

ALGORITHMS & COMPLEXITY
(CSEN 5102)

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 correct alternative for the following: **10 × 1 = 10**
- (i) Consider the following code snippet which finds greatest common divisor (gcd) of two integers n & m, where $n \geq m$:
- ```
int gcd(n, m)
{
 if (n%m==0) return m;
 n=n%m;
 return gcd(m, n);
}
```
- How many recursive calls are made by the above gcd function?  
(a)  $\theta(\log n)$       (b)  $\Omega(n)$       (c)  $\theta(\log \log n)$       (d)  $\theta(\sqrt{n})$ .
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) Assuming  $T(i) + 1$ , 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.
- (iv) For simultaneously finding the minimum and maximum of n elements the number of comparisons required is at most  
(a)  $3 \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$       (b)  $2n$       (c)  $2(n-1)$       (d)  $n \log n$ .

- (v) Which of the given options provides the increasing order of asymptotic complexity of functions  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  and  $f_4$ ? (assume  $n \geq 3$ )  
 $f_1(n) = 2^n, f_2(n) = n^{(3/2)}, f_3(n) = n \log n, f_4(n) = n^{(\log n)}$   
(a)  $f_3, f_2, f_4, f_1$       (b)  $f_3, f_2, f_1, f_4$       (c)  $f_2, f_3, f_1, f_4$       (d)  $f_2, f_3, f_4, f_1$ .
- (vi) In a flow network, there exists a cut of value 100. Which of the following can be concluded?  
(a) The minimum flow in the network is 100.  
(b) The maximum flow in the network  $\leq 100$ .  
(c) The maximum flow in the network  $\geq 100$ .  
(d) None of these.
- (vii) Which of the following is not true about comparison based sorting algorithms?  
(a) The minimum possible time complexity of a comparison based sorting algorithm is  $O(n \log n)$  for a random input array  
(b) Any comparison based sorting algorithm can be made stable by using position as a criteria when two elements are compared  
(c) Counting Sort is not a comparison based sorting algorithm  
(d) Heap Sort is not a comparison based sorting algorithm.
- (viii) Let S be an NP-complete problem and Q and R be two other problems not known to be in NP. Q is polynomial time reducible to S and S is polynomial-time reducible to R. Which one of the following statements is true?  
(a) R is NP-complete      (b) R is NP-hard  
(c) Q is NP-complete      (d) Q is NP-hard.
- (ix) Which of the following basic algorithms can be used to most efficiently determine the presence of a cycle in a given graph  
(a) MST      (b) Ford-Fulkerson      (c) BFS      (d) DFS.
- (x) Topological Sort cannot be done in a directed graph of n vertices if the graph contains  
(a) more than n edges      (b) contains a directed cycle.  
(c) contains a rooted tree      (d) all of the above.

**Group - B**

2. (a) Do an average case analysis for Binary Search on a sorted array of distinct integers.
- (b) Explain briefly (preferably with examples) that Amortized Analysis is not same as Average case analysis.
- (c) You are given a sorted array of n distinct integers. When do the best-case and worst case happen in your Binary search and just state what is the number of comparisons required in each case?

**7 + 3 + 2 = 12**

3. (a) 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.
- (b) Linear Search algorithm requires two comparisons per iteration. Modify the algorithm using sentinel element in such a way that the number of comparisons is reduced to one comparison at every iteration. Justify that this modified approach improves the performance of Linear Search by a constant factor.

**(6 + 4 + 2) = 12**

**Group - C**

4. (a) Mention basic principles of any Divide-and-Conquer algorithm. Suppose you are given a set of  $n$  numbers. Write Quick Sort algorithm to sort those  $n$  numbers in ascending order, where last element is always chosen as pivot element. Now analyze the performance of your algorithm in best case & worst case.
- (b) Heapsort and Mergesort have the same worst-case time complexities. Is there any reason why Heapsort may be considered better compared to Mergesort?
5. (a) Define a Binary Search Tree (BST). When do you refer a Binary Search Tree as an AVL tree?
- (b) Prove that an AVL tree with  $n$  nodes has height  $O(\lg n)$ .
- (c) Assume that you have numbers between 1 and 1000 in a Binary Search Tree (BST). Now you want to delete a number from that BST. Write an algorithm to do this operation.

**(2 + 4 + 4) + 2 = 12**

**Group - D**

6. (a) What do you mean by a spanning tree of a graph? Suppose you are given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ . Give the pseudo code for Kruskal's algorithm to find the minimal spanning tree of the graph  $G$ , where UNION-FIND data structure is used. Also explain the working principle of the algorithm in brief. Analyze the performance of the algorithm in the worst case assuming that the disjoint-set data structure is implemented by union-by-rank and path-compression heuristics.
- (b) Suppose you are given a procedure DFS( $G$ ) that finds depth first search of a graph  $G$ . Explain how the procedure DFS( $G$ ) can be used to find the strongly connected components of a graph  $G$ .

**(2 + 5 + 2) + 3 = 12**

7. (a) Explain the working principle of Bellman Ford algorithm for single source shortest path problem using a suitable example. Also analyze the performance of the algorithm in the worst case.
- (b) What is the time complexity for Strassen's matrix multiplication algorithm?
- (c) Prove that sub-paths of shortest paths are also shortest.

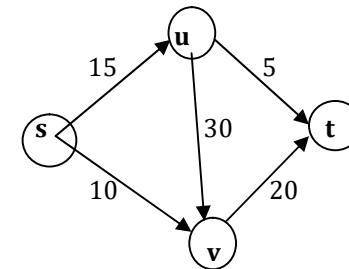
**(6 + 3) + 1 + 2 = 12**

**Group - E**

8. (a) What is prefix function in the context of Knuth-Morris-Pratt (KMP) algorithm for pattern matching? Give an example to illustrate how it helps to reduce the time complexity of KMP algorithm.
- (b) Draw a state-transition diagram for a string-matching automaton for the following pattern  $P$  over alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a,b\}$ .  
 $P = abbabaabbabbab$ .

**5 + 7 = 12**

9. (a) Apply FORD-FULKERSON algorithm on the following flow network to find the maximum flow in the network.  $s$  &  $t$  denotes source & destination and the weights associated with every edge represents capacity of the respective edge.



- (b) Give a polynomial-time 2-approximation algorithm for vertex cover problem and also prove that the algorithm indeed achieves that factor.
- (c) Just state whether the problems are in P or have been proved to be NP-complete. No explanation required.
- (i) Hamiltonian Cycle problem
  - (ii) Edge Cover problem
  - (iii) 2-SAT Problem
  - (iv) Eulerian Cycle Problem

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