

Note: this is a sample of problems designed to help prepare for the final exam. These problems do not encompass the entire coverage of the exam, and should not be used as a reference for its content. Also, these problems are not organized by difficulty, but by the order in which the relevant concepts were taught.

### 1. True/false.

For each statement, write true or false.

- (a) Open addressing hashing that uses linear probing will require two hash functions.
- (b) Run-length encoding may result in text expansion on some strings.
- (c) When doing range search on a quadtree, if there is no point within the range specified, the worst case runtime is in  $\Theta(h)$ .
- (d) Suffix trees for pattern matching require preprocessing the pattern.
- (e) Inserting a set of keys into an empty compressed trie will always result in the same final trie regardless of the insertion order.
- (f) The runtime complexity of range query for kd-trees depends on the spread factor of points.  
Recall: the spread factor is the ratio of the side length of the minimum bounding box, whose bottom-left corner is at  $(0, 0)$ , to the minimum distance between the points. We assume the points have non-negative coordinates.
- (g) When using KMP to search for the pattern  $a^m$  in the text  $a^{n-1}b$ , the positions of the pattern shifts are the same as the brute-force algorithm.
- (h) Rehashing may be required in Cuckoo Hashing even if the load factor is at an acceptable value.
- (i) Adaptive (rather than static) dictionaries use move-to-front.

### 2. Multiple choice.

Pick the one best answer for each question.

- (a) Which of the following functions  $f(i)$  would cause interpolation search to have the least worst case runtime on an array  $A$  with  $A[i] = f(i)$ ?
  - (i)  $f(i) = \log i$
  - (ii)  $f(i) = i$
  - (iii)  $f(i) = i^2$
  - (iv)  $f(i) = 2^i$

- (b) Given  $h_0(k) = k \bmod 7$  with two hash tables, each of size 7, which of the following hash functions would be most suitable for  $h_1$  in double hashing?
- (i)  $h_1(k) = k^2 \bmod 7$
  - (ii)  $h_1(k) = (k \bmod 6) + 1$
  - (iii)  $h_1(k) = 2 \cdot (k \bmod 4)$
  - (iv)  $h_1(k) = \lfloor \frac{1}{2} \cdot (k \bmod 13) \rfloor$
- (c) If the root of a quadtree represents the region  $[0, 128) \times [0, 128)$  while the deepest (lowest) internal node represents the region  $[88, 92) \times [24, 28)$ , what is the height of the quadtree?
- (i) 4
  - (ii) 5
  - (iii) 6
  - (iv) 7
- (d) Which of the following statements about compressed tries is false?
- (i) every internal node stores an index indicating the position to be tested on a search
  - (ii) the root of the compressed trie always tests the first bit
  - (iii) a compressed trie that stores  $n$  keys always contains less than  $n$  internal nodes
  - (iv) the height of a compressed trie never exceeds the length of the longest string it stores
- (e) Which of the following search operations on a non-dictionary structure has the most efficient worst-case runtime?
- (i) searching for a specific key in a max-heap
  - (ii) searching for a specific point in a kd-tree with points in general position
  - (iii) searching for any occurrence of a specific character in a text using a suffix tree, with children pointers stored as arrays
  - (iv) searching for a specific character in a decoding trie of characters (like Huffman's trie)

### 3. Hashing.

Let  $p \geq 3$  be prime, and consider the universe of keys  $U = \{0, 1, \dots, p^2 - 1\}$ . Answer each question for an initially empty hash table of size  $p$ .

- (a) Using double hashing with  $h_1(k) = k \bmod p$  and  $h_2(k) = \lfloor k/p \rfloor + 1$ , give a sequence of two keys to be inserted that results in failure.
- (b) Using cuckoo hashing with  $h_1(k) = k \bmod p$  and  $h_2(k) = k \bmod (p - 1) + 1$ , give a sequence of three keys to be inserted that results in failure.

- (c) Using cuckoo hashing with  $h_1(k) = k \bmod p$  and  $h_2(k) = \lfloor k/p \rfloor$ , give a sequence of three keys to be inserted that results in failure.

#### 4. Boyer-Moore.

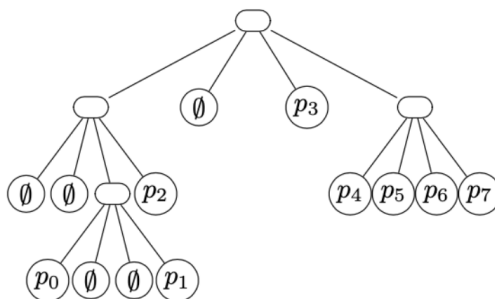
Boyer-Moore can be modified in many ways. For each of the modifications listed below, state whether the modification is valid, i.e. the modified Boyer-Moore will always successfully find the first occurrence of  $P$  in  $T$ , if  $P$  appears in  $T$ , or return FAIL if  $P$  is not in  $T$ .

If the answer is “Yes”, provide a brief explanation of why it is still valid. If the answer is “No”, demonstrate a counter-example, i.e. trace the algorithm on specific  $P$  and  $T$  of your choice where the result is incorrect.

