

### Problem 1 (10 Points)

The following algorithm is *linear search*, where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ : are not necessarily distinct

**In particular**, *location* is the subscript of the first occurrence of a term that equals  $x$  or is 0 if  $x$  is not found:

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procedure linear search ( $x$  : integer,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ : integers)
1    $i := 1$  { $i$  is left endpoint of search interval}
2   while ( $i \leq n$  and  $x \neq a_i$ )
3        $i := i + 1$ 
4   if  $i > n$  then  $location := 0$ 
5   else
6   begin
7        $location := -i$ 
8        $i := i + 1$ 
9       while ( $i \leq n$  and  $x \neq a_i$ )
10           $i := i + 1$ 
11      if  $i \leq n$  then  $location := i$ 
12  end
```

- a. (3) Complete the pseudo code in line 3 above
  
- b. (7) Adjust in the space above, the algorithm to compute *location* to be the subscript of the **second occurrence** of a term that equals  $x$ , or is the **negative** of the subscript of the first and only occurrence of  $x$  if  $x$  is found only once, or 0 if  $x$  is not found.  
(e.g. if the list is 3, 2, 1, 2, 8, 6, 2, 10 then for  $x = 5$ ,  $location = 0$ ; for  $x = 1$ ,  $location = -3$ ; for  $x = 2$ ,  $location = 4$ )

Explain your adjustment in English in the space below

Line 4 will return 0 in *location* if  $x$  is not found.

Else,  $x$  is found and its first occurrence is at index  $i$ . The negative of  $i$  is assigned to *location* in line 7.

In lines 8-9-10, the search continues from just after this first occurrence of  $x$  (line 8, where  $i$  is incremented). If  $x$  is found again (line 11), *location* will be updated to the subscript at which  $x$  is found the **second time**. Else, *location* is not updated, and remains to hold the negative of the subscript of where  $x$  was found first.

## Problem 2 (10 Points)

The following algorithm is *binary search*, where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are in non-decreasing order, and not necessarily distinct; In particular, *location* is the subscript of the term that equals  $x$  or is 0 if  $x$  is not found

**procedure** *binary search* ( $x$  : integer,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ : non-decreasing integers)

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1    $i := 1$  { $i$  is left endpoint of search interval}
2    $j := n$  { $j$  is right endpoint of search interval}
3   while  $i < j$ 
4     begin
5        $m := \lfloor (i+j)/2 \rfloor$ 
6       if  $x > a_m$  then  $i := m+1$ 
7       else  $j := m$ 
8     end
9   if  $x = a_i$  then  $location := i$ 
10  else  $location := 0$ 
9   if  $x \neq a_i$  then  $location := 0$  { $x$  is not found}
10  else begin
11     $location := -i$  {first occurrence of  $x$ }
12    if  $i < n$  then {there won't be another occurrence of  $x$  if  $i=n$ }
13      if  $x = a_{i+1}$  then  $location := i + 1$ 
14  end
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- (3) Complete the pseudo code in line 5 above
- (7) Adjust in the space above, the algorithm to compute *location* to be the subscript of the **second occurrence** of a term that equals  $x$ , or is the **negative** of the subscript of the first and only occurrence of  $x$  if  $x$  is found only once, or 0 if  $x$  is not found. (e.g. if the list is 1, 2, 2, 2, 6, 8, 10 then for  $x = 5$ ,  $location = 0$ ; for  $x = 1$ ,  $location = -1$ ; for  $x = 2$ ,  $location = 3$ )

Explain in English in the space below your adjustment of the algorithm

Two main observations:

- If  $x$  is present in more than one location in the given list, these locations have to be adjacent successive positions, since the list is non-decreasing. So if the first occurrence is at position  $i$ , then the second occurrence if any must be at  $i+1$ .
- At the end of the while loop, if  $x$  is found at subscript  $i$  then this will be the subscript of the **first** occurrence of  $x$  in the list. This is because in line 7, even if  $x = a_m$  the search does not stop, but it continues to “zoom in” until  $i = j$ .

So the adjustment is as follows: If  $x$  is not found, the *location* is assigned 0 (Line 9).

Otherwise, if  $x$  is found, then the first occurrence is at  $i$ . So set *location* to  $-i$  (Line 11).

