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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE PAPER.

**Instructions:**

Students **MUST** count the number of pages in this examination paper before beginning to write, and report any discrepancy immediately to the invigilator.

This question paper has 7 pages (the last page is blank in case you need extra space) plus the header page.

Use only space provided on exam for answering questions. Closed book. No aids permitted.

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1. [20] Circle true or false for each question and justify your answer. No marks will be given unless there is a correct justification.

(a) An algorithm for sorting  $n$  numbers which is  $O(n)$  in the worst case is always faster than an algorithm which is  $O(n^3)$  in the worst case.

**True**                      **False**

(b) Since it takes at least  $n - 1$  key comparisons to find the maximum of  $n$  data items, it takes at least  $2n - 2$  to find both the maximum and the minimum.

**True**                      **False**

(c) A heap can be built in  $O(n)$  time.

**True**                      **False**

(d) Recursive algorithms can always be implemented without using recursion.

**True**                      **False**

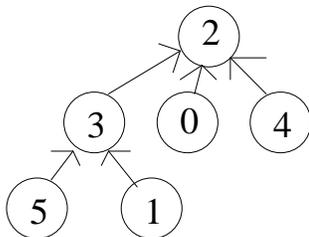


3. Suppose that we use a non-collapsing find and a union which always sets the root of the smaller tree to point to the root of the larger tree. Give the pseudocode for such a *union* and *find* which uses an array *parent* to store the data structure.

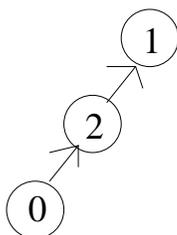
<p>(a) [5] <i>int find(u, parent)</i></p>	<p>(b) [5] <i>void union(u, v, parent)</i></p>
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Which of the following can be created from by applying *find* from (a) and *union* from (b) starting with an empty data structure? To get credit, you must justify your answers.

- (c) [5]



- (d) [5]



4. The following algorithm was proposed for the MST problem:

Repeat:

    Find a cycle  $C$  in  $G$ .

    Delete the maximum weight edge on  $C$ .

Until  $n-1$  edges remain.

- (a) [15] Suppose that BFS is used as a tactic to find a cycle at each step. The BFS is terminated as soon as a cycle is found. How much time would such a BFS take in the worst case to find a cycle? Assume that the graph is stored using adjacency lists. Fully justify your answer.

- (b) [5] Analyze the worst case time complexity of the MST algorithm given above as a function of both  $n$  (the number of vertices), and  $m$  (the number of edges).

5. Consider the following divide and conquer approach for reversing the order of the elements on a linked list.

reverse\_order(n, start, end)

Input: n- the number of items in the list.

start- a pointer to the start of the list.

Output: start- points to the first cell of a new list having the keys in the reverse order as the original list.

end- a pointer to the last cell on the list.

The divide and conquer strategy you must implement to accomplish this is as follows:

1. Divide the list into two sublists L1 containing the first  $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$  items and L2 which contains the remaining items.
  2. Reverse L1 and L2 recursively.
  3. Connect the two reversed lists together to get a reversal of the original list.
- (a) [5] What is the worst case time complexity of this algorithm? Justify your answer by solving an appropriate recurrence.



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