- (a) Using a first-occurrence function (denoting the index of the first occurrence of the argument character) instead of a last-occurrence function.
- (b) When checking a pattern shift, compare characters from the start of the pattern and move forward, instead of scanning backwards from the end of the pattern.
- (c) Use the last-occurrence function for  $P[0..m - 1]$ , i.e.  $P$  with its last character removed, instead of the last-occurrence function for  $P$ .

#### 5. Quad trees.

- (a) Create a set of 8 distinct points for which all coordinates are integers in the range  $[0, 8)$  and that has the following quad tree:



- (b) Given a quad-tree  $T$ , what is the smallest integer  $k$  such that there exists a set of distinct points whose quad-tree is  $T$  and whose coordinates are integers in the range  $[0, 2^k)$ ?

#### 6. Range queries.

Consider the following set of points in  $[0, 16]^2$ :

$$p_0: (3, 5), p_1: (7, 8), p_2: (6, 2), p_3: (8, 0), p_4: (0, 3),$$

$$p_5: (4, 6), p_6: (2, 9), p_7: (9, 1).$$

- (a) Show the corresponding quad-tree.
- (b) Show the corresponding kd-tree.
- (c) Show one possible range tree. The primary tree should be perfectly balanced.

**7. Pattern matching.**

Consider the pattern  $P = 0110101$  and the text  $T$  listed in the following table.

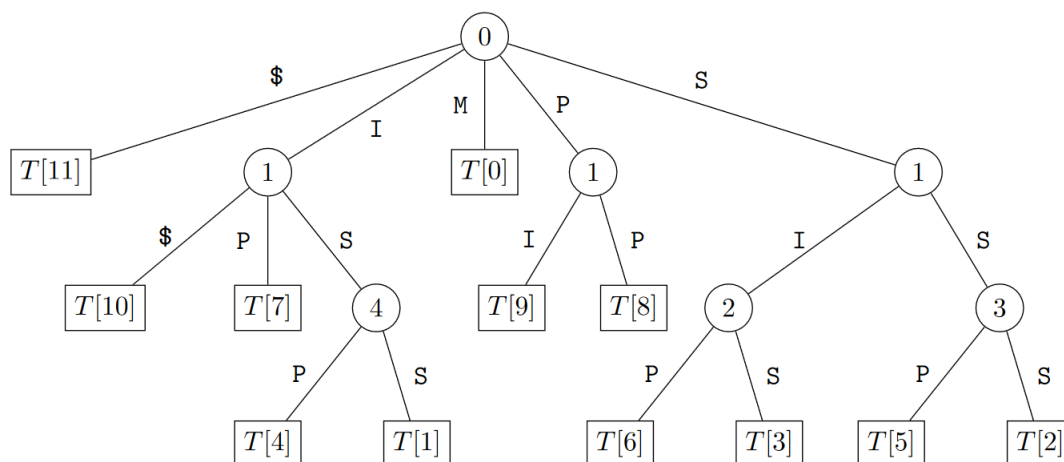
	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1

- (a) Indicate all the checks that were done by the brute-force method.
- (b) Consider the Karp-Rabin fingerprint that simply counts the number of 1s in the bit-string. Is this a rolling hash-function? And using these fingerprints, how many checks were done during Karp-Rabin pattern matching?
- (c) Compute the KMP failure-function for  $P$ .
- (d) Show the KMP automaton for  $P$ .
- (e) Consider now the pattern  $P = \text{fiddledidi}$ . Show the Boyer-Moore last-occurrence array.

**8. Suffix trees.**

Jason discovered a secret message in the form of a suffix tree  $S$ , indicating the location of a hidden treasure.

- (a) Design an algorithm that recovers the original text  $T$  from its corresponding suffix tree  $S$ . The algorithm should run in  $O(n)$  time while using  $O(n)$  auxiliary space.
- (b) Determine the original text for the following suffix tree:



### 9. Move-to-front and run-length encoding.

Consider an encoding algorithm that utilizes the following fixed dictionary, where the alphabet consists of letters from A to P:

Char	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
Code	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

The steps of the encoding algorithm are:

- Encode each character with the dictionary above using 4-bit codewords, while also applying Move-to-front.
  - Encode the resulting string with RLE.
- (a) Decode the string 1000101100110011, which was encoded using the algorithm described.
- (b) For each  $n > 1$ , give an example of a valid string whose encoding has the minimum number of bits over all strings of length  $n$ .
- (c) For each  $n > 1$ , give an example of a valid string whose encoding has the maximum number of bits over all strings of length  $n$ .

### 10. Consecutive strings in a trie.

Given an uncompressed trie  $T$  that stores a list of binary strings, design an algorithm *consecutive*( $b_1, b_2$ ) that takes two binary strings in  $T$  as input, and outputs true if the strings are consecutive in pre-order traversal of the trie, and outputs false otherwise.

Assume that branches are ordered as \$, 0, 1. The runtime should be bounded by  $O(|b_1| + |b_2|)$ .

For example, suppose  $T$  stores  $\{000, 01, 0110, 101, 11\}$ . Then:

- *consecutive*(0110, 101) returns true
- *consecutive*(01, 000) returns true
- *consecutive*(11, 000) returns false

**11. Burrows-Wheeler Transform.**

- Encode the following string using BWT: TORONTO
- Decode the following string using the inverse BWT: IPSSM\$PISSII