idea. **But, we have reduced the problem size to  $n/2$ .**

Let  $T(n)$  = number of queries to solve this problem for size  $n$ .

Then we have,  $T(n) = T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$ , which gives us  $T(n) = \Theta(n)$ .

Hidden Array:	Simulation of the Final algorithm		
$A[1] = 0\ 1\ 1$	Round 1:	List[0] = {1,2,3,5}	$m_2 = 1$
$A[2] = 0\ 0\ 0$		List[1] = {4,6,7}	Recur on List[1];
$A[3] = 0\ 1\ 0$			
$A[4] = 1\ 1\ 0$	Round 2:	List[0] = {6}	$m_1 = 0$
$A[5] = 0\ 0\ 1$		List[1] = {4,7}	Recur on List[0]
$A[6] = 1\ 0\ 0$			
$A[7] = 1\ 1\ 1$	Round 3:	List[0] = {6}	$m_0 = 1$
		List[1] = {}	$M = (101)_2 = 5$

*Now, don't you LOVE the problem?*

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**ADDITIONAL STUFFS (not needed)**

An slightly different (*more efficient*) version of LOCAL-MAX ( $v$ ), and the proof.

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procedure LOCAL-MAX ( $v$ ); (* recursive procedure,  $v$  is a vertex in tree *)
(* Maintain Pre-condition:
    {whenever we search at  $v$ , then  $v$  is larger than parent} *)
1. begin
2.   If (all children of  $v$  have smaller keys)
3.     then {report  $v$  as local maximum. Done}
4.     else {Let  $w$  = a child of  $v$  with larger key;
5.           if ( $w$  is a leaf)
6.             then {report  $w$  as local maximum. Done}
7.             else LOCAL-MAX ( $w$ ).
8.   end;

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Call it with LOCAL-MAX ( $root$ );

{Pre-condition:  $root$  is *trivially* larger than parent (since  $root$  has no parent).}

**Correctness proof:**

1. We first show *pre-condition* always true.

At initialization, when we call LOCAL-MAX( $root$ ), the *pre-condition* is trivially true since  $root$  is larger than parent (*since root has no parent*).

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2. The rest of the proof.

In line 3,  $v$  is larger than parent (*pre-condition*), and also all its children, so  $v$  must be a local maximum.

In line 6, when  $w$  is a leaf, then it is trivially larger than all its children (*none*). And it is also larger than its parent  $v$  (line 4). So,  $w$  must be a local maximum.

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