



## EXAMINATIONS — 2007

## END YEAR

**COMP103**  
**Introduction to**  
**Data Structures and Algorithms**

**Time Allowed:** 3 Hours

- Instructions:**
1. Attempt **all** of the questions.
  2. *Read each question carefully before attempting it.* (Suggestion: You do not have to answer the questions in the order shown. Do the questions you find easiest first.)
  3. This examination will be marked out of **180** marks, so allocate approximately 1 minute per mark.
  4. Write your answers in the boxes in this test paper and hand in all sheets.
  5. Non-electronic Foreign Language — English translation dictionaries are permitted.
  6. Calculators are allowed.
  7. There is documentation on the relevant Java classes and interfaces at the end of the exam paper.

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Marks</b>
1. Basic Questions	[20]
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4. Algorithms and Collections	[25]
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6. Priority Queues	[20]
7. Hashing	[20]
8. Graphs	[16]

**Question 1. Basic Questions**

[20 marks]

(a) [2 marks] What is the name of a good algorithm for finding an item in a sorted array of items.

(b) [2 marks] What is the maximum number of comparisons the algorithm may perform if searching for an item in a sorted array of 1,000,000 items?

(c) [2 marks] State two differences between a Set collection and a Queue collection.

(d) [2 marks] Consider the following field declarations:

```
private List<LogEntry> logs;  
private Comparator<LogEntry> comp;
```

Using an appropriate method from the Java libraries, write a Java statement that would sort the LogEntries in logs according to the comparator.

(e) [2 marks] State one advantage of HeapSort over QuickSort.

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**(f)** [2 marks] Can a Priority Queue contain multiple items with the same priority?

**(g)** [2 marks] Why does it not make sense to do an in-order traversal of a Ternary Tree?

**(h)** [2 marks] What kinds of Hash Table implementations allow you to safely store and retrieve items with the same hash code?

**(i)** [2 marks] State at least two graph properties that a tree has if viewed as a graph?

**(j)** [2 marks] Which implementation of a Set discussed in this course has the best average performance for add, remove, and find?

## Question 2. Programming with Sets

[25 marks]

Suppose you are writing a method to determine whether two Sets of Strings are the same, *i.e.*, contain the same elements. Since a Set does not impose any ordering on its elements, you cannot just iterate through the two sets, comparing the elements, since the elements might be in different orders.

You have constructed the following three `EqualSets` methods which all work correctly, and are independent of how the Sets of Strings are implemented; you now have to decide which is best.

Note: The third method uses the `sort` method from the `Arrays` class which sorts the elements of an array using the MergeSort algorithm.

```
1    public static boolean equalSets1(Set<String> set1, Set<String> set2){
2        if ( set1.size() != set2.size() ) return false;
3        for (String elem1 : set1) {
4            boolean found = false;
5            for (String elem2 : set2) {
6                if ( elem1.equals(elem2) )
7                    found = true;
8            }
9            if (!found)
10               return false;
11        }
12        return true;
13    }
14
15    public static boolean equalSets2(Set<String> set1, Set<String> set2){
16        if ( set1.size() != set2.size() ) return false;
17        for (String elem1 : set1) {
18            if (! set2.contains(elem1) )
19                return false;
20        }
21        return true;
22    }
23
24    public static boolean equalSets3(Set<String> set1, Set<String> set2){
25        if ( set1.size() != set2.size() ) return false;
26        String[] array1 = new String [set1.size ()];
27        int i = 0;
28        for (String elem1 : set1) array1[i++] = elem1;
29        Arrays.sort(array1);
30
31        String[] array2 = new String [set2.size ()];
32        int j = 0;
33        for (String elem2 : set2) array2[j++] = elem2;
34        Arrays.sort(array2);
35
36        for (int k = 0; k < array1.length; k++){
37            if ( ! array1[k].equals(array2[k]) )
38                return false;
39        }
40        return true;
41    }
```

