

## Computationally Hard Problems – Fall 2015 Assignment 7

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The following exercises are **not** mandatory:

**Exercise 7.1:** Let  $\mathbf{x} = x_1x_2\dots x_n \in \{0,1\}^n$  be a bit string, and let  $m \leq n$ . Let  $\mathbf{x}_j = x_jx_{j+1}\dots x_{j+m-1}$  be the substring of length  $m$  starting at position  $j$ . Let  $X_j = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} x_{j+i}2^i$  be the natural number represented by  $\mathbf{x}_j$ . Show how to compute the numbers  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{n-m+1}$  in this order with only  $O(n+m)$  arithmetic operations.

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End of Exercise 1

**Exercise 7.2:** Suppose you have a deterministic primality test that, given a natural number  $r$ , checks the number error-free for primality in time bounded by a polynomial in the input length  $\log(r)$ , say time at most  $(\log(r))^c$  for some  $c > 0$ .

Given a natural number  $t \geq 3$ , your aim is to select a prime number **uniformly** over all prime numbers in the interval  $[2, t]$ . Describe a randomized algorithm that returns an output of the desired kind with probability at least  $1/2$ . The algorithm should have a running time that is polynomial in  $\log t$  and be Las Vegas, i. e., if it fails to solve its task it should output “FAILED”. Give arguments for the correctness and prove a bound on the running time.

**Hint:** Use

- the bound  $\pi(t) \geq t/(2 \ln t)$  on the prime number function for  $t \geq 3$ ,
- Lemma B.3 from the lecture notes.

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End of Exercise 2

**Exercise 7.3:** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a directed graph with vertex set  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and edge set  $E$ . The graph does not have self-loops, i. e., there are no edges of the kind  $(v_i, v_i)$ . A *directed cut*  $V_1, V_2$  is a partition of the vertex set, i. e.,  $V_1, V_2 \subseteq V$ ,  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$  and  $V_1 \cup V_2 = V$ . The *directed cut edge set*  $C \subseteq E$  induced by the cut is the set of directed edges running from  $V_1$  to  $V_2$ , formally  $C = \{(v, w) \in E \mid v \in V_1 \text{ and } w \in V_2\}$ . We construct such a directed cut with the following randomized algorithm: Every vertex is independently put into  $V_1$  or  $V_2$  according to the outcome of a random number generator.

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for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
  if ( $rand(1, 3) = 1$ )
    then
      put  $v_i$  into  $V_1$ 
    else
      put  $v_i$  into  $V_2$ 
  fi
od

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- Is the running time of the algorithm deterministic or can it vary due to the randomization?
- What is the expected size of  $V_1$ ? What is the expected size of  $V_2$ ? The sizes should be expressed in terms of the size  $n$  of the set of vertices.
- For an edge  $e \in E$ , what is the probability that it has both start and end point in  $V_1$ ?
- For an edge  $e \in E$ , what is the probability that it has its start point in  $V_1$  and its end point in  $V_2$ ?
- What is the expected size of the directed cut edge set  $C$ , induced by this partition? The sizes should be expressed in terms of the size  $|E|$  of the set of edges.

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End of Exercise 3

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The following exercise is **mandatory**:

**Exercise 7.4:** Show the computation of  $\left[ \frac{773}{1373} \right]$  (the Jacobi symbol of the two numbers) using the rules shown in the lecture notes. You may use that  $\gcd(773, 1373) = 1$ .

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End of Exercise 4

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