

Prince Sultan University
CCIS - Department of Computer Science

Major Exam 1
Term 232

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Exam Time: 50 minutes

Student Name:

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| Question Number | CLO | Question points | Score |
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| Question 1 | CLO 1 | 5 | |
| Question 2 | CLO 2 | 7 | |
| Question 3 | CLO 4 | 3 | |
| Total out of | | 15 | |

Instructions:

- This exam contains three questions with multiple parts.
- Time allowed: 50 minutes
- Closed Book, Closed Notes.
- Use of Calculators and / or computing devices / smartphones etc is strictly prohibited.
- Answer the problems on the exam sheets only. No additional attachments would be accepted.
- If you need extra space use the back of a page.
- When the “time is over” is called, it is students’ responsibility to submit his exam to the invigilator. Submitting completed exam 3 minutes after the “time is over” will incur a penalty of **5 points**.
- Do **NOT** use the erasable pens

Few gentle reminders:

- If you get stuck on some problem for a long time, move on to the next one.
- The ordering of the problems is somewhat related to their relative difficulty. However, the order might be different for you!
- You should be better off by first reading all questions and answering them in the order of what you think is the easiest to the hardest problem.
- Keep the points distribution in mind when deciding how much time to spend on each problem.

Question 1

Part A:

[5 points - CLO 1]
(4 / points)

Q1. Assume that you are given a **circular linked list** with sorted data (Integer values) in ascending order. Write a method **void insertSorted(int X)** that takes integer X as a parameter and inserts a new node containing this value at the appropriate location in the list. After the insertion, the sorted order should not change and the list remains sorted. Address all possible scenarios:

1. If the list is empty.
2. If the list has only 1 pre-existing node.
3. If the list has 2 or more nodes.

Also, give a **Big-Oh** notation for the worst-case runtime.

```
void insertSorted (int X){
    //create an new node and copy X
    Node N = new Node(X);
    //check if list is empty
    if(size==0){
        Cursor = N;
        N.next = Cursor;
        N.prev = Cursor;
    }
    else if (size==1)
    {
        Cursor.next =
        Cursor.prev = N;
        N.next = Cursor;
        N.prev = Cursor;
    }
    else
    {
        for(int i=0;i<size,i++)
        {
            if(Cursor.val> X)
                break;
            Cursor = Cursor.next;
        }
        Node before = Cursor.prev;
        N.next=Cursor;
        N.prev=before;
        before.next=N;
        Cursor.prev=N;
    }
    size ++;
}
```

Part B: (1 / points)

Give the output of the following code if the linked list has values (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

```
void fun2(Node head)
{
    if (head == null)
    {
        return;
    }
    System.out.print(head.data + " ");

    if (head.next != null)
    {
        fun2(head.next.next);
    }
    System.out.print(head.data + " ");
}
```

1 3 5 5 3 1

Question 2

[7 points - CLO 2]

Part A: (4 / points)

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| 1 | What advantage does a doubly linked list offer over a singly linked list? A) Lower memory consumption B) Simpler implementation C) Faster traversal D) Bidirectional traversal | D |
| 2 | Which operation is more efficient in a doubly linked list than a singly linked list? A) Insertion at the end B) Deletion in the middle C) Traversal from the beginning to the end D) Searching for a specific element | A |
| 3 | What is the space complexity of a doubly linked list with 'n' elements? A) O(n) B) O(1) C) O(log n) D) O(n ²) | A |
| 4 | In a circular linked list, how is the end of the list determined? A) By a NULL pointer B) By a specific end-of-list marker C) By a sentinel node D) By the node whose next pointer points to the first node | D |

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| 5 | What happens if a circular linked list has only one node? A) It becomes a linear linked list B) It remains circular with the single node pointing to itself C) It becomes a doubly linked list D) It forms a loop without any nodes. | B |
| 6 | What is the time complexity for adding an element to the end of a Singly Linked List? A) $O(1)$ I think this is true as well B) $O(n)$ C) $O(\log n)$ D) $O(n^2)$ | B |
| 7 | What is the runtime for searching an element in a Circular list that does not exist? A) $O(n)$ B) $O(\log n)$ C) $O(n \log n)$ D) $O(n^2)$ | A |
| 8 | Which operation cannot be performed on a circular linked list but can be performed to a singly linked list? A) Traversal B) Deletion C) Insertion at the end D) Searching for a specific element | C |

Find the estimate for $T(n)$ and the Asymptotic complexity (Big O) for the following code snippets by computing the number of primitive operations:

| | Code Snippet | $T(n)$ | Big-O characterization |
|---|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | <pre>public Node printFirst(SinglyList S) { Node Temp = S.Head; while(Temp!=S.Head) Temp = Temp.next; return Temp; }</pre> | | $O(1)$ |
| 2 | <pre>int sum = 0; for (i = 1; i <= n; i += 2) { for (j = 1; j <= n; j *= 2) { sum = sum + i } }</pre> | | $O(n \log n)$ |

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| 3 | <pre> public int accumelate(int n){ int acc = 0; for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) for (int j = 1; j <= n; j++) acc = acc + i + j ; return acc; } public void main(){ Scanner Key= new Scanner(System.in); int n=Key.nextInt(); for (i = 1; i <= n; i++) System.out.println(accumelate(n)); } </pre> | $O(n^3)$ |
| 4 | <pre> int k= 50; int sum = 0; for (i = 1; i <= k; i++) { for (j = 1; j <= n; j++) { sum = sum + i + j; } } </pre> | $O(k.n)$ or $O(n)$ |

Part B:

(1 / points)

Give the best Big-O characterization for each of the following running time estimates (where n is the size of the input problem).

| | Running time estimate | Big-O characterization |
|-----|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (a) | $2^{10} \log n + 2^n$ | $O(2^n)$ |
| (b) | $3 \log n - 100 n^2 + 2^5 n$ | $O(n^2)$ |
| (c) | $99 \log n + 10 n - 77 n \log n$ | $O(n \log n)$ |
| (d) | $8888^{27} + 2^{58}$ | $O(1)$ |

Question 3

[3 points - CLO 4]

Part A:

(2 / points)

```
int method1(int n)
{
    if (n == 1)
        return 1
    else
        return (n*n) + method1(n-1);
}
```

- A. What does the above method do? (0.5 point)
- B. Draw the recursion trace for method1(5). (1.5 point)
- C. What is big-O notation and T(n) of method1? (1 point)

Add the squares of all value between n and 1

Method1(5)

5*5 + Method1(4)
4*4+Method1(3)
3*3 + Method1(2)
2*2 +Method1(1)
1

T(n) = 7n + c
O(n)

Part B:

(1 / point)

Algorithms **A** and **B** spend exactly $T_A(n) = 7n^2 \log_2 n$ and $T_B(n) = n^3$, respectively, for a problem of size n. Answer the following:

1. Find out the value of n_0 where algorithm A is better than algorithm B.
2. If the input size is 1000, which algorithm will you recommend to use?

$7n^2 \log n < n^3$
 $7 \log n < n$
 $7 < n / \log n$

You can select $n_0 = 64$, log 64 is 6 so 64/6 would be 10, i.e. > 7 .

Obviously, A is always faster than B for any value of $n > 5$. For $n=1000$, I will choose A.