Task 1: Consider the following pseudocode function:

function Find(key,B,M,j)

for 0 <= i < M

if(B[i] == key):

return j + 2\*i

return -1

1. This function takes an array B, its length M, a non-negative integer key, and a non-negative integer j as inputs, and returns an integer. Briefly explain why if the input array B is one of the arrays (A1 or A2) created as above, this function will return the index where the value key is located in the original array A. In your explanation refer to the input j, and to what it corresponds in array A. [5 marks]

This algorithm cycles through array B and searches for the value that is equal to the key value. It returns the index of this value in A (j + 2\*i), based on the position inside B (i), or returns “-1” if there is no match. We can name input j – “the index of the sub-array”, and because the original array has been separated into two sub-arrays based on the modulo of 2 (even or odd), the input j refers to (the index of the value in A) mod 2 (i.e., for the sub-array A1 j = 0, and for the A2 j = 1).

1. Write a pseudocode function called RecursiveFind, which is a recursive implementation of the function Find: it should take the same inputs as Find in addition to another integer i, and return the same integer as Find. HINT: the integer argument I should vary in the recursive function calls. [10 marks]

Function (RecursiveFind(key, B, M, j, i)

If(I >= M):

return -1

if(B[i] == key):

return j + 2 \* i

return RecursiveFind(key, B, M, j, i + 1)

1. The worst-case running time of a recursive implementation of Find for an array B of length M is T(M) = T(M-2) + c, where c is a constant. Very briefly explain why the Master Theorem is not relevant here for computing an expression of T(M) in terms of M. [5 marks]

The master theorem is used to compute the time for "divide and conquer" algorithms and based on the fact that the problem is split into smaller subproblems, these subproblems are solved recursively and, then subproblem solutions are combined to give a solution to the original problem. But the recursive find is more "decrease and conquer" algorithm: we don't split our problem and recombine solutions, but rather reduce it to a single smaller problem. Because there are no splitting/recombining solutions - we don't need the master theorem to calculate the computing time. We also can reason this out logically: RecursiveFind is a search algorithm that is based on comparisons (we don't have information about the original array being sorted), therefore if there no key value in the array (worst-case scenario), we need to look up all values inside the A.

Task 2: Consider the following pseudocode function that describes the R0 Search algorithm:

function R0(key,A1,A2,N)

index = Find(key,A1,ceiling(N/2),0)

if (index == -1):

return Find(key,A2,floor(N/2),1)

return index

In this pseudocode floor(x) and ceiling(x) are the mathematical functions that,

respectively, give the largest integer smaller than or equal to x and give the smallest integer

larger than or equal to x. For this algorithm address the following:

1. Identify, and describe very briefly in words, the best-case inputs and the worst-case

inputs. Recall that there are four inputs to R0. [8 marks]

Example of the best-case input – (key, A1[key, …, … ], A2[…, …, …], N). The values of key and N doesn’t matter, and the only condition is that the first value of A1 array is equal to key value. In this case, the Find function will return on the first iteration of the inner loop, no matter the length of the array A1 and the function R0 will be constant time - O(1).

For the worst-case input – (key, A1, A2, N) such that A1 and A2 does not include the key value, the values itself are not important.

2. An expression for both the worst-case and best-case running times (or execution time)

T(N), and describe the method by which you arrive at this expression. [8 marks]

3. The growth function of the worst-case and best-case running times T(N), i.e. a function

that does not include constants or low-order terms, e.g. if f(N) = 5N+2, then the growth

function is N. [5 marks]

4. The Theta notation for the worst-case and best-case running times T(N). In particular,

find a set of constants c1, c2 and m0 for which T(N) is ϴ(g(N)). [6 marks