

Algorithms & Complexity  
(CSEN 5102) 22

Time Allotted : 3 hrs

Full Marks : 70

Figures out of the right margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to answer Group A and  
any 5 (five) from Group B to E, taking at least one from each group.

Candidates are required to give answer in their own words as far as practicable.

Group - A

(Multiple Choice Type Questions)

1. Choose the best alternative for the following: 10 x 1=10

(i) The best-case time complexity for binary search from an array of  $n$  sorted elements is  
(a)  $O(n)$  (b)  $O(\log n)$  (c)  $O(n/\log n)$  (d)  $O(1)$ .

(ii) for  $i = 1$  to  $m$   
{  
  for  $j = 1$  to  $i$   
     $sum = sum + A[i][j]$ ;  
}

The time complexity of the above code snippet in worst case is  
(a)  $O(m^2)$  (b)  $O(m^3)$  (c)  $O(m)$  (d) None of these.

(iii) The Single-source shortest path problem in a graph  $G$  becomes undefined if there exists \_\_\_\_\_ from the source.

- (a) a -ve weight cycle in the graph
- (b) a -ve edge reachable from the source
- (c) multiple -ve edges in the graph
- (d) a -ve weight cycle reachable from the source.

(iv) In the KMP algorithm for pattern matching, the suffix function  $\sigma(x)$  is the largest \_\_\_\_\_ of the pattern  $P$  that is also a \_\_\_\_\_ of  $x$ .

- (a) prefix, suffix
- (b) prefix, prefix
- (c) suffix, prefix
- (d) suffix, suffix.

(v) Worst case time complexity for inserting an element in a sorted array so that it stays sorted is

- (a)  $O(1)$
- (b)  $O(n)$
- (c)  $O(n^2)$
- (d) None of these.

(vi) The solution of the recurrence relation is  $T(n) = 2T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + n$

- (a)  $O(n \log_2 n)$
- (b)  $\Omega(n \log_2 n)$
- (c)  $\Theta(n \log_2 n)$ .
- (d) None of the above.

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- (vii) The number of edges in a DFS forest (having 9 connected components) of a graph with 100 vertices is  
(a) 99 (b) 91 (c) 90 (d) Less than 90.
- (viii) Which of the following basic algorithms can be used to most efficiently determine the presence of a cycle in a given graph?  
(a) MST algorithm (b) Ford-Fulkerson's algorithm  
(c) BFS algorithm (d) DFS algorithm.
- (ix) Finding an Eulerian Circuit in a given graph is  
(a) NP-hard (b) NP-complete  
(c) in P (d) None of the above.
- (x) A student proved that the longest path problem is NP-complete by reducing it to another already known NP-complete problem named set-cover problem. His teacher said the proof is not correct and did not give him any marks because  
(a) the teacher does not understand NP-completeness as it is a difficult chapter.  
(b) the student got a wrong answer about the hardness of longest path problem.  
(c) the method of proof given by the student was wrong.  
(d) none of the above is true.

**Group - B**

2.(a) Let  $g(n)$  be a function of  $n$ . Define the following asymptotic notations with example diagrams -  $O(g(n))$ ,  $\Omega(g(n))$  and  $\Theta(g(n))$ .

- (b) A sequence of  $n$  operations is performed on a data structure. The cost of  $i$ th operation is  $C(i) = i^2$ , if  $i$  is an exact power of 3  
 $= 3$ , otherwise.

Calculate the exact expression for cost for  $n$  successive operations. Use Aggregate Analysis to determine the amortized cost per operation.

$$(2 + 2 + 1) + 7 = 12$$

3.(a) Let's assume that a polynomial of degree  $m$  is represented as  $t(n) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i n^i$ . Prove that

$$t(n) = O(n^m).$$

- (b) Write a recursive algorithm to solve Towers of Hanoi problem and then analyze your algorithm in worst case.

$$4 + (4+4) = 12$$

Group - C

4.(a) What is the main drawback of bubblesort algorithm that remains even if we use an improved version of it? What is main strategy used by cocktail-shaker sort that makes it different from bubblesort? What is the main achievement of cocktail-shaker sort? Give a small example using less than 10 elements to illustrate it. Does any other popular sorting method use that achievement as a part of its strategy?

(c) Show that the 2<sup>nd</sup> smallest of  $n$  elements can be found with  $n + \lceil \lg n \rceil - 2$  comparisons in the worst case.

$$(1 + 1 + 4) + 6 = 12$$

5.(a) You have an array of size 20 in which 16 numbers are arranged into a max-heap. If you want to add a new number into the heap, how will you do that? You may either give the pseudo-code or explain it in plain English.

(b) You are given a sorted array of  $n$  distinct integers. When does the worst case happen in your Binary search and just state what is the number of comparisons required in such a case? Do an average case analysis for Binary Search on the above array.

$$5 + (2+5) = 12$$

Group - D

6.(a) Consider a DFS on a directed graph. What are tree edges, back edges, forward edges and cross edges?

(b) Give the pseudo code for doing DFS on a directed graph. Can you add a few lines of pseudo code to this routine so that it can print the type of each edge while doing the traversal?

(d) If you are doing a DFS on an undirected graph, you may not be able to identify all the four types of edges; however, there will still be two types of edges. Which are they? Explain why the other two types of edges will vanish.

$$4 + 6 + 2 = 12$$

7.(a) Give the pseudo-code for Euclid's GCD algorithm and illustrate it with one small example.

(b) What problem does Floyd-Warshall algorithm solve and what is its time Complexity? What is the problem if we try to use Bellman-Ford algorithm to solve such a problem?

(c) Prove that subpaths of shortest paths are also shortest paths.

$$(4 + 2) + 3 + 3 = 12$$

8.(a) Explain KMP algorithm for pattern matching with the help of the following String S and Pattern P

S: **b a b c b a b c a b c a a b c a b c a b c a c a b c**

P: **a b c a b c a c a b**

(b) Differentiate between NP-Complete and NP-Hard problems. Show that CLIQUE problem is NP-Complete.

6+(2+4)= 12

9.(a) A flow in G is a real valued function  $f: V \times V \rightarrow R$  that satisfies 3 properties. What are they and also state each of them in one sentence.

(b) Give a polynomial-time 2-approximation algorithm for vertex cover problem and also prove that the algorithm indeed achieves that factor.

3 + (5 + 4) = 12