Sample Midterm Questions (& HW 04)

Below are some sample exam questions with which you can test your RAG "Cheat Sheet".

- 1. What is the difference between a list where memory is contiguously allocated and a list where linked structures are used?
- 2. When are linked lists faster than contiguously-allocated lists?
- 3. Add 23 to the AVL Tree below. What imbalance case is created with inserting 23?



- 4. Why is a B+ Tree a better than an AVL tree when indexing a large dataset?
- 5. What is disk-based indexing and why is it important for database systems?
- 6. In the context of a relational database system, what is a transaction?
- 7. Succinctly describe the four components of ACID compliant transactions.
- 8. Why does the CAP principle not make sense when applied to a single-node MongoDB instance?
- 9. Describe the differences between horizontal and vertical scaling.
- 10. Briefly describe how a key/value store can be used as a feature store.
- 11. When was Redis originally released?
- 12. In Redis, what is the difference between the INC and INCR commands?
- 13. What are the benefits of BSON over JSON in MongoDB?
- 14. Write a Mongo query based on the movies data set that returns the titles of all movies released between 2010 and 2015 from the suspense genre?
- 15. What does the **\$nin** operator mean in a Mongo query?