

United International University CSI 227: Algorithms, Fall 2017

Mid Term Exam

Total Marks: 90, Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Answer any 6 out of the following 8 questions ($6 \times 15 = 90$).

- (a) Derive the exact-cost equation for the running-time of the algorithm at Fig. 1, and express it in the big-Oh (O) notation.
 - (b) Demonstrate the full working process of the **Divide-and-Conquer** algorithm for the **Find Minimum Subarray** problem, on the following array: [-2, 1, 0, -5, 3, -4, 7, -5]. [9]

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Algorithm1(n, m):
    for(i = 1; i <= n; i = i + 1)
    print(i)

for(j = 1; j <= m; j = j + 1)
    for(i = 1; i <= n/2; i = i + 1)
    for(j = 1; j <= 100; j = j + 1)
    for(j = 1; i <= n; i = i = i + 2)
    print(i * j)

Algorithm2(n):
    sum = 0

for(i = 1; i <= n/2; i = i + 1)
    for(j = 1; j <= 100; j = j + 1)
    sum = sum + j * i
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Figure 1: **Q. 1a**

Figure 2: **Q. 4c**

- 2. (a) Suppose you are developing a greedy algorithm for the **Rod Cutting Problem** where each cut is **greedily** made using the **maximum price**. Now design a suitable price array for rod length 6 on which the algorithm will **not** provide an optimal solution. What is the optimal solution for your example? [3]
 - (b) You are going to build a new computer system that requires t watts of power to run. But there might not be power chips available at the market with exactly t watts. There are n types of power chips available, with the following capacities: $P_1, P_2, ..., P_n$. You want to assemble the t watts using the **minimum** number of power chips. Propose a **Dynamic Programming** algorithm to solve this problem. [12]
- 3. (a) Design an algorithm that provided two parameters n and m, runs in time $\mathcal{O}(n+m\times log m)$. [7]
 - (b) Add **memoization** to the algorithm in **Fig. 3** to get its **Dynamic Programming** version. Then calculate CATALAN(3) using the memoized algorithm. You must demonstrate the recursion-tree generated. [3+5]

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 \begin{aligned} & \text{CATALAN(n):} \\ & \text{if } \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0} \\ & \text{return 1} \\ & \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0} \\ & \text{for } \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{0} \text{ to n - 1} \\ & \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{c} + [\text{CATALAN(i)} * \text{CATALAN(n - i - 1)}] \end{aligned} \qquad & T(n) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(1), & \text{if } n = 1; \\ 3T(\frac{n}{6}) + \mathcal{O}(n), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}
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Figure 3: Q. 3b

Figure 4: **Q. 7a**

- 4. (a) Trump coins are used by the people of the Trump land for everyday transactions. Only the following coins are available at this system: 1,7,12,25. Provide an example of an amount where the **greedy** strategy for the **Coin-Change** problem does not provide an optimal solution. You must mention the optimal solution, and the greedy solution.
 - (b) Suppose that you run a server lending business, where you have got the the following server-use requests for the next month. Each request is at the format: [start date, end date]. A server can be used by at most one user at a time. Using a greedy algorithm, find out the minimum number of servers required to satisfy all the requests. {[6, 10], [3, 5], [3, 8], [4, 9], [1, 7], [1, 2], [3, 7], [9, 11]}

- (c) Derive the **exact-cost equation** for the running-time of the algorithm at **Fig. 2**, and express it in the big-Oh (\mathcal{O}) notation.
- 5. (a) Consider this modified version of the Merge sort algorithm as follows: divide the provided array of size n into three subarrays of sizes roughly $\frac{n}{3}$, sort each of these three subarrays recursively, and then combine the three sorted subarrays in time $\mathcal{O}(n)$. Answer the following:
 - i. Design a **recurrence relation** for the running-time T(n) of this algorithm. [3]
 - ii. Using the **recursion-tree method**, solve the recurrence and derive its running-time in the big-Oh (O) notation.
 - (b) Given the arrival and the departure times of 6 trains for a railway platform, find out the **maximum** number of trains that can use that platform without any collision, using a **greedy algorithm**. There **must exist at least** 10 **minutes of safety break** between the departure of one train and arrival of a next one. {[1000, 1030], [840, 1030], [850, 1040], [1700, 2000], [800, 835], 1300, 1800]}
- 6. (a) Take a look at the algorithm at **Fig. 5**. Now provide **both the best-case and worst-case examples** of the arrays A and B for |A| = n = 4 and |B| = m = 5, and val = 10. Also derive the **running-time** complexities for both the cases in the big-Oh (\mathcal{O}) notation. [3 + 3 + 5]
 - (b) For the **Divide-and-Conquer** algorithm for the **Find Maximum Subarray** problem, if the cost for finding the *maximum crossing sum* is $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$, then what will be the **recursive equation** for the running-time of the algorithm?

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n: total number of items
                                       V: array of values for the items
                                       W: array of weights for the items
Algorithm3(A, B, val):
                                       M: DP memoization table,
                                           initially filled with
    n = A.length
                                       KNAPSACK(index, maxWeight):
    m = B.length
                                           if i > n
                                              return Θ
    for(i = 1; i <= n; i = i + 1)
        print(A[i])
                                           if M[index][maxWeight] != -1
                                               return M[index][maxWeight]
    if W[index] > maxWeight
                                              val = KNAPSACK(index + 1, maxWeight)
                return j
                                               val1 = KNAPSACK(index + 1, maxWeight)
                                               val2 = V[index] + KNAPSACK(index + 1, maxWeight - W[index])
    return -1
                                               val = max(val1, val2)
                                           M[index][maxWeight] = val
                                           return val
       Figure 5: Q. 6a
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Figure 6: Q. 8a

- 7. (a) Using the **recursion-tree method**, find out an asymptotic upper bound in the big-Oh (\mathcal{O}) for the recurrence in **Fig. 4**.
 - (b) What is the fundamental difference between **Greedy Strategies** and **Dynamic Programming**? [3
- 8. (a) A **Dynamic Programming** algorithm for the classical 0/1 **Knapsack problem** is provided in **Fig.** 6. Consider the following added restrictions to the problem: if you do not take the i^{th} item, you have to pay a penalty P_i , and if you take it, you have to pay a transportation fee T_i . Update the algorithm such that it can solve this modified problem.
 - (b) Provide a **Divide-and-Conquer** algorithm to find the count of negative (< 0) elements in an input array A. Also, mention the running-times of each of the **three steps** of the divide-and-conquer strategy in your algorithm. [5 + 3]