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1. True or False.

   (a) _____ If there are 100 data items and 10000 possible hash values, collisions are so unlikely that you can, in practice, assume that they won't happen.

   (b) _____ Open hashing uses open addressing.

   (c) _____ Open hashing uses probe sequences.

   (d) _____ False overflow for a queue can be avoided by implementing the queue as a circular list.

   (e) _____ If a stack is implemented as a linked list, the head of the linked list should hold the top item of the stack.

   (f) _____ Kruskal's algorithm uses dynamic programming.

   (g) _____ There will be no collisions if the size of a hash table is at least ten times the number of data items.

   (h) _____ A hash function should appear to be random, but cannot actually be random.

   (i) _____ If there are 100 data items and 200 possible hash values, a collision is so unlikely that you can, in practice, assume that it won't happen.

   (j) _____ Open hashing uses open addressing.

   (k) _____ Open hashing uses probe sequences.

   (l) _____ You can avoid collisions in a hash table by making the table twice as large as the data set.

   (m) _____ False overflow for a queue can be avoided by implementing the queue as a circular list.

   (n) _____ If a stack is implemented as a linked list, the head of the linked list should hold the top item of the stack.

2. Solve each of these recurrences, giving an asymptotic answer.

   (a) $F(n) = F(\log n) + 1$

   (b) $F(n) = F(5n/13) + F(12n/13) + n$

   (c) $F(n) = F(n-1) + 2F(n-2) + 1$

   (d) $F(n) = 5F(2n/3) + F(n/3) + 2n^4$

   (e) $F(n) = F(n/3) + F(2n/3) + 1$

   (f) $F(n) = 4F(n/2) + n^2$

   (g) $G(n) = G(4n/5) + G(3n/5) + n^2$

(h) $T(n) = T(3n/10) + T(n/5) + n$

(i) $F(n) = F(n/3) + F(2n/3) + 1$

(j) $G(n) = 2G(n/4) + \sqrt{n}$

(k) $H(n) = 4H(2n/5) + H(3n/5) + 2n^2$

(l) $G(n) = 4(G(n/2) + 5n^2$

(m) $F(n) = F(n - \log n) + \log^2 n$

(n) Consider the following recursive C++ function. Find the asymptotic complexity of f as a function of n using Θ notation?

```
int f(int n)
 {
  if(n > 0) return f(n/2)+f(n/4)+f(n/4+1)+n;
  else return 0;
 }
```

(3) Fill in the blanks.

(a) The asymptotic complexity of the Floyd/Warshall algorithm is _____.

(b) The asymptotic complexity of Dijkstra's algorithm algorithm is _____.

(c) In _____ _____ there can be any number of items at a given index of the hash table.

(d) Name three kinds of search structurees.

_____ _____ _____

(e) _____ hashing, which can be used by a compiler to identify reserved words, does not have collisions.

(f) In closed hashing, if a collision occurs, a _____ _____ can be used to locate an unused position in the hash table.

(g) In a _____ hash table, each item has two or more possible locations, and must be stored in one of those.

(h) _____ Which of the following three statements is closest to the truth?
(1) In SHA256 hashing, collisions are impossible.
(2) In SHA256 hashing, collisions occur no more than once a year in practice.
(3) In SHA256 hashing, collisions are so unlikely that industry experts claim they never occur.

(i) A _____ hash function fills the hash table exactly with no collisions.

(j) _____ algorithm finds a binary code so that the code for one symbol is never a prefix of the code for another symbol.

(k) An acyclic directed graph with 9 vertices must have at least _____ strong components. (Must be exact answer.)

(l) In _____ _____ there can be any number of items at a given index of the hash table.

(m) The asymptotic expected time to find the median item in an unordered array of size n, using a good randomized algorithm, is _____

(n) Name two greedy algorithms introduced in class this semester. _____ _____

(o) In closed hashing, if a collision occurs, a _____ _____ can be used to locate an unused position in the hash table.

