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## CSE373 Fall 2013, Second Midterm Examination November 15, 2013

**Please do not turn the page until the bell rings.**

Rules:

- The exam is closed-book, closed-note, closed calculator, closed electronics.
- **Please stop promptly at 3:20.**
- There are **102 points** total, distributed **unevenly** among **8** questions (many with multiple parts):

| Question | Max | Earned |
|----------|-----|--------|
| 1        | 14  |        |
| 2        | 12  |        |
| 3        | 11  |        |
| 4        | 10  |        |
| 5        | 8   |        |
| 6        | 11  |        |
| 7        | 27  |        |
| 8        | 9   |        |

Advice:

- Read questions carefully. Understand a question before you start writing.
- **Write down thoughts and intermediate steps so you can get partial credit. But clearly circle your final answer.**
- The questions are not necessarily in order of difficulty. **Skip around.** Make sure you get to all the problems.
- If you have questions, ask.
- Relax. You are here to learn.

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1. (14 points) The uptrees used to represent sets in the union-find algorithm can be stored in two  $n$ -element arrays. The **up** array stores the parent of each node (or  $-1$  if it has no parent). The **weight** array stores the number of items in a set if the node is the representative node of a set (else the **weight** entry for the node does not matter and can be anything).

The following shows a collection of sets containing the numbers 1 through 12, without the **weight** array filled in:

|        |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |   |    |    |    |
|--------|----|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| up     | -1 | 10 | -1 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 11 | -1 | 7 | 11 | -1 | 1  |
| weight |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |   |    |    |    |
|        | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7  | 8  | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |

- (a) Draw a picture of the uptrees represented by the data in the **up** array shown above.
- (b) Fill in the **weight** array above so that all entries that need to be correct are correct.
- (c) Suppose we did not keep the **weight** array updated as operations are performed. As you did in part (a), the algorithm could compute weights as needed. Would this asymptotically slow down **find** operations that use path compression?
- (d) Suppose we did not keep the **weight** array updated as operations are performed. As you did in part (a), the algorithm could compute weights as needed. Would this asymptotically slow down **union** operations that use union-by-weight?
- (e) Show the result of performing the operation **find**(4) with path compression by doing both of the following:
- Redraw below any uptrees (from part (a)) that change as a result.
  - Update the array representation as appropriate by drawing a single slash (“/”) through any numbers that change and writing the new number next to it.

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2. (12 points) Short answer:

- (a) Your maze-creation homework used your union-find data structure. Your union-find data structure implemented union-by-weight, which can do one of two different things when unioning sets with equal weight. Does the choice affect what maze gets created?
- (b) Assume a `find` operation in union-find does path compression. Circle all of the following that are true:
- The operation that does the compression gets faster.
  - The operation that does the compression gets slower, but only by a constant factor.
  - The operation that does the compression gets asymptotically slower.
  - Future operations may get faster.
  - Future operations may get slower, but only by a constant factor.
  - Future operations may get asymptotically slower.
- (c) What is  $\log_2(1,000,000,000)$  to the nearest whole number?
- (d) What is  $\log_2^*(1,000,000,000)$  to the nearest whole number, where  $\log_2^*$  is the “log-star” operation we discussed when analyzing union-find?
- (e) When studying amortization, we learned a way to implement a queue using two stacks. Suppose such a queue is used with a total of  $x$  `enqueue` operations and  $y$  `dequeue` operations in some order.
- In the approach we studied, what is the asymptotic worst-case running time of a single dequeue operation in terms of  $x$  and/or  $y$ ?
  - In the approach we studied, what is the asymptotic worst-case total running time of all dequeue operations in terms of  $x$  and/or  $y$ ?
- (f) Your friend says she does not like implementing algorithms that have amortized run-time guarantees because amortization makes it harder to debug her code. Why does this argument make no sense? (A one sentence answer is probably enough.)

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3. (11 points) Consider a hashtable with separate chaining with  $N$  buckets and  $k$  items currently in the table.
- (a)  $k/N$  is the definition of a term used when discussing hashing. What is this term?
  - (b) Is it necessary that  $k < N$ ?
  - (c) What is the average number of items in a bucket?
  - (d) In the worst-case, how many items could be in a single bucket?
  - (e) If  $k > N$ , is it possible that any buckets are empty?
  - (f) If we resize the table to a table of size  $2N$ , what is the asymptotic running time in terms of  $k$  and  $N$  to put all the items in the new table?

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4. (10 points)

- (a) Fill in the contents of the hash table below after inserting the items shown. To insert the item  $k$ , use the hash function  $k \% \text{TableSize}$  and resolve collisions with **quadratic probing**.

**Insert: 74, 924, 83, 113, 5**

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |

- (b) We now consider looking up some items that are not in the table after doing the insertions above. For each, give the list of buckets that are looked at *in order* before determining that the item is not present. Include all the buckets examined, whether or not they contain an item.
- 65
  - 76
  - 100

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5. (8 points) For each of the following errors when using hashing and hashtables, give the best answer as to what can go wrong. Notes:
- “Not terminate” is often described as “go into an infinite loop.”
  - The choices are the same in each problem.
- (a) You are using open addressing with quadratic probing and you allow the table (whose size is a prime number) to become more than half full:
- i. A lookup operation may not terminate.
  - ii. A lookup operation may not find a value that is actually in the table.
  - iii. Both (i) and (ii).
  - iv. Neither (i) nor (ii).
- (b) You are using open addressing with quadratic probing and you delete an item by removing it from the table and leaving the bucket it held empty.
- i. A lookup operation may not terminate.
  - ii. A lookup operation may not find a value that is actually in the table.
  - iii. Both (i) and (ii).
  - iv. Neither (i) nor (ii).
- (c) You are putting objects of a class you defined into the Java standard library’s hashtable. Your class overrides `equals` but not `hashCode`.
- i. A lookup operation may not terminate.
  - ii. A lookup operation may not find a value that is actually in the table.
  - iii. Both (i) and (ii).
  - iv. Neither (i) nor (ii).
- (d) You write a really bad hash function that causes all objects to initially hash to the same bucket.
- i. A lookup operation may not terminate.
  - ii. A lookup operation may not find a value that is actually in the table.
  - iii. Both (i) and (ii).
  - iv. Neither (i) nor (ii).

