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Instructions

Answer 5 questions.
All questions will be marked equally.

Duration 3hrs

No. of Answer Books 1

Requirements

Handout _____

MCQ _____

Statistical Tables _____

Graph Paper _____

Log Graph Paper _____

Other Material _____

No. of Pages _____

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1. Using each of the following methods, write down (step by step) the position of each digit in the number 85617 when sorted numerically using

- (a) quick sort
- (b) bubble sort
- (c) selection sort

(20 marks)

2. (a) Using exactly 6 nodes/vertices, draw an example of

- (i) a cyclic connected graph
- (ii) an acyclic disconnected graph
- (iii) a ternary tree

(9 marks)

(b) Draw the graphs corresponding to the following sets:

- (i) $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$, $E = \{(v_3, v_3), (v_1, v_2), (v_2, v_2)\}$
- (ii) $V = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$, $E = \{(d, e), (a, e), (d, b), (c, b)\}$
- (iii) $V = \{1, 2\}$, $E = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 2)\}$

State which (if any) of these graphs are trees.

(11 marks)

3. A truck, with weight capacity 7 kilotonnes, must pick up a number of pallets from a depot, with the objective of maximizing the total value. There are five pallets available, with weights (in kilotonnes) of 2, 5, 1, 1, 3 and corresponding values (in kiloeuro) of 11, 24, 7, 8, 20 respectively. Using *dynamic programming*, calculate which pallets should be chosen. You must show your calculations in detail by writing the table of values calculated by the algorithm.

(20 marks)

4. Let A and B be two large positive integers, each with n digits. By writing $A = A_1 10^{n/2} + A_2$ and $B = B_1 10^{n/2} + B_2$, describe how to develop two different algorithms to calculate the product AB . Calculate the computational complexity (in “Big Oh” notation) of each algorithm, and explain any assumptions or approximations made.

(20 marks)

5. (a) Write (in pseudocode) a *recursive* algorithm to calculate x^n (where n is a positive Natural number) in $\mathbf{O}(\log n)$ time.

(14 marks)

(b) Using the operations defined on the *list* abstract data type (ADT), write a pseudocode fragment to swap two elements of the list.

(6 marks)

6. (a) Given the (entity) set $A = \{p, q, r\}$, write down

- (i) the power set $P(A)$
- (ii) a relation R_1 on $A \otimes A$ with $\#(R_1) = 3$
- (iii) a relation R_2 on $A \otimes P(A)$ with $\#(R_2) = 2$

(11 marks)

(b) Explain, with an example in each case, three operations one can perform on the *queue* ADT.

(9 marks)

7. (a) Give four advantages of using Databases over File-based systems (8 marks)
- (b) Give an example of
- (i) a unary relationship
 - (ii) a ternary relationship

Explain (using an Entity Relationship Diagram) how to decompose a ternary relation into binary relations. (12 marks)

8. (a) Describe the components of an Expert System. (6 marks)
- (b) We have an Expert System with the following rules:

- $S(x,y) \Rightarrow P(x,y)$
- $S(x,y) \wedge P(y,z) \Rightarrow P(x,z)$
- $S(x,y) \wedge S(x,z) \Rightarrow \neg P(y,z)$

and the facts $S(\text{Yves},\text{Jaime})$, $S(\text{Petra},\text{Rob})$, $S(\text{Yves},\text{Aoife})$, $S(\text{Petra},\text{Yves})$. In this notation, $S(x,y)$ means “x supervises y” and $P(x,y)$ means “x is paid more than y”. Use forward chaining to determine the set of all people that are

- (i) paid less than Yves
- (ii) paid more than Jaime

(14 marks)