

**Final:** Monday, December 18, 8-11am, 2017

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- **Don't panic!**
- If you brought anything except your writing implements, your double-sided **handwritten** (in the original) 8½" × 11" cheat sheet, and your university ID, please put it away for the duration of the exam. In particular, please turn off and put away *all* medically unnecessary electronic devices.
  - Submit your cheat sheet together with your exam. An exam without your cheat sheet attached to it will not be graded.
  - If you are NOT using a cheat sheet, please indicate so in large friendly letters on this page.
- **Best answer.** Choose best possible choice if multiple options seems correct to you – for algorithms, faster is always better.
- Please ask for clarification if any question is unclear.
- **This exam lasts 170 minutes.**
- Fill your answers in the Scantron form using a pencil. We also recommend you circle/mark your answer in the exam booklet.
- Please return **all** paper with your answer booklet: your cheat sheet, and all scratch paper. We will **not** return the cheat sheet.
- Do not fill more than one answer on the Scantron form - such answers would not be graded. Also, fill your answer once you are sure of your answer – erasing an answer might make the form unscannable.
- **Good luck!**

**Before doing the exam...**

- Fill your name and netid in the back of the Scantron form, and also on the top of this page.
- **Fill in the pattern shown on the right in the Scantron form.**

This encodes which version of the exam you are taking, so that we can grade it.

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**1.** (10 points) (This question is \*way harder\* than the questions on the exam, but it is a good practice problem.) Given a directed graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges, a vertex  $v$  in  $G$  is a *leader*, if for every vertex  $x$  in  $G$ , either:

- (I) There is a path from  $x$  to  $v$  in  $G$ .
- (II) Or, there is a path from  $v$  to  $x$  in  $G$ .

Deciding if there is a leader in  $G$  can be done by an algorithm in time (faster is way better):

- (A)  $O(1)$ .
- (B)  $O(n)$ .
- (C)  $O(n + m)$ .
- (D)  $O(n^2(n + m))$ .
- (E)  $O(n(n + m))$ .

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**2.** (5 points) You are given a set  $\mathcal{I} = \{I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n\}$  of  $n$  weighted intervals on the real line. Consider the problem of computing the maximum weight set  $X \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ , such that every point on the line is covered by at most two intervals. This problem:

- (A) Can be solved in linear time by a greedy algorithm.
- (B) **NP-COMplete**.
- (C) Can be solved in polynomial time.
- (D) Undecidable.
- (E) **NP-HARD**.

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**3.** (3 points) You are given an unsorted sets  $X, Y, Z$  of numbers. Each set has exactly  $n$  numbers in it. Deciding if there is number  $x \in X, y \in Y$  in  $z \in Z$ , such that  $x + y = z$  can be solved in (faster is better):

- (A)  $O(n \log n)$  time.
- (B)  $O(n^2 \log n)$  time.
- (C)  $O(n^2)$  time.
- (D)  $O(n^3 \log n)$  time.
- (E)  $O(n^3 \log^2 n)$  time.

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4. (3 points) Given a DAG  $G$ , and two vertices  $u, v$  in  $G$ , and a parameter  $t$ . Consider the problem of deciding if there is a path from  $u$  to  $v$  in  $G$  of length exactly  $t$ . This problem can be solved in (faster is better):

- (A)  $O(n \log n + m)$  time.
- (B) only exponential time since this problem is NP-COMplete.
- (C)  $O(n^2 m)$  time.
- (D)  $O(t(n + m))$  time.
- (E) None of the other answers is correct.

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5. (5 points) There are  $n$  people living along Purple street in Shampoo-Banananana. The  $n$  people live in locations  $1, \dots, n$  along Purple street (which is as straight as a ruler),

It is time for redistricting Purple street. A district can have between  $\Delta$  and  $2\Delta$  people living in it, for some prespecified parameter  $\Delta$  (where  $n/3 > \Delta > 0$ ). A district is a consecutive interval along Purple street. Every person is assigned to a district containing it. The districts are disjoint.

For every person in Purple street, you know their vote in the last election. Specifically, you are given an array  $v[1 \dots n]$ , where the vote of the  $i$ th person is  $v[i]$ , which is either equal to 0 or 1. A set  $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  of people is  $t$ -good, if  $|\#_0(S) - \#_1(S)| \leq t$ , where  $\#_0(S)$  (resp.  $\#_1(S)$ ) is the number of people in  $S$  that voted for 0 (resp 1) in  $S$ .

Given  $\Delta, v[1 \dots n]$  and  $t$  as input, consider the fastest possible algorithm that outputs **TRUE** if there is a way to redistrict Purple street so that every district is  $t$ -good (the algorithm outputs **FALSE** otherwise). The running time of the algorithm is:

- (A)  $O(n)$ .
- (B)  $O(n^2 \Delta^2)$ .
- (C)  $O(n^2 \Delta)$ .
- (D)  $O(n \Delta^2)$ .
- (E)  $O(n \Delta)$ .

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6. (5 points) You are given a string  $s$  with  $n$  characters over a finite alphabet  $\Sigma$ . A  $k$  coloring assigns every character in  $s$  a number between 1 and  $k$ . Given such a coloring of  $s$ , let  $f(s, i)$ , be the substring resulting for deleting all the characters in  $s$  that a color different than  $i$ . Given strings  $s_1, \dots, s_k$  (in addition to  $s$ ), consider the problem of deciding if there is a  $k$  coloring of  $s$  such that  $f(s, i) = s_i$ , for all  $i$ , and computing the coloring in such a case.

