

**Problem 1, Analysis of Algorithm (10 points)**

Where  $n$  is a power of 2 and  $n > 8$ , how many  $x$ 's does the function  $\text{Mystery}(n)$  below print?

- (a) Write and solve the recurrence exactly using substitution.
- (b) State the solution in  $O()$  notation.

```
Mystery( $n$ )
  if  $n > 8$  then begin
    print("x")
    Mystery( $\frac{n}{2}$ )
    Mystery( $\frac{n}{2}$ )
  end
```

**Answer:**

**Problem 2, Analysis of Algorithm (10 points)**

Where  $n$  is a power of 2 and  $n \geq 1$ , how many  $x$ 's does the function  $\text{Mystery}(n)$  below print?

- (a) Write and solve the recurrence exactly using substitution.
- (b) State the solution in  $O()$  notation.

```
Mystery( $n$ )
print("xx")
if  $n > 1$  then begin
    Mystery( $\frac{n}{2}$ )
    Mystery( $\frac{n}{2}$ )
    Mystery( $\frac{n}{2}$ )
end
```

**Answer:**

**Problem 3, Analysis of Algorithm (10 points)**

Where  $n$  is a power of 2 and  $n \geq 1$ , how many  $x$ 's does the function  $\text{Mystery}(n)$  below print?

- (a) Write and solve the recurrence exactly using substitution.
- (b) State the solution in  $O()$  notation.

```
Mystery( $n$ )
for  $i := 1$  to  $n^2$ 
    print("xx")
if  $n > 1$  then begin
    Mystery( $\frac{n}{2}$ )
    Mystery( $\frac{n}{2}$ )
    Mystery( $\frac{n}{2}$ )
end
```

**Answer:**

**Problem 4, Analysis of Algorithm (10 points)**

Where  $n$  is a positive integer, how many  $x$ 's does the function  $\text{Mystery}(n)$  below print?

- (a) Write and solve the recurrence exactly using substitution.
- (b) State the solution in  $O()$  notation.

```
Mystery( $n$ )
  if  $n = 1$  then print(" $x$ ")
  if  $n > 1$  then begin
    Mystery( $n - 1$ )
    Mystery( $n - 1$ )
  end
```

**Answer:**

**Problem 5, Min and Max with Fewer Comparisons (10 points)**

Let  $a_1 \dots a_n$  be an input array of  $n$  unsorted distinct integers, where  $n$  is an even number. Let  $m_{\max}$  be the maximum value of the above integers, and let  $m_{\min}$  be the minimum value of the above integers. Give an algorithm that finds both  $m_{\max}$  and  $m_{\min}$  using at most  $\frac{3n}{2} - 2$  comparisons. Argue correctness and running time of your solution.

**Answer:**

**Problem 6, Sorting Faster than  $O(n \log n)$  in Special Case (10 points)**

Let  $a_1 \dots a_n$  be an input array of  $n$  unsorted and not necessarily distinct integers. Let  $m_{\max}$  be the maximum value of the above integers, and let  $m_{\min}$  be the minimum value of the above integers. Let  $M = m_{\max} - m_{\min}$ . Give an  $O(n + M)$  comparison algorithm that sorts the input array. Argue correctness and running time of your solution.

**Answer:**

**Problem 7, Use of Pointers (10 points)**

Let  $a_1 \dots a_n$  be  $n$  sorted distinct integers, and let  $\tau$  be an additional given integer. Give an  $O(n)$  comparison algorithm that decides if there exist distinct indices  $i$  and  $j$ , ie  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ , such that  $a_i + a_j = \tau$ . Argue correctness and running time of your solution.

**Answer:**

**Problem 8, Searching a Tree (10 points)**

You are given a complete binary tree on  $n$  nodes, where each node has a distinct value  $w_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

The input representation is as follows:

- (1) Index 1 is the root of the tree.
- (2) For  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$ , the left child of  $i$  is  $2i$  and the right child of  $i$  is  $2i + 1$ .
- (3) For  $2 \leq i \leq n$ , the parent of  $i$  is  $\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \rfloor$ .

Say that  $k$  is a *local minimum* if and only if:

- (1) If  $k = 1$ , then  $w_1$  is smaller than both its children.
- (2) If  $k \geq \frac{n-1}{2}$ , then  $w_k$  is smaller than its parent.
- (3) If  $2 \leq k \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$ , then  $w_k$  is smaller than both its children, and  $w_k$  is also smaller than its parent.

Give an  $O(\log n)$  comparison algorithm that finds a local minimum of the binary tree.

Justify correctness and running time.

**Answer:**



**Problem 9, Sorting in Linear Time in Special Case (10 points)**

Suppose that  $n$  is a perfect square and let  $N = n + \sqrt{n}$ .

You are given an array of  $a_1 \dots a_N$  distinct integers, where the first  $n$  integers are sorted  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n$ , but the last  $\sqrt{n}$  integers are not sorted. Give an  $O(N)$  comparison algorithm that sorts the entire input array  $a_1 \dots a_N$ .

**Answer:**

**Problem 10, Comparing Algorithmic Performance (10 points)**

Suppose you are choosing between the following three algorithms:

- Algorithm A solves problems by dividing them into five subproblems of half the size, recursively solving each subproblem, and then combining solutions in linear time.
- Algorithm B solves problems of size  $n$  by recursively solving two subproblems of size  $(n-1)$  and then combining the solutions in constant time.
- Algorithm C solves problems of size  $n$  by dividing them into nine subproblems of size  $n/3$ , recursively solving each subproblem, and then combining the solutions in  $O(n^2)$  time.

Solve each recurrence by substitution, and give the running times of each of these algorithms in  $O()$  notation. Which one would you choose as the asymptotically fastest?

**Answer:**