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Midterm Examination

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Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 5:30 p.m.
Location: RCH 301/307
Duration: 80 minutes
Type: Closed Book

Instructions:

- There are 4 questions. Answer all 4 questions.
- 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 pages.
- 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: D:	40	A: B: C: D:
2	A: B:	20	A: B:
3	A: B: C: D:	30	A: B: C: D:
4	A: B:	10	A: B:
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Question 1: Algorithm Analysis [40]

Part A [12].

You are given a set of n identical sealed boxes, $n-1$ of which contain one donut and one of which is empty. For convenience, you may assume that $n = 2^k$ for some integer k. To help you find the empty box, you have a balance. At which weighing, you place two sets of boxes on the balance and determine which set is heavier.

i) Describe an algorithm to find the empty box which uses $O(\log n)$ weighings.

ii) Give a recurrence and solve it to show your algorithm runs in $O(\log n)$.

Part B. [10]

We want to extend the asymptotic notations to the case of two parameters n and m that can go to infinity independently at different rates. For a given function $g(n,m)$, we denote by $O(g(n,m))$ the set of functions:

$$O(g(n,m)) = \{ f(n,m) : \text{there exist positive constants } c, n_0, m_0 \text{ such that } 0 \le f(n,m) \le cg(n,m) \text{ for all } n \ge n_0 \text{ and } m \ge m_0 \}$$

Give corresponding definitions for $\Omega(g(n,m))$ and $\Theta(g(n,m))$.

Part C. [8]

Use the Principle of Induction to prove that $5^n - 1$ is divisible by 4. Assume n is a natural number.

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Part D. [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.

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^3\sqrt{n}$$

Question 2: Elementary Data Structures [20]

Part A [10].

Give a $\Theta(n)$ – time non-recursive algorithm that reverses a singly linked list of n elements. The algorithm should use no more than constant storage beyond that needed for the list itself.

Part B. [10]

You have been provided with an implementation of a *queue-of-integers* ADT. This implementation includes the usual operations such as ***Enqueue*** and ***Dequeue***.

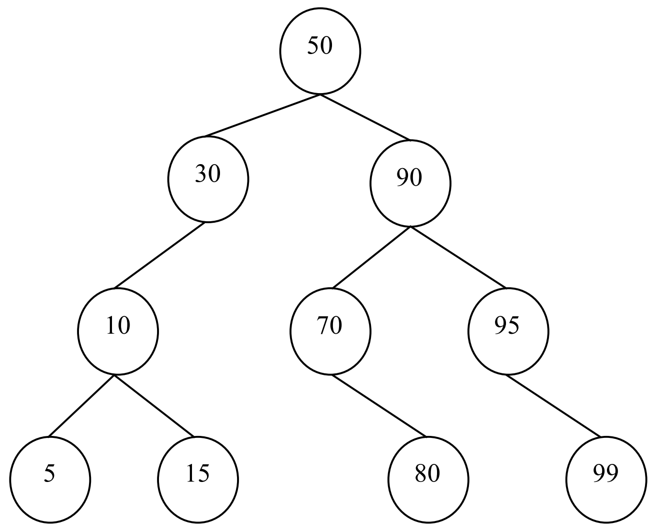
Describe how you would implement the Stack ADT using two queues. Specifically, give algorithms for the ***Push*** and ***Pop*** operations. Give tight Big-Oh expressions for the running times of your implementation.

You may assume that ***Enqueue*** and ***Dequeue*** are $O(1)$.

Question 3: Trees and Tree Traversals [30]

Part A. [7.5]

Consider the binary tree shown below:



For each of the following traversals, list the order in which the nodes are visited.