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6. (11 points) *Don't miss part (b).*

- (a) The Java code below provides an adjacency-list representation for a directed graph where the  $n$  nodes are labeled with the numbers  $0, 1, \dots, n - 1$ . Complete the started-for-you method `printDoubleEdges` so that it prints one line for each pair of nodes  $i$  and  $j$  where there is an edge from  $i$  to  $j$  and an edge from  $j$  to  $i$ . Do not print self-edges (so  $i$  is not equal to  $j$ ). The line printed should have the lesser number first, so we might see an output line like `13 17` but not `17 13`. No line should be printed twice. You should need somewhere around 10 lines of code – not necessarily exactly 10, but to give you a sense if you are writing far too much or far too little.

```
public class ListNode {
    public int x;
    public ListNode next;
}
public class Graph {
    // Adjacency list representation with n nodes where n is also the array length.
    // Out edges for node i are in array index i.
    private ListNode [] adjacencyLists;
    public Graph() {
        // ... constructor not shown; assume it is correct
    }
    private void printPair(int i, int j) {
        System.out.println(i + " " + j);
    }
    public void printDoubleEdges() {
        for(int i=0; i < adjacencyLists.length; i++) {
            ListNode dests = adjacencyLists[i];
            while(dests != null) {
                // YOUR CODE GOES HERE
            }
        }
    }
}
```

- (b) Give a tight asymptotic worst-case running-time bound for your code in terms of  $|V|$  the number of nodes,  $|E|$  the number of edges, and  $d$  the maximum out-degree of any node.

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7. (27 points) These three questions about graphs all have the same subparts. Note that for parts (iii), (iv), and (v), your answer should be in terms of an arbitrary  $k$ , not assuming  $k = 4$ .
- (a) Suppose a directed graph has  $k$  nodes, where each node corresponds to a number  $(1, 2, \dots, k)$  and there is an edge from node  $i$  to node  $j$  if and only if  $i < j$ .
- Draw the graph (using circles and arrows) assuming  $k = 4$ .
  - Draw an adjacency matrix representation of the graph assuming  $k = 4$ .
  - In terms of  $k$ , exactly how many edges are in the graph?
  - Is this graph dense or sparse?
  - In terms of  $k$  (if  $k$  is relevant), exactly how many correct results for topological sort that does this graph have?
- (b) Suppose a directed graph has  $k$  nodes and every possible edge except there are no edges from nodes to themselves
- Draw the graph (using circles and arrows) assuming  $k = 4$ .
  - Draw an adjacency matrix representation of the graph assuming  $k = 4$ .
  - In terms of  $k$ , exactly how many edges are in the graph?
  - Is this graph dense or sparse?
  - In terms of  $k$  (if  $k$  is relevant), exactly how many correct results for topological sort that does this graph have?
- (c) Suppose a directed graph has  $k$  nodes, where one “special” node has an edge from itself to every other node except itself and there are no other edges at all in the graph.
- Draw the graph (using circles and arrows) assuming  $k = 4$ .
  - Draw an adjacency matrix representation of the graph assuming  $k = 4$ .
  - In terms of  $k$ , exactly how many edges are in the graph?
  - Is this graph dense or sparse?
  - In terms of  $k$  (if  $k$  is relevant), exactly how many correct results for topological sort that does this graph have?



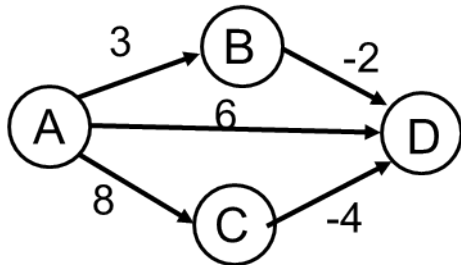
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8. (9 points) Dijkstra's algorithm for computing lowest-cost paths from a single source node is always correct for graphs without negative-cost edges. If a graph has negative-cost edges, the algorithm might or might not give the right answer. For each directed graph below:

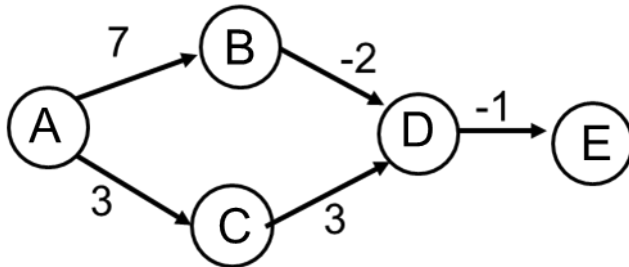
- If running Dijkstra's algorithm with start node A produces the correct lowest-cost path to every other node, then say "correct."
- Else list all nodes for which Dijkstra's algorithm produces the wrong path. For all such nodes, write the path Dijkstra's algorithm produces and write the correct lowest-cost path.

*You do not need to show your work.*

(a)



(b)



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*An extra page in case you find it useful*