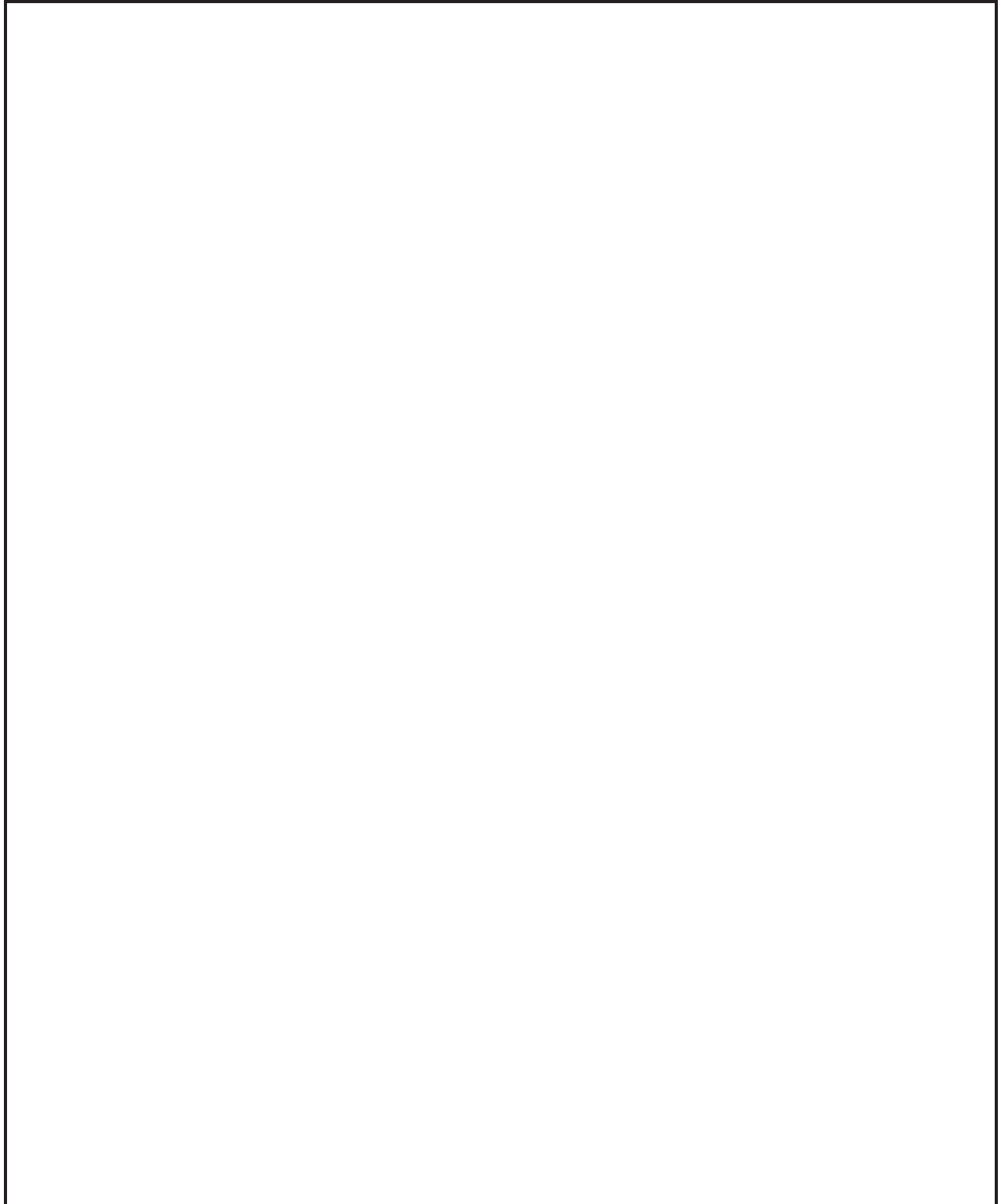
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**(a)** [15 marks] Compare the three methods:

- Work out the asymptotic (Big-O) cost of each method, in terms of the size of the sets. Show your working, and state any assumption that you have to make.
- State whether the methods require additional memory space.