(p) The worst case time complexity of quicksort on a list of length n.

_____

(q) The average case time complexity of quicksort on a list of length n, if pivots are chosen at random.

_____

(r) The worst case time complexity of building a treap with n items.

_____

(s) The average case time complexity of building a treap with n items.

_____

(t) In an open hash table of size m holding n data items, the items at each index of the table are typically shown as linked list. However, that structure is only efficient if each list is of moderate size. In general, we use a _____ at each table index.

Pick one of these answers:
heap
stack
search structure

(u) A directed graph is defined to be _____ if, given any two vertices x and y, the graph contains a path from x to y.

4. Write a recurrence for the time complexity of the code below, and solve that recurrence, giving an asymptotic function of n.

```
void george(int n)
 {
  if(n > 1)
   {
    for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) cout << "hello" << endl;
    george(n/2); george((n+1)/2);
   }
 }
```

5. You are trying to construct a cuckoo hash table of size 8, where each of the 8 names listed below has the two possible hash values indicated in the array. Put the items into the table, if possible. Instead of erasing ejected items, simply cross them out, so that I can tell that you worked it properly.

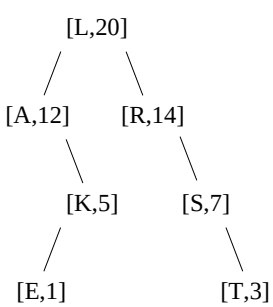
	h1	h2
Ann	1	0
Bob	4	2
Cal	0	7
Dan	1	6
Eve	1	0
Fay	6	2
Gus	5	3
Hal	3	7

6. Let $\sigma = x_1, x_2, \ldots x_n$ be a sequence of numbers with both positive and negative terms. Write an $O(n)$ time dynamic program which finds the maximum sum of any contiguous subsequence of σ. For example, if the sequence is $-1, 4, -3, 2, 7, -5, 3, 4, -8, +6$ then the answer is $4 - 3 + 2 + 7 - 5 + 3 + 4 = 12$.

   Here is a suggestion for how to start your algorithm:

   $X[i]$ = maximum sum of any legal subsequence of $x_1, \ldots x_i$
   $Y[i]$ = maximum sum of any legal subsequence which ends at x_i.

   The first two statements of the program are:
   $X[0] = 0$
   $Y[1] = x_1$



7. What is the asymptotic complexity of the following code, in terms of n.

```
int f(int n)
  {
   if(n > 0)
```

```
    return f(n/2)+f(n/3)+f(n/6)+n*n;
   else
    return 0;
  }
```

(a) The first of those subprograms is a recursive function. What is the asymptotic value of f(n)?

(b) What is the asymptotic time complexity of the computation of f(n) using that recursive function?

(c) What is the asymptotic time complexity of the computation of f(n) using dynamic programming?

(d) What is the asymtotic time complexity of a computation of f(n) using memoization? ---

8. Consider the function F computed by the recursive code given below.

```
int F(int n)
 {
  if(n < 3) return 1;
  else return F(n/3)+2*F((n+1)/3)+n*n;
 }
```

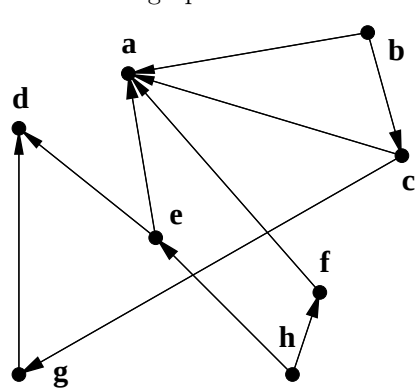
(a) What is the asymptotic complexity of $F(n)$?

(b) What is the asymptotic time complexity of the recursive code when it computes $F(n)$?

(c) What is the asymptotic time complexity of a memoization algorithm which computes $F(n)$?