Note that if  $i = n$  then there will not be a second occurrence. Otherwise, if  $i < n$ , then if there is another occurrence it has to be at  $i+1$ , since the list is non-decreasing. So all that is needed is to check if  $x = a_{i+1}$ , and if so, set *location* to  $i+1$ . (Lines 12-13)

### Problem 3 (10 Points)

This problem also refers to the Binary Search algorithm given above.

Write the binary search algorithm as a recursive algorithm.

The idea is:

Basis step: If the array contains one element, then check if that element is  $x$ . If it is, then return the location of that element; if not then return 0 in *location*.

Recursive step:

If  $x >$  the middle element then Binary Search in the “upper” half of the list

Else Binary Search in the “lower or equal” part of the list.

**procedure** *binary search recursive* ( $x$  integer; ,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ : non-decreasing integers;  $i, j$ :

subscripts representing the boundaries of where to search next)

**if**  $i=j$  **then**     **{base case}**

**if**  $x = a_i$  **then**  $location := i$  **else**  $location = 0$

**else begin**

$m := \lfloor (i+j)/2 \rfloor$

**if**  $x > a_m$  **then** *binary search recursive* ( $x$ ;  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ ;  $m+1, j$ )

**else** *binary search recursive* ( $x$ ;  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ ;  $i, m$ )

**end**

### Problem 4 (15 Points)

- a. (5) Use the definition of big-oh to show that  $2n^2 - 100n$  is  $O(n^2)$ . Make sure to give the witnesses.

For any  $n > 1$ ,  $|2n^2 - 100n| \leq 2n^2 + 100n \leq 2n^2 + 100n^2 \leq 102n^2$ . So  $2n^2 - 100n$  is  $O(n^2)$  with witnesses  $k = 1$  and  $C = 102$ .

- b. (5) Use the definition of big-omega to show that  $2n^2 - 100n$  is  $\Omega(n^2)$ . Make sure to give the witnesses

Note that  $2n^2 - 100n \geq 0$  for  $n \geq 50$ . So  $|2n^2 - 100n| = 2n^2 - 100n = n^2 + (n^2 - 100n) \geq n^2$  for  $n \geq 100$

Thus  $2n^2 - 100n$  is  $\Omega(n^2)$ , where  $C=1$ , and  $k=100$  are witnesses.

- c. (5) Conclude that  $2n^2 - 100n$  is  $\Theta(n^2)$ .

By the definition of big-theta, since  $2n^2 - 100n$  is  $O(n^2)$  and  $2n^2 - 100n$  is  $\Omega(n^2)$ , then  $2n^2 - 100n$  is  $\Theta(n^2)$ .

### Problem 5 (15 Points)

Consider the proposition

$P(n)$ : An amount of postage of  $n$  cents can be formed using 3-cent and 5-cent stamps.

You should prove that  $P(n)$  is true for  $n \geq 8$ , first using mathematical induction and then using strong mathematical induction.

a. (8) Use mathematical induction to prove that  $P(n)$  is true for  $n \geq 8$ .

**Basis step:**  $P(8)$  is true, since  $8 = 3 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 1$

**Inductive Step:** Assume  $P(k)$  is true. Show that  $P(k+1)$  is true.

So  $k = 3 \cdot a + 5 \cdot b$ . Must show that  $k+1 = 3 \cdot a' + 5 \cdot b'$

Case 1:  $b = 0$

$k = 3 \cdot a$ . Since  $k \geq 8$ , then  $a \geq 3$ . So  $k+1 = 3 \cdot a + 1 = 3 \cdot (a-3) + 9 + 1 = 3 \cdot (a-3) + 10 = 3 \cdot (a-3) + 5 \cdot 2$ .  
SO  $P(k+1)$  is true.

Case 2:  $b > 0$

$k = 3 \cdot a + 5 \cdot b$ . So  $k + 1 = 3 \cdot a + 5 \cdot b + 1 = 3 \cdot a + 5 \cdot (b-1) + 5 + 1 = 3 \cdot (a+2) + 5 \cdot (b-1)$ . So  $P(k+1)$  is true.

Thus by mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for  $n \geq 8$ .

b. (7) Use strong mathematical induction to prove the result. (Hint: Show that the statements  $P(8)$ ,  $P(9)$ , and  $P(10)$  are true, and use strong induction accordingly)

**BASIS STEP:**  $P(8)$ ,  $P(9)$ , and  $P(10)$  are true, since  $8 = 3 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 1$ , so  $P(8)$  is true;  $9 = 3 \cdot 3$  so  $P(9)$  is true;  $10 = 5 \cdot 2$  so  $P(10)$  is true.

