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[ Write your answers in the question paper itself. Be brief and precise. Answer all questions.  
If you use any algorithm/result/formula covered in the class, just mention it, do not elaborate. ]

1. In a *ternary search tree*  $T$ , each node contains two keys  $key_1$  and  $key_2$ , and three child pointers *left*, *mid*, and *right*. Let  $v$  be any node in  $T$ ,  $k_1$  a key stored in any node in the subtree rooted at  $left(v)$ ,  $k_2$  a key stored in any node in the subtree rooted at  $mid(v)$ , and  $k_3$  a key stored in any node in the subtree rooted at  $right(v)$ . Then, we must have  $k_1 < key_1(v) < k_2 < key_2(v) < k_3$ . A ternary search tree is called *admissible* if the three subtrees at any node of the tree differ in height by at most one.
- (a) Let  $N(h)$  denote the minimum number of nodes in an admissible ternary search tree of height  $h$ . Derive a recurrence relation for  $N(h)$ . Also, supply the required initial condition(s). (4+1)
- (b) Let  $h$  be the height of an admissible ternary search tree with  $n$  nodes. Deduce that  $h \leq \log_2 n$ . (This result shows that admissible ternary search trees are height-balanced.) (5)

2. The *Manhattan distance* between two points  $(h,k)$  and  $(h',k')$  in the Euclidean plane is defined as  $|h - h'| + |k - k'|$ . You are given  $n$  points  $P_i = (x_i, y_i)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ , randomly chosen in the unit square (that is, the  $1 \times 1$  square with corners at  $(0,0)$ ,  $(0,1)$ ,  $(1,0)$ , and  $(1,1)$ ). The problem is to find, given a query point  $Q = (x,y)$  in the unit square, a point  $P_i$  closest to  $Q$  with respect to the Manhattan distance. Your task is to organize the given points  $P_i$  in a data structure such that each query can be answered in expected constant time. Propose a suitable data structure for storing the points  $P_i$ . Also state the algorithm how each query is answered. Argue that each query can be processed in expected constant time. (4+4+2)

3. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a connected undirected graph with  $n$  vertices and (exactly)  $n$  edges.

(a) What are the minimum and the maximum numbers of spanning trees that  $G$  can have? Justify. (3)

(b) Let each edge  $e$  of  $G$  carry a positive cost (or weight)  $c(e)$ . Propose an  $O(n)$ -time algorithm to compute an MST (a minimum spanning tree) of  $G$ . Comment on what data structures you used in your algorithm. (5+2)

4. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a directed acyclic graph with  $V = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ . An edge  $(i, j)$  is in  $E$  if and only if  $0 \leq i < j \leq n-1$ . Suppose that each edge  $(i, j) \in E$  carries a cost  $c(i, j)$ . You should not assume that all  $c(i, j)$  are positive (or non-negative). In other words, negative-cost edges are allowed. We want to solve the single-source-shortest-path (SSSP) problem with source  $s = 0$ .

(a) Deduce that  $G$  contains  $\Theta(n^2)$  edges. (3)

(b) Prove that there are exactly  $2^{i-1}$  directed paths from the source  $s = 0$  to the vertex  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1\}$ . (4)

(c) Prove/Disprove: Dijkstra's SSSP algorithm works for this  $G$  (in the presence of negative-cost edges). (3)

(d) Irrespective of whether Dijkstra's SSSP algorithm works for  $G$  or not, it takes  $O(n^2 \log n)$  running time in this case. Propose an  $O(n^2)$ -time algorithm to solve the SSSP problem in the given  $G$  (with source  $s = 0$ ). (10)



5. Let  $S$  be a string of lower-case letters  $a$ – $z$ . A *blanagram* of  $S$  is obtained by changing a single letter of  $S$ , and then (optionally) permuting the symbols of this changed  $S$ . For example, let  $S = \text{entrain}$ . Its blanagram *terrain* is obtained by changing one  $n$  to  $r$ , and then permuting the letters. Likewise, *trainer* is another blanagram of *entrain* (but not of *terrain*, because *trainer* and *terrain* consist of exactly the same letters).

Suppose that two strings  $S$  and  $T$  of the same length  $n$  and with the symbols in the range  $a$ – $z$  are given as input (these need not be dictionary words). Your task is to determine whether  $S$  and  $T$  are blanagrams (of one another). Propose an  $O(n)$ -time algorithm to solve this problem.

(10)