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**(b)** [4 marks] Explain which method you would use if you did not know how the sets were implemented.

**(c)** [3 marks] Explain why your choice might change if you knew how the sets were implemented.

**(d)** [3 marks] The first two methods would not work correctly on bags, but the third method would. Give an example of two different Bags that the first two methods would say were the same.



**Question 3. Using Collections**

[25 marks]

This question requires you complete three methods for a program for processing enrolment data for a university. The program reads a file listing the courses that each student is enrolling for, and then prints out a list of schools for each student, and a list of students for each school.

(a) [6 marks] The first method reads the `courses-schools.txt` file that lists all the courses in the university and the schools that teach them, and constructs a `Map` for looking up the school that teaches a given course. The file has one line for each course, containing the course code and the abbreviation of the school. For example:

```
COMP102    SMSCS
COMP103    SMSCS
MATH114    SMSCS
PHYS105    SCPS
TECH102    SCPS
...
```

Complete the `readCourses()` method below that will initialise and fill the `courseToSchool` field. Documentation for `Set`, `Map`, `List`, etc. is given in the appendix.

```
import java.util.*;
public class Enrolment{

    private Map<String, String> courseToSchool; // map from course name to school name

    /* Reads a file of school – course pairs into a map indexed by course */
    public void readCourses(){

        try {
            Scanner sc = new Scanner(new File("courses-schools.txt"));
            while ( sc.hasNext() ){

                }
            sc.close ();
        }
        catch(Exception e){System.out.println("readCourses failed");}
    }
}
```

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The “enrolments.txt” file contains the list of courses that each student has enrolled for. Each line of the file starts with a student ID followed by the course codes. An example file might be

```
300123  COMP102 COMP103 MATH114 TECH102 BIOL103
300125  BIOL101 BIOL102 BIOL103
300126  COMP102 BIOL101 COMP103 BIOL103
...
```

**(b)** [9 marks] The second method should print out the schools that each student needs approval from. It should not list a school more than once, even if the student is taking several courses from the school. For example, given the three students above, it should print out

```
300123:  SMSCS SCPS BIO
300125:  BIO
300126:  SMSCS BIO
```

Complete the listsOfSchools() method below. For each student, the method will need to read each course and look up the school in the courseToSchool map. It will need a collection to keep track of the schools for the current student.

```
public void listsOfSchools(){
    try {
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(new File("enrolments.txt"));
        while ( sc.hasNext() ){
            int ID = sc.nextInt ();           // read student ID

            while ( sc.hasNext() && !sc.hasNextInt() ){ // read courses
                String course = sc.next ();
            }

            System.out.print(ID+" : "); // print out ID and list of schools

        }

        sc.close ();
    }catch(Exception e){System.out.println("listsOfSchools failed");}
}
```

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(c) [10 marks] The third method should print out a list for each school containing all the students taking courses in the school.

Complete the `listsOfStudents()` method below. The method will need to read the whole of the `enrolments.txt` file, building a data structure that keeps track of all the students taking courses in each school. It will then print out the list of students for each school.

```
public void listsOfStudents(){
    try {
        // Map with key being a school
        Map<String, Set<Integer>> schoolToIDs = new HashMap<String, Set<Integer>>();
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(new File("enrolments.txt"));
        while ( sc.hasNext() ){
            int ID = sc.nextInt ();
            while ( sc.hasNext() && !sc.hasNextInt() ){
                String course = sc.next ();

            }
            sc.close ();
            // Print out lists

        }
    }catch(Exception e){System.out.println("listsOfStudents failed");}
}
```

**Question 4. Algorithms and Collections**

[25 marks]

(a) [10 marks] For each of the following implementations of a **Set**, give the Big-O case cost of the contains, add, and remove methods. State any assumptions you make in the space under the table.