9. You are given an acyclic directed graph $G = (V, E)$ where each arc has a positive weight. If (x, y) is an arc, we write $w(x, y)$ for the weight of that arc. Describe a dynamic programming algorithm which calculates the directed path through G of maximum weight. (The weight of a path is defined to be the sum of the weights of its constituent arcs.) (Hint: your algorithm should use words such as "in-neighbor" or "out-neighbor.")

10. The directed graph shown below can be stored as an array of out-neighbor lists as shown.



a	
b	a,c
c	a,g
d	
e	a,d
f	a
g	d
h	e,f

Write the array of in-neighbor lists for the same graph.

11. Consider the following recursive C++ function.

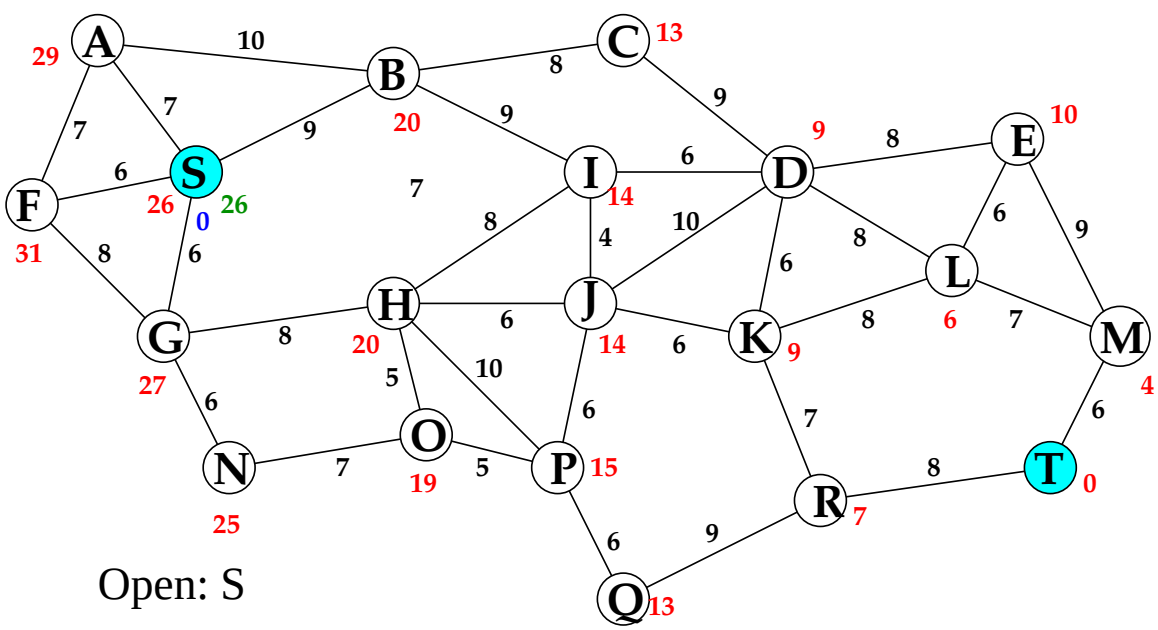
```
int f(int n)
 {
  if(n > 0) return f(n/2)+f(n/4)+f(n/4 + 1)+n;
  else return 0;
 }
```

(a) What is the asymptotic complexity of $f(n)$ as a function of n, using Θ notation?

(b) What is the asymptotic time complexity of the execution of this code as a as an asymptotic function of n, using Θ notation?

12. Find the Levenshtein edit distance from the word "mennoover" to the word "maneuver." Show the matrix.

13. Walk through the A^* algorithm to find the least cost path from S to T. The values of the heuristic function are indicated in red.



14. Hashing

    (a) What is closed hashing?

    (b) What is open hashing?

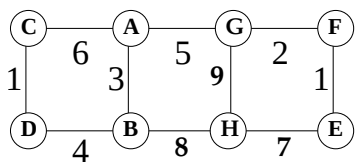
    (c) What is open addressing?

    (d) What is a perfect hash function?

