

**Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination**

**Design and Analysis of Algorithms**

**Fall 2011**

**Short Questions**

Answer 3 of 4 questions.

[S<sub>1</sub>] Let  $h(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}$ , prove  $h(n) = \Theta(\log_2 n)$ .

[S<sub>2</sub>] From the following recurrence determine the growth rate of  $T(n)$ :

$$\begin{cases} T(n) = 4T(n-1) - 4T(n-2) \\ T(1) = 1, \quad T(2) = 4 \end{cases}$$

[S<sub>3</sub>] (a) Order by asymptotic growth rate from slowest to fastest:

$$4^{n^{1.005}}, (1200n+1)^2, n^3, \lg^2 n, e^n, \ln \ln n, 5^{n^{1.004}}.$$

(b) Calculate  $\sum_{i=1}^n i(i+1)(i+2)(i+3)(i+4)$ .

[S<sub>4</sub>] Construct

[a] a finite automaton or a regular expression for the language

$\{x \in \{0,1\}^* : \text{the first two characters of } x \text{ are identical to the last two}\}.$

[b] a context free grammar or pushdown automaton for the language

$\{a^{2n}b^{2n+1} : n > 0\}.$

### Long Questions

Answer 3 of 4 questions.

[L<sub>1</sub>] Suppose we have an instance of TSP given by the cost matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \infty & 3 & 5 & 8 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & \infty & 6 & 4 & 5 & 9 \\ 5 & 6 & \infty & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 8 & 4 & 2 & \infty & 7 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 4 & 7 & \infty & 6 \\ 2 & 9 & 1 & 5 & 6 & \infty \end{bmatrix}$$

- Given the partial solution  $X = (5, 2, -, -, -)$ , calculate  $B(X)$  using the reducing technique on the matrix.
- For  $X$  as in a), use backtracking with branch-and-bound to find the best solution which is an extension of the given partial solution. Draw the portion of the state space tree you are investigating.

[L<sub>2</sub>] Solve the instance of minimum tardy task weight with 6 objects, all of length 1, having deadlines 3, 2, 1, 2, 4, 3; and weight 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 (resp.).

[L<sub>3</sub>] Keys  $a, b, c, d, e$  have frequencies 10, 3, 4, 7, 15, respectively. Find OBST using Dynamic programming algorithm.

[L<sub>4</sub>] Classify each of the following languages as regular, context free but not regular, or decidable but not context free. Prove your answers.

a)  $\{a^{n+1}b^{n-1}c^m : n, m > 0\}$

b)  $\{a^{2n}b^{2m+1} : n, m \geq 0\}$

c)  $\{a^{n+1}b^{n-1}c^n : n > 0\}$