This problem can be solved in (faster is better):

- (A)  $O(k^{O(n)})$ .
- (B) The problem is undecidable.
- (C)  $O(kn^k)$ .
- (D)  $O(kn^{k+1})$ .
- (E)  $O(kn \log n)$ .

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7. (2 points) Consider the language  $L = \{1^i \mid i^2 \text{ is even}\}$ . This language is

- (A) Decidable.
- (B) Context-free.
- (C) Regular.
- (D) Finite.
- (E) Undecidable.

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8. (3 points) Consider the recurrence  $f(n) = f(\lfloor (3/4)n \rfloor) + f(\lfloor (1/4)n \rfloor) + O(n^2)$ , where  $f(n) = O(1)$  if  $n < 10$ . The solution to this recurrence is

- (A)  $O(n \log n)$ .
- (B)  $O(n)$ .
- (C)  $O(1)$ .
- (D)  $O(n^2)$ .
- (E) None of the above.

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9. (3 points) Let  $L_1$  be a context-free language, and let  $L_2$  be a regular language. Then the language  $L_1 \cap L_2$  is

- (A) undecidable.
- (B) context-free.
- (C) None of the other answers is correct.
- (D) regular.

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10. (3 points) You are given a set  $S$  of  $n$  numbers  $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq \llbracket m \rrbracket = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ , where  $m$  is a parameter, and you are given a target number  $t \leq m$ . Consider the problem of deciding if there is a subset  $X \subseteq S$ , such that  $\sum_{x \in X} x = t$ . This problem is (faster is better if applicable):

- (A) Solvable in  $O(nt)$  time.
- (B) **NP-COMplete**, even if  $t = n^{O(1)}$ .
- (C) Solvable in  $O(n^2t)$  time.
- (D) Solvable in  $O(n^2)$  time.
- (E) Solvable in  $O(2^n n)$  time.

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**11.** (3 points) Consider the problem of checking if there is a Hamiltonian path in a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. This problem can be solved in (faster is better if applicable)

- (A) This problem is **NP-COMplete**, so it can not be solved.
- (B)  $O(n \cdot n!)$  time.
- (C)  $O(n \cdot 2^{n \log^2 n})$  time.
- (D)  $O(2^{n \log^2 n})$  time.
- (E) None of the other answers are correct.

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**12.** (3 points) You are given  $k$  DFAs  $D_1, \dots, D_k$  over the alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$ , where each DFA has at most  $n$  states. Consider the problem of deciding if there is a word  $w \in \{0, 1\}^*$  that is accepted by all these  $k$  DFAs. This problem can be solved in (faster is better):

- (A) None of the other answers is correct.
- (B)  $O(k^{n+1})$  time.
- (C)  $O(kn^k)$  time.
- (D)  $O(nk)$  time.
- (E)  $O(k^n)$  time.

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**13.** (5 points) You are given  $k$  arrays  $A_1, \dots, A_k$  of sorted numbers (the total number of elements in these arrays is  $n$  (you can assume they are all distinct)). Given a parameters  $t$ , one can compute the number of rank  $t$  in  $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_k$  in (faster is better):

- (A)  $O(k)$ .
- (B)  $O(k \log^2 n)$ .
- (C)  $O(n)$ .
- (D)  $O(k \log k)$ .
- (E)  $O(n \log k)$ .

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**14.** (5 points) There are  $n$  people living along Purple street in Shampoo-Banananana. The  $n$  people live in locations specified by a given array  $t[1 \dots n]$ , where  $0 < t[1] < \dots < t[n]$ . Here  $t[i]$  is the location of the  $i$ th person, which is the distance in meters from the start of Purple street,

The district needs to break the street into blocks. A block can have between  $\Delta$  and  $2\Delta$  people living in it, for some prespecified parameter  $\Delta$  (where  $n/3 > \Delta > 1$ ). A block is a consecutive interval along Purple street. Every person is assigned to a block containing it. A portion of Purple street that has no people living on it, does not necessarily has to be in a block.

The price of a block, covering the  $i$ th to  $j$ th person, is the total length of the block (in meters), which is  $t[j] - t[i]$  (the next block would start at  $t[j + 1]$ ). The *total price* of a solution is the total length of the blocks in the solution.

Here is an instance and a suggested solution (of total price 10), with  $\Delta = 2$ :

$$t = [1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17] \quad \text{---•---•---•---•---•---•---•---•---•---}$$

One can compute the minimum price of breaking the street into blocks (faster is better):

- (A)  $O(n^2\Delta^2)$ .
- (B)  $O(n\Delta^2)$ .
- (C)  $O(n\Delta)$ .
- (D)  $O(n^2\Delta)$ .
- (E)  $O(n)$ .

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**15.** (1 point) All problems in P are decidable.

- (A) True.
- (B) False.

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**16.** (3 points) The set of all finite languages over  $\{0, 1\}$  is

- (A) undecidable.
- (B) uncountable.
- (C) countable.
- (D) None of the other answers is correct.
- (E)  $2^{\mathbb{R}}$ .