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## COMPUTING

Paper 2 (Lab-based)

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**3 hours**

Additional Materials:

Electronic version of ARRIVALS.TXT data file  
Electronic version of WORDS.TXT data file  
Electronic version of TASK4.db  
Electronic version of ADDITIONS.CSV

Insert Quick Reference Guide

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### READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Answer **all** questions.

All tasks must be done in the computer laboratory. You are not allowed to bring in or take out any pieces of work or materials on paper or electronic media or in any other form

Approved calculators are allowed.

Save each task as it is completed.

The use of built-in functions, where appropriate, is allowed for this paper unless stated otherwise.

Note that up to 5 marks out of 100 will be awarded for the use of common coding standards for programming style.

The number of marks is given in the brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.  
The total number of marks for this paper is 100.

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Q1 [30]

Q2 [21]

Q3 [28]

Q4 [16]

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This document consists of **12** printed pages and 4 blank pages.

**Instructions to candidates:**

Copy the folder from the thumb drive to the PC's desktop and rename the folder on the desktop to <your name>. (For example, TanKengHan). All the resource files are found in the folder and you should work on the folder in the desktop.

Your program code and output for each of Task 1 to 3 should be saved in a single .ipynb file. For example, your program code and output for Task 1 should be saved as Task\_1\_<your name>.ipynb.

You should have a total of **three** .ipynb files to submit at the end of the paper.

At the end of the exam, copy the working folder on your desktop to the thumb drive.

**1** Name your Jupyter Notebook as Task1\_<your name>.ipynb.

This task uses an Object Oriented Programming (OOP) and layered approach to implement linked list, stack and queue data structures. Each data structure will be implemented by using the abstractions provided by a previously implemented data structure.

For each sub-task, add a comment statement, at the beginning of the code using the hash symbol "#", to indicate the sub-task the program code belongs to, for example:

In [1]: #Task 1.1  
Program code  
Output:

### Task 1.1

A linked list is a dynamic data structure where the storage for new data is allocated on demand and the data items are accessed by using pointers to traverse the linked list. Implement a linked list class, using Python code, with the following properties and operations:

- `start`, this attribute points to the first item of data in the linked list. A `None` value indicates an empty linked list
- `is_empty()`, returns `True` if the linked list is empty and `False` otherwise.
- `insert_front()`, inserts a data item at the front of the linked list, so that it is accessible by the `start` attribute
- `remove_front()`, removes the first element from the linked list.

- `__repr__()`, returns a string representation of the linked list as follows:
  - [ <item>, <item>, ... ], where <item> is the data item in the linked list starting from the first item pointed by the `start` attribute. [8]

### Task 1.2

A stack is a data structure with the following operations:

- `push(item: object)`, inserts an item into the stack and returns `True`. If the stack is full, returns `False`.
- `pop() : object`, returns the last item inserted into the stack. If the stack is empty `None` is returned.
- `constructor()`, creates and initialises attributes used by the stack object.
- `is_empty()`, returns `True` if stack is empty, else returns `False`.

Implement the stack class by using the linked list implemented in Task 1.1. [4]

### Task 1.3

Write test cases to test the stack implementation in Task 1.2. [1]

### Task 1.4

A queue is a data structure with the following operations:

- `enqueue(item: object)`, inserts an item into the queue and returns `True`. If the queue is full, returns `False`.
- `dequeue() : object`, returns the first item inserted into the queue. If the queue is empty `None` is returned.
- `constructor(n:integer)`, creates the queue object.

Implement the queue class by using **ONLY** the stack data structure implemented in Task 1.2 and you are not allowed to break the stack abstraction, (i.e. cannot modify the implementation in Task 1.2) [6]

### Task 1.5

Write test cases to test the queue implementation in Task 1.4. [1]

**Task 1.6**

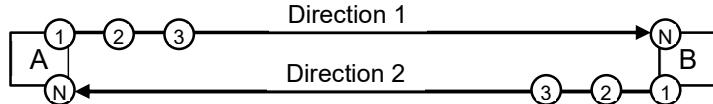
A new data structure named MaxQueue is to be implemented by inheriting from the queue class implemented in Task 1.4. The MaxQueue has a new operation `peek_max()` which will return the data item that has the highest value among all the data items currently in the queue. You can assume that the data item's value can be compared using the default `>` and `<` operators.

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Save your Jupyter Notebook for Task 1.

- 2** Name your Jupyter Notebook as Task2\_<your name>.ipynb.