    (e) What are the important properties of a good hash function?

    (f) What is cuckoo hashing?

15. Walk through Kruskal's algorithm to find the minimum spanning tree of the weighted graph shown below. Show the evolution of the union/find structure. Whenever there is choice between two edges of equal weight, choose the edge which has the alphabetically largest vertex. Whenever there is a union of two trees of equal weight, choose the alphabetically largest root to be the root of the combined tree. Indicate path compression when it occurs.



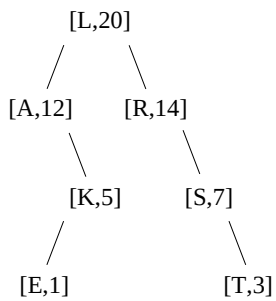
16. A 3-dimensional $10 \times 20 \times 12$ rectangular array A is stored in main memory in column major order, and its base address is 1024. Each item of A takes two words of main memory, that is, two addressed location. Find the address, in main memory, of A[5][13][7].

17. You are trying to construct a cuckoo hash table of size 8 holding 8 names. Each of the names listed below has two possible hash values, as indicated in the array. Put the items into the table in alphabetic order, if possible. Instead of erasing ejected items, simply strike them out.

Ann	3	7
Bob	2	3
Dan	4	6
Eve	0	2
Fay	1	5
Gus	2	1
Hal	4	7
Jan	2	3

0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	

18. The figure below shows a treap, where the data are letters and the nodes of the tree are memos, where the first component is the *key*, a letter, and the second component is a the *priority*, a random integer. Insertion of the letter G, where the priority is chosen (at random) to be 17. Show the steps.



19. Explain how to implement a sparse array using a search structure.

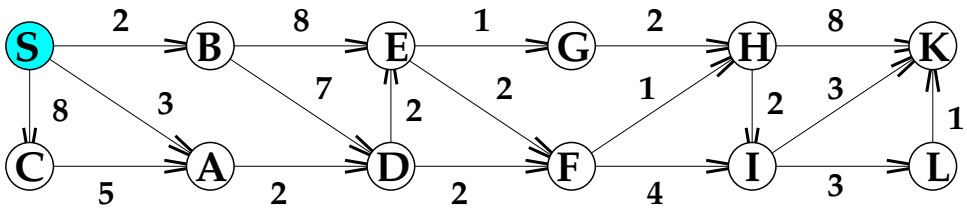
20. Consider the following two C++ subprograms.

```
int f(int n)
  {
   if(n > 0)
    return f(n/2)+f(n/3)+f(n/6)+n*n;
   else
    return 0;
  }

void computef(int n)
 {
  f[0] = 0;
  for(int i = 0; i <= n; i++)
   f[i] = f[i/2]+f[i/3]+f[1/6]+n*n;
 }
```

21. Write the prefix expression equivalent to the infix epression $-a * b - (-c - d) \wedge e$
(Don't forget that $\wedge$ means exponentiation.)

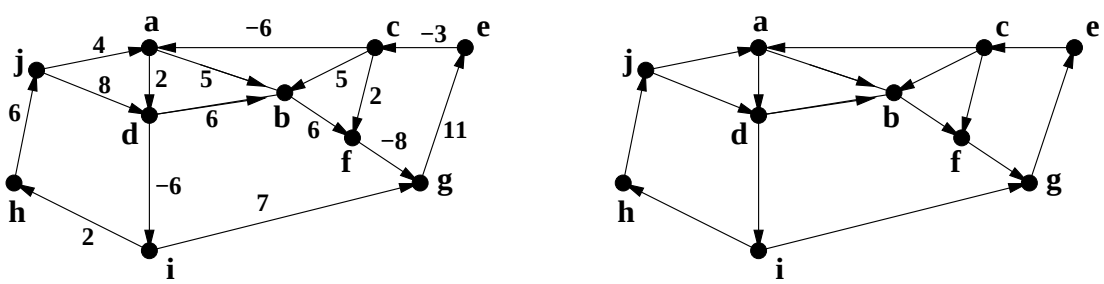
22. Walk through Dijkstra's algorithm for the following graph.



