

# Computer Science Foundation Exam

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## Section I A

**No Calculators!**

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(1, 20%) Given the following array of numbers and algorithm, answer the questions below. Assume that the global array  $X[1..n]$  is correctly declared and contains the values shown. Also, assume that  $n$  is the length of the array, the  $/$  operator performs an integer division, and that the array will always contain distinct values, in general.

<b>Array X</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>
Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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procedure ArrayOperation()
  i, j, k, s, t: integer;
  i ← 0;
  j ← 0;
  s ← 0;
  k ← (1+n)/2;
  while ((s <> k) AND (i <= n))do // This was a mistake on the actual
    i ← i + 1; // exam. It should have read
    s ← 1; // ((s <> k) AND (i < n))
    j ← 1; // The way it is written there
    while (j <= n) do // would be an array out of bounds
      if (X[i] > X[j]) then // error. I'm sorry about that!
        s ← s + 1;
      endif
      j ← j + 1;
    endwhile
    t ← X[i];
    X[i] ← X[s];
    X[s] ← t;
  endwhile
endprocedure

```

a) (8 pts) Show the array  $X$  after the procedure was called?

<b>Array X</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
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b) (6 pts) Assuming that  $n$  is odd and that the value of  $i$  is 1 at the end of a call to the procedure above, what is true about the original value stored in  $X[1]$  before the procedure call?

**$X[1]$  was the median value of all the values stored in the array.**

c) (6 pts) What is the minimum running time of this algorithm in terms of  $n$ ? What is the maximum running time of this algorithm in terms of  $n$ ? (Do not give an exact answer. Leave your answer in order notation.)

**Minimum:  $O(n)$       Maximum:  $O(n^2)$**

(2, 18%) The following are Postfix expressions. All values are single decimal digits and the operations are addition "+", subtraction "-", multiplication "\*" and division "/". (Note that the final answer and intermediate answers in the stack may not be single decimal digits.) In each box below the Postfix expression, show ONLY the contents of the stack at the indicated point in the Postfix string (point A, B or C). Put the final answer in the blank. If the Postfix string is invalid, carry the operations as far as possible and write "invalid" as the answer. (6 points each)

a)  $7\ 2\ *\ 1\ 9\ \overset{A}{+}\ -\ 5\ 3\ -\ \overset{B}{/}\ 7\ 4\ -\ \overset{C}{*}\ =\ 6$

9
1
14

**A**

2
4

**B**

3
2

**C**

b)  $1\ 9\ 7\ 8\ -\ \overset{A}{*}\ 3\ *\ 2\ \overset{B}{2\ 3\ *}\ -\ \overset{C}{-}\ +\ =\ -22$

-1
9
1

**A**

2
-27
1

**B**

-4
-27
1

**C**

Next to each Postfix expression, circle one answer to indicate if it is a valid Postfix string or not: (no extra credit for providing the answer, if it is valid) (3 points each)

c)  $9\ 5\ +\ 2\ +\ *\ 2\ 1\ -\ +\ 5\ 6\ 3\ -\ +$       **Invalid**

d)  $6\ 4\ 2\ 6\ *\ +\ /\ 3\ 1\ -\ +$       **Valid**

**(3, 20%)** Answer each of the following "timing" questions concerning an algorithm of a particular order and a data instance of a particular size. Assume that the run time is affected by the size of the data instance and not its composition.

**a)** (4 pts) For an  $O(\log_2 n)$  algorithm, an instance with  $n = 64$  takes **16** seconds.

How long will it take with  $n = 512$ ? **24**

**b)** (4 pts) For an  $O(n^3)$  algorithm, an instance with  $n = 100$  takes **37** milliseconds.

If you used a different-sized data instance and it took **37** seconds (37000 milliseconds), how large must that instance be? **1000**

**c)** (4 pts) For an  $O(2^n)$  algorithm, a friend tells you that her instance took **160** seconds to run. You run the same program, on the same machine, and your instance with  $n = 4$  takes **80** seconds.

What size was her data set? **5**

Given the following pseudocode segment, answer the questions below for an arbitrary  $n$ :

```
x ← 0
for i ← 1 to (2*n) do
  for j ← 1 to (n-2) do
    x ← x + j
```

**d)** (2 pts) What is the Order of this code segment, in terms of  $n$ ?  **$n^2$**

**e)** (6 pts) What will be the value of  $x$  (in terms of  $n$ ) when the **for** loops end?  **$n(n-1)(n-2)$**

**Extra Work Page - Please clearly label any work on this page that you would like graded.**

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(4, 10%) Given a global array of numbers  $X[1..n]$ , you are to write a recursive function **MaxArray** that will return the largest array element in the range specified by the parameters to the function. Assume that the array was already initialized and that the **MaxArray** function will be called as shown below and answer will be equal to the largest element in the array  $X$  in between the indices of  $i$  and  $j$ , inclusive. (Assume that  $i \leq j$  for each function call.)

$\text{answer} \leftarrow \text{MaxArray}(i, j)$

In the space below, write a RECURSIVE function **MaxArray**.

```
function MaxArray(i, j isoftype in Num)
    if (i = j) then
        return X[i]
    else
        temp isoftype Num
        temp <- MaxArray(i+1, j)
        if (temp > X[i]) then
            return temp
        else
            return X[i]
        endif
    endif
endfunction
```

**(5, 16%)** Find the closed form or exact value for the following:  
*( n is an arbitrary positive integer; for part b assume n>12):*

**a)** (4 pts)  $\sum_{i=1}^n (2ni + 3) = \mathbf{n^3 + n^2 + 3n}$

**b)** (6 pts)  $\sum_{i=15}^{n+2} (4i + 7) = \mathbf{2n^2 + 17n - 492}$

**c)** (6 pts)  $\sum_{i=15}^{34} (5i - 70) = \mathbf{1050}$



**(6, 16%)**

**a)** (8 pts) Consider the following record type definition:

```
Card_Node defines a record
  suit isotype Char
  card_num isotype Num
  next isotype Ptr to a Card_Node
endrecord
```

For a Card\_Node variable, the suit can either be 'S', 'H', 'D', or 'C' (for spades, hearts, diamonds, and clubs, respectively) and card\_num ranges from 2 to 14, where 11 is a jack, 12 is a queen, 13 is a king and 14 is an ace.

Complete the two blanks below so that the function below returns the number of face cards (jacks, queens, kings, and aces) in a list pointed to by head, a Ptr to a Card\_Node.

**Function Face\_Cards** returns a Num (head isotype in Ptr to a Card\_Node)

```
if (head = NIL) then
  Face_Cards returns 0
else if (head^.card_num > 10) then
  Face_Cards returns 1+ Face_Cards(head^.next)
else
  Face_Cards returns Face_Cards(head^.next)
endif
endfunction
```

**b)** (4 pts) What is the minimum height of a binary tree with 128 nodes? What is the maximum height? (Note, the height of a binary is maximum number of links between any node and the root node. Hence, the minimum and maximum height of a binary tree with 2 nodes is 1.)

Minimum = 7                  Maximum = 127

**c)** (2 pts) Given an unsorted array of n numbers, what is the expected amount of time spent to search for a specified value, if we use a "reasonable" algorithm? Simply answer with a Big-O bound in terms of n instead of an exact answer in terms of n.

**O( n )**

**d)** (2 pts) Now, answer the question in part c assuming that the array of n numbers is sorted. (Assume that a binary search of some sort is used.)

**O( lg n )**

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