The journeys taken by two buses were recorded in the file ARRIVALS.TXT and depicted in the diagram below:



The first bus started its journey from bus interchange A and ended its journey at bus interchange B. The second bus started its journey from bus interchange B and ended its journey at bus interchange A. The numbers, 1,2,3, ... N in the diagram represents the sequence of stops made by each bus in Direction 1 and 2.

The data in the file has the following fields, StopSequence, Direction, BusStopCode, Distance, ArrivalTime described below:

Each bus stop (including the bus interchanges) has a unique bus stop code, BusStopCode. The sequence of the bus stops visited by each bus is recorded as a StopSequence number for each Direction. The ArrivalTime is recorded in 24 hour format and the Distance is the cumulative distance travelled by the bus in km. You can assume that the two routes taken by the buses in Direction 1 and Direction 2 are roughly parallel to each other and have the same distance.

In [1]: #Task 2.1  
Program code

Output:

### Task 2.1

Write Python code to determine the bus stop code of the two interchanges A and B where the two buses start and end their journeys. Print the two bus stop codes.

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**Task 2.2**

Write Python code to determine the start time, end time and total time it takes for the two buses to travel in Direction 1 and Direction 2 respectively. The output should look like this:

Direction	Start	End	Total
1	0500	0627	1H, 45m
2	0600	0730	1H, 55m

[4]

**Task 2.3**

For each direction, write Python code to determine the average time, in minutes, for the bus to travel from one bus stop to the next bus stop. The output should look like this:

Average time for Direction 1 is 1.00 mins

Average time for Direction 2 is 1.10 mins

[4]

**Task 2.4**

Write Python code to determine the longest distance that the two buses need to travel between two adjacent bus stops based on the data from the ARRIVALS.TXT file. Print the two bus stop codes and the distance. The output should look like this:

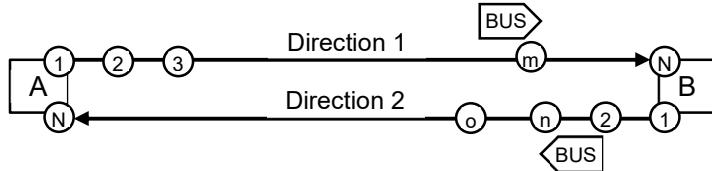
For bus travelling in Direction 1  
the longest distance between two adjacent bus stops is 1.70 km  
at 80210 and 80160

For bus travelling in Direction 2  
the longest distance between two adjacent bus stops is 1.80 km  
at 80160 and 80210

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**Task 2.5**

Write Python code to determine at what time, the two buses are nearest to each other as they travel in Direction 1 and 2 respectively, as depicted by the diagram below:



Your computation will take into account of only the time and distance recorded by the buses at the bus stops. You cannot assume that the two buses travel with a uniform speed throughout the journey. Print out the time and the bus stop codes that the buses were at. The output should look like this:

The time in which the two buses is closest to each other is at 0617 at bus stops <m> and <n>.

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Save your Jupyter Notebook for Task 2.

**3** Name your Jupyter Notebook as Task3\_<your name>.ipynb.

The file, WORDS.TXT, contains more than eighty thousand unique words. This task requires you to sort the words in ascending lexicographical order such that an efficient search operation can be performed to look up a word to locate its line number in the file WORDS.TXT. Line numbering should start at 1.

In [1]:

```
#Task 1.1
Program code
```

Output:

### Task 3.1

Write Python code to implement a **recursive** function,

FUNCTION qsort(words: LIST of TUPLE) RETURNS LIST of TUPLE ,

that uses the quick sort algorithm to sort a Python list of tuples in ascending lexicographical order of the first element of the tuple. For example,

qsort([( "Orange", 23), ("Apple", 121), ("Mango", 2), ("Durian", 4)])

should return

[('Apple', 121), ('Durian', 4), ('Mango', 2), ('Orange', 23)] [5]

### Task 3.2

Implementing a recursive solution in Python is limited by the maximum call stack size of the Python interpreter, which by default is set to 3000. In the worst case, the call stack limit will be reached when you attempt to use the `qsort()` implemented in Task 3.1 to sort a list containing 3000 tuples or more.

Write three test cases to validate the correctness of the `qsort()` function, including one invalid test case that will cause a run time error to occur as a result of exceeding the maximum call stack size. In Python, the run time error looks like this:

RecursionError: maximum recursion depth exceeded ...

You may use built-in Python functions in your test cases.