	S	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L
V	0											
back												

23. Figure (a) below shows an instance of the all-pairs minpath problem. Work the first part of Johnson's algorithm on that graph, showing the adjusted weights in Figure (b).

    Do not complete the computation of Johnson's algorithm.

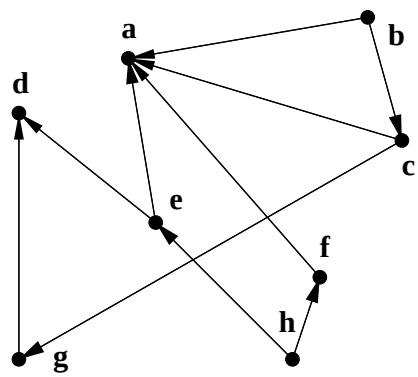


(a) **(b)**

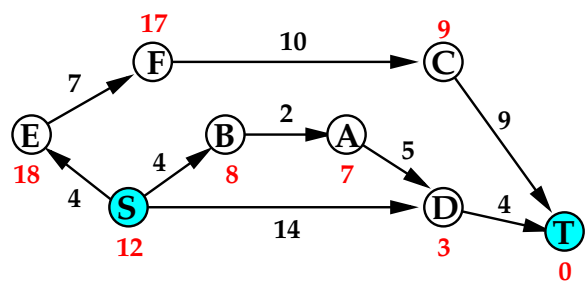
24. Here is another coin-row problem. You have a row of coins of various values, where the value of the ith coin is $V[i] > 0$. Write pseudocode which finds the maximum value of a subset of coins, where the set may not contain coins which are either adjacent or just one apart in the row. That is, if the set contains the ith coin, it may not contain either the $(i+1)^{\text{st}}$ coin or the $(i+2)^{\text{nd}}$ coin. For example, if the coins are ⓐ ⓑ ⓒ ⓓ ⓔ ⓕ ⓖ ⓗ in that order, the subset may be {ⓐ, ⓓ, ⓗ}, but not {ⓑ, ⓓ, ⓖ}.

25. You need to store the items A, B, and C, in that order, in a treap. The priority for A is 13, for B is 8, and for C is 14. Use maxheap order. Draw the resulting treap after each insertion, and show each rotation.

26. Write the array of in-neighbor lists and the array of out-neighbor lists for the directed graph shown below.



27. Walk through the A^* algorithm for the weighted directed graph shown below, where the pair is (S, T). The heuristic is shown as red numerals.



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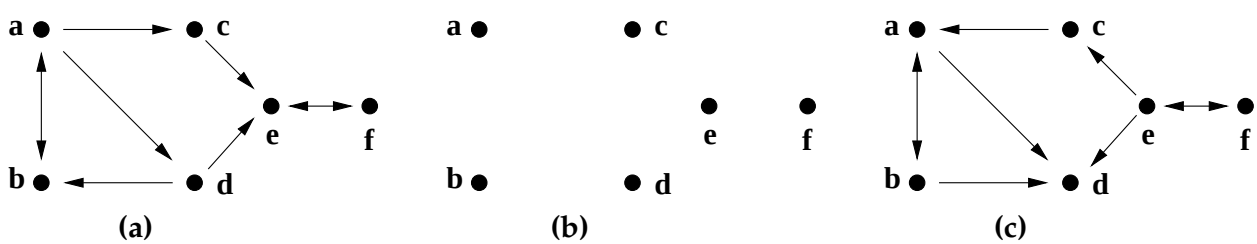
Show the arrays and the contents of the heap at each step. h is the heuristic, g is the current distance from the source, f is the sum of h and g. Label processed vertices with g and f, and show the backpointers.

28. Compute the strong components of the directed graph shown in (a), using the DFS method. Use the other figures for your work.