Pre-order Traversal										
In-order Traversal										
Post-order Traversal										

Part B. [5.5]

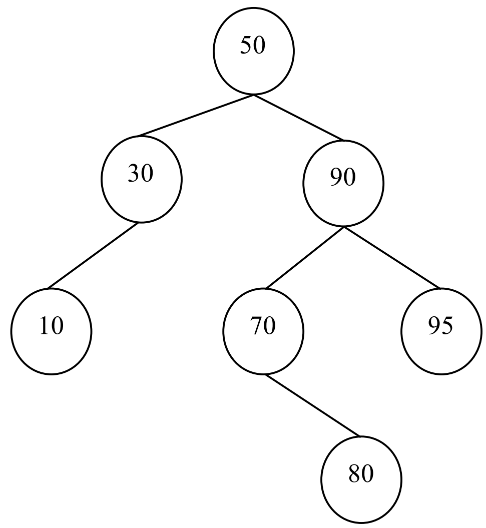
Suppose we have the numbers between *1* and *1000* in a BST and we want to search for the number 459. Which of the following sequences could **not** be the sequence of nodes examined?

(1) 902, 278, 404, 663, 410, 540, 421, 459
(2) 40, 279, 905, 837, 421, 422, 813, 459
(3) 1, 491, 481, 431, 450, 475, 474, 456, 459
(4) 984, 165, 884, 203, 885, 207, 599, 459
(5) 767, 352, 761, 361, 758, 390, 457, 459

Give a number from 1 to 5 and *briefly* explain your choice. If no valid explanation is given, no mark will be given.

Part C. [7]

Assume, we have the following AVL tree. Show the tree after inserting 85, 65, and 20.



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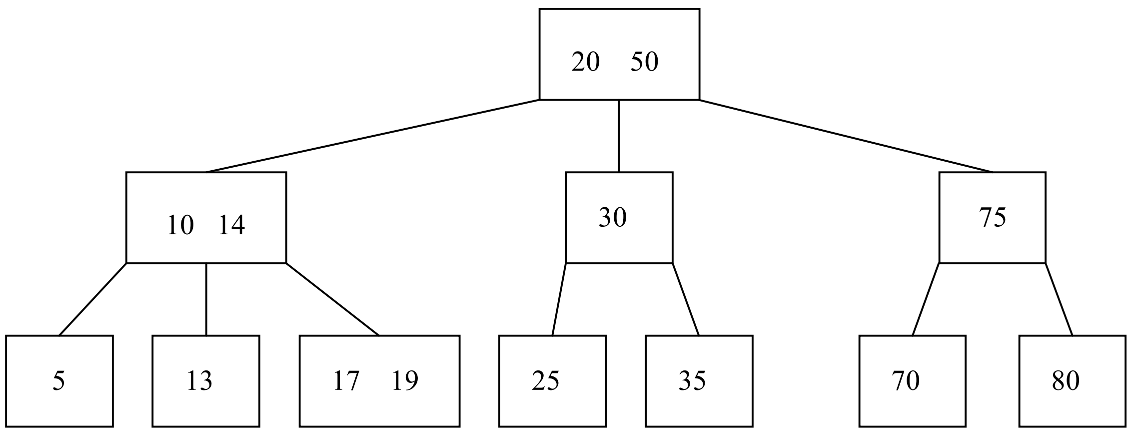
Part D. [10]

Consider the following B-Tree of order 2, called X.



Draw the B-tree that results from deleting 25 from X. Show the tree after each step.

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Question 4: Hashing [10]

Consider the following hash table of size 13.

0	13
1	
2	2
3	
4	30
5	
6	
7	20
8	
9	139
10	10
11	11
12	25

For the following questions, indicate the insertion positions under the specified hashing scheme. You can assume the (primary) hash function is $h(k) = k \mod 13$.

Part A - Linear Probing [3]

61 would be inserted at position _____.

and if 40 was inserted after, it would be placed at position _____.

Part B - Double Hashing [7]

Using the second hash function $h_2(K) = ((K+2) \mod 5) + 1$

61 would be inserted at position _____.

and if 40 was inserted after, it would be placed at position _____.

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