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## Midterm Examination

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**Date:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** EIT-1015; CPH-3602; CPH-3604

**Duration:** 80 minutes

**Type:** Closed Book

### Instructions:

- There are 4 questions. Answer all 4 questions.
- Standard calculator allowed but no additional materials allowed.
- The number in brackets denotes the relative weight of the question (out of 100).
- If information appears to be missing from a question, make a reasonable assumption, state it and proceed.
- Write your answers directly on the sheets.
- If the space to answer a question is not sufficient, use overflow page.
- When presenting programs, you may use any mixture of pseudocode/C++ constructs as long as the meaning is clear.

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Question	Mark	Max	Marker
1	A:      B:      C:	35	A:      B:      C:
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### Question 1: Algorithm Analysis [35]

#### Part A [15].

Consider the following recursive algorithm that computes minimum value out of real numbers stored in the array  $A$  on positions from  $l$  to  $r$ .

*FindMin*( $A$ : array of real numbers,  $l$ : integer,  $r$ : integer)

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if  $l = r$  then return  $A[l]$ 
 $temp_1 \leftarrow FindMin(A, l, \left\lfloor \frac{l+r}{2} \right\rfloor)$ 
 $temp_2 \leftarrow FindMin(A, \left\lfloor \frac{l+r}{2} \right\rfloor + 1, r)$ 
if  $temp_1 \prec temp_2$ 
  then return  $temp_1$ 
  else return  $temp_2$ 
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Write a recurrence describing the cost of running this algorithm on  $n$  element array:  $FindMin(A, l, n)$ . Solve the recurrence and give the resulting running time of the algorithm.

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**Part B. [10]**

Give asymptotic upper and lower bounds for the following recurrence. Assume that  $T(n)$  is constant for sufficiently small  $n$ . Make your bounds as tight as possible, and justify your answer.

$$T(n) = 16T(n/4) + n^5\sqrt{n}$$

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**Part C. [10]**

Prove that  $f(n) = 10^7 + 7n^7 \log n + 3n^7$  is  $O(n^7 \log n)$  using the definition of “Big-Oh”.

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## **Question 2: Elementary Data Structures [10]**

You have been provided with an implementation of a *stack-of-integers* ADT. This implementation includes the usual operations such as *Push*, *Pop*, and *IsEmpty*.

Describe how you would implement the Queue ADT using two stacks. Specifically, give algorithms for the *Enqueue* and *Dequeue* operations. Give tight Big-Oh expressions for the running times of your implementation.

You may assume that *Push*, *Pop*, and *IsEmpty* are all  $O(1)$ .

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**Question 3: Trees and Tree Traversals [35]**

**Part A. [15]**

- Consider we have a BST contains the following keys:  $P, L, A, C, E$ .  
Draw this BST in such a way that the result of the “preorder tree traversal” is:  $C, A, L, E, P$ .

- Let  $T$  be an AVL tree of height 6. What is the smallest number of nodes it can store?

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**Part B. [12]**

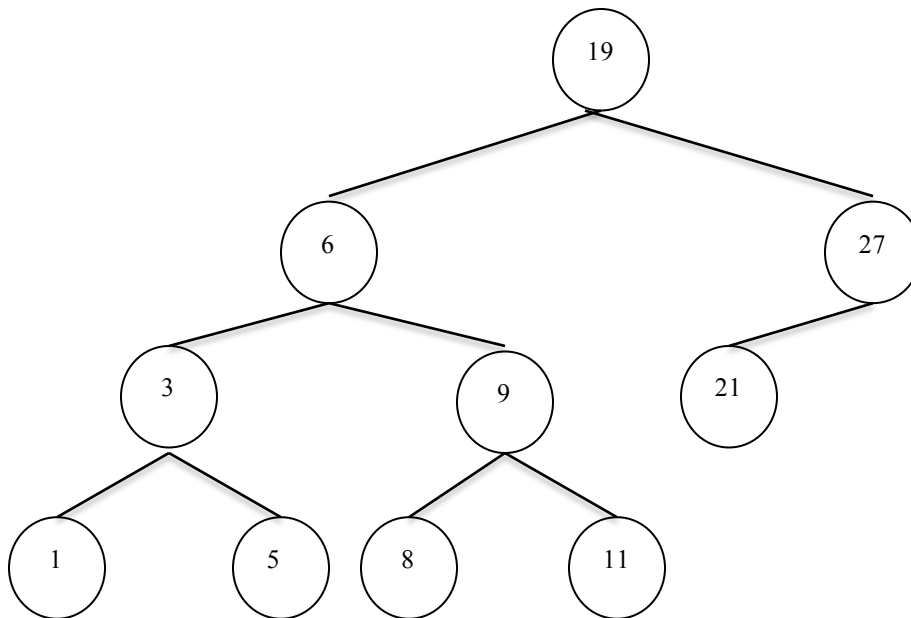
Start with an empty AVL tree and insert the following keys in the given order: 25, 35, 45, 20, 22, and 27. Draw the trees following each insertion, and also after each rotation. Specify the rotation types.

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**Part C. [8]**

Assume we have the following AVL tree. Show the tree after deleting 27. Use the successor of a node if it is needed. Draw the final tree and all intermediate trees.





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**Question 4: Hashing [20]**

**Part A. [5]**

Suppose we have a hash table with  $N$  slots containing  $n$  keys. Suppose that instead of a linked list, each slot is implemented as a binary search tree. Give the worst and the best time complexity of adding an entry to this hash table. Explain your answers.

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**Part B. [15]**

Consider a hash table of size 7. Suppose the hash function uses division method. Insert, in the given order, keys: 2, 4, 12, 19, and 20 into the hash table using:

- Linear probing to resolve the collisions. Show all your work.
- Double hashing to resolve collisions with the secondary hash function  $h_2(k) = 5 - \left( k \bmod 5 \right)$ . Show all your work.

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