**INDUCTIVE STEP:** Now assume that  $P(8)$ ,  $P(9)$ , ...,  $P(k)$ ,  $k \geq 10$  are all true. Show that  $P(k+1)$  is true. If  $k \geq 10$ , then  $k-2 \geq 8$ . So  $P(k-2)$  is true. i.e.  $k-2 = 3 \cdot a + 5 \cdot b$ . Now,  $k+1 = (k-2) + 3$ . But  $k-2 = 3 \cdot a + 5 \cdot b$ . So  $k+1 = 3 \cdot a + 5 \cdot b + 3 = 3 \cdot (a+1) + 5 \cdot b$ . Therefore,  $P(k+1)$  is true.

Thus by strong mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for  $n \geq 8$ .

### Problem 6 (10 Points)

In the questions below give a recursive definition with initial condition(s).

a. (4) The function  $f(n) = 3^n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

**Basis step:**  $f(1) = 3$

**Recursive step:**  $f(n) = 3 \cdot f(n-1)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ .

b. (3) The sequence  $a_1 = 24$ ,  $a_2 = 20$ ,  $a_3 = 16$ ,  $a_4 = 12$ , ....

**Basis step:**  $a_1 = 24$

**Recursive step:**  $a_n = a_{n-1} - 4$ ,  $n \geq 2$ .

c. (3) The set  $\{0, 1, 3, 7, 15, 31, \dots\}$ .

**Basis step:**  $0 \in S$

**Recursive step:**  $x \in S \rightarrow 2x+1 \in S$

**Problem 7 (10 Points)**

Each of the following statements is FALSE. In each case, give a counter example.

a. (4) For all  $a > 1$ ,  $a^n$  is  $O(2^n)$

Counter example:  $a=4$ . Then  $a^n = 4^n = 2^n \cdot 2^n$  which cannot be bounded by  $C2^n$ ; i.e. we cannot have  $2^n \cdot 2^n \leq C2^n$ , since no matter how large  $C$  is,  $2^n$  will be larger than  $C$  for sufficiently large  $n$ ... specifically for  $n > \log_2 C$ .

b. (3) If  $f(n)$  is  $O(g(n))$  then  $g(n)$  is  $O(f(n))$

Let  $f(n) = n$  and  $g(n) = n^2$ . Then clearly  $f(n)$  is  $O(g(n))$  but  $g(n)$  is not  $O(f(n))$

c. (3) If  $f(n)$  is  $O(n^2)$  and  $g(n)$  is  $O(n^2)$ , then  $f(n) - g(n) = 0$

Let  $f(n) = n^2$  and  $g(n) = n^2 - 2$ . Then clearly  $f(n)$  is  $O(n^2)$  and  $g(n)$  is  $O(n^2)$ , but  $f(n) - g(n) = 2$  which is not 0.

**Problem 8 (25 Points)**

Let  $n > 0$  be any integer. Then there is an  $k$  such that  $2^k \leq n < 2^{k+1}$ . i.e.  $n$  is sandwiched between two successive powers of 2.

a. (5) Complete the following table

$n$	4	7	18	32	60	90	150
$k$	2	2	4	5	5	6	7

b. (5) Show that  $k = \lfloor \log n \rfloor$ , where  $\log$  is the logarithmic function base 2.

Let  $2^k \leq n < 2^{k+1}$ . Since the  $\log$  is an increasing function, it follows that  $\log 2^k \leq \log n < \log 2^{k+1}$ . So  $k \leq \log n < k+1$ . Thus  $k = \lfloor \log n \rfloor$ .

c. (8) Give an algorithm that computes  $k$  as above for a given  $n$ . Of the arithmetic operations your algorithm can **only** use addition. It cannot use multiplication nor division.

**procedure** compute ( $n$ : positive integer)

$p := 1$

$k := 0$

**while**  $p \leq n$

**begin**

$p := p + p$

$k := k + 1$

**end**

$k := k - 1$

{  $k$  is the required power of 2 }

d. (4) What is the operation count of your algorithm of part (c) above? Give the number of additions performed.

$$T(n) = 2 (\lfloor \log n \rfloor + 1) + 1$$

e. (3) Based on your answer in part (d), what is the big-O estimate that you can give ?

$$T(n) = O(\log n)$$