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### Task 3.3

In this task, you are required to read all the words and their corresponding line numbers in a file, WORDS.TXT, into a Python list and then sort them in ascending lexicographical order of the words. The file WORDS.TXT contains more than 3000 words. In the worst case, the call stack limit will be reached when you attempt to use the `qsort()` implemented in Task 3.1, to sort the entire file. In order to sort all the words in the file, you will need to perform the sorting in batches as follows:

- Read the words to be sorted from the file WORDS.TXT and append the word and its line number in the file as a tuple into a list, `words`. For example if the word 'abandoning' is in line 2971 of the file, it should be appended into the list as `('abandoning', 2971)`.
- While the list `words` is not empty, extract no more than 3000 items from the list `words` and use `qsort()` implemented in Task 3.1 to sort the items into a list `sorted_tmp`, append the list `sorted_tmp` into a list `sorted_partial`.  
Repeat Step 2. `sorted_partial` should contain a list of lists.
- Merge all the lists in the list `sorted_partial` into a single sorted list, `sorted_all`.

Implement Python code to perform the algorithm describe above. Name the sorted list

as `sorted_all` and print its contents.

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**Task 3.4**

The list `sorted_all` created in Task 3.2 should contain elements that are sorted in ascending lexicographical order of the first element of the tuple as follows:

```
[('abandoning', 2971), ('abas', 9338), ... ('zoos', 6146)]
```

where each element contains a tuple representing a word and its corresponding line number in the file `WORDS.TXT`. Implement a binary search algorithm as a Python function `bin_search(sorted_all:LIST, word:STRING)`, to search for a word in the file `WORDS.TXT` by passing in the list `sorted_all` and the word to be searched as arguments. If the word is found, return the word and its line number otherwise return

None.

[3]

**Task 3.5**

Implement a Python function :

```
FUNCTION prefix_search(sorted_all:LIST, prefix:STRING)
RETURNS LIST,
```

to perform a binary search for all words in the file `WORDS.TXT`, with a given prefix. For example,

`prefix_search(sorted_all, "arson")` should return the list,

```
[('arsonist', 42704), ('arson', 36888), ('arsonists', 33575)] [4]
```

**Task 3.6**

Implement a Python function :

```
FUNCTION suffix_search(sorted_all:LIST, suffix:STRING)
RETURNS LIST,
```

to perform a search for all words in the file `WORDS.TXT`, with a given suffix. For example,

`suffix_search(sorted_all, "rusty")` should return the list,

```
[('crusty', 19915), ('rusty', 73656), ('trusty', 52448)] [3]
```

Save your Jupyter Notebook for Task 3.

**4** The database file `TASK4.db` contains a partial data set for an event ticket booking system.

An event has a unique ID number, event name, artist and event type. Each event has one or more performances. Each performance will contain the date, time and venue. The two tables in the database are as follows:

- `Event( id, name, artist, type )`
- `TimeTable( id, event_id*, date, time, venue )`

Underline : Primary key  
 \* : Foreign key

The tables have been pre-loaded with data.

### Task 4.1

Write a Python program and the necessary files to create a web application. The landing or home page of the web application should display all the event records in the database as follows (output 1):

Event Name	Artist	Type of Event	
GARNiDELiA stellacage 2023	GARNiDELiA	concert	<a href="#">See performance dates</a>
JACKY CHEUNG 60+ CONCERT TOUR	Jacky Cheung	concert	<a href="#">See performance dates</a>
Legend: Heaven and Earth	Sulwyn Lok	concert	<a href="#">See performance dates</a>
Taylor Swift   The Eras Tour	Taylor Swift	concert	<a href="#">See performance dates</a>

A stylesheet file, `style.css` has been created for you. You should use the style and formatting instruction in this file in all your html pages. This landing page should provide a user interface for the user to select an event to view all the performance dates for the selected event. After a particular event has been selected by the user, the web application should then display the performance details as follows (output 2):

#### Taylor Swift | The Eras Tour

Date	Time	Venue
02/03/24	2000	National Stadium
03/03/24	2000	National Stadium
04/03/24	2000	National Stadium

Save your program code as Task4\_1\_<your\_name>.py and any additional files/subfolders as needed in a folder named Task4.

Run the web application and save the two outputs of the program as Task4\_1a.html and Task4\_1b.html respectively.

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#### **Task 4.2**

The file ADDITIONS.CSV contains details of additional performances by the artist after the database has been populated with data. Write Python code to read the contents from the file and update the database with the additional performances.

Save your program code as Task4\_2\_<your\_name>.py

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