Implementation	Cost of contains	Cost of add	Cost of remove
ArraySet (unsorted)			
SortedArraySet			
BSTSet (Binary Search Tree)			
HashSet (linear probing)			
HashSet (with $k$ buckets)			

**Assumptions:**

(b) [5 marks] Describe a general approach for turning a recursive algorithm into an iterative one.

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**(c) [10 marks] Timing Performance of Bags.** The table below gives the results of a timing test for one of the following four different implementations of Bag.

*Note that it is a **Bag** and not a **Set**.*

- SortedArrayBag: an array of items, kept in sorted order
- TreeBag: an Binary Search Tree of items.
- OpenHashBag: a hash table using open addressing, guaranteed to be at most 80% full.
- BucketHashBag (unsorted): a hash table of 1000 buckets, where each bucket was an ArrayBag (unorderd array of items).

The test measured the average time (in microseconds) it took to search for an item (both for items in the Bag and for items not in the Bag) and the average time it took to add a new item to the bag when the bag contained  $n$  items. The test was run with four different values of  $n$ .

$n$	$\mu\text{S}$ per search	$\mu\text{S}$ per Add
10,000	0.27	0.18
20,000	0.36	0.18
40,000	0.58	0.18
80,000	1.02	0.19

On the basis of this data, say which implementation of Bag it is, give the asymptotic (Big-O) cost of searching and adding in that implementation, and a justification of why the table must be from that implementation of Bag rather than any of the other implementations listed.

<p><b>Implementation:</b></p> <p><b>Cost:</b></p> <p><b>Justification:</b></p>
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**Question 5. All About Trees**

[29 marks]

(a) [2 marks] State the Binary Search Tree property as defined in the lectures.

(b) [2 marks] What are the minimum and maximum depths of a binary tree with 31 nodes? Assume the depth is equal to the number of levels in a tree, and that the root node is at level one.

Minimum Depth:

Maximum Depth:

(c) [4 marks] Under what condition will a Binary Search Tree have bad performance? Explain why.

Condition:

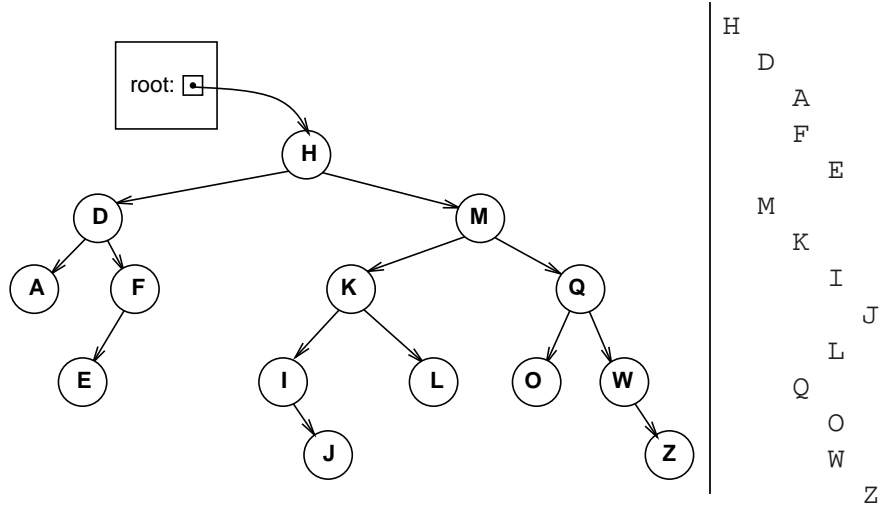
Explanation:

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**(d)** [12 marks] Complete the `printIndented` method below that prints out the contents of a Binary Search Tree nicely indented, starting at the root node. It should print one node on each line, indented by the depth of the node. Each node should be followed by its left subtree, then its right subtree.

For example, given the Binary Search Tree on the left, `printIndented` should print the output on the right.



```
public class BinarySearchTree<E> {
    E value;
    BinarySearchTree<E> left, right;
    ...
    public void printIndented() {
        printIndented(0);
    }
    public void printIndented(           ) {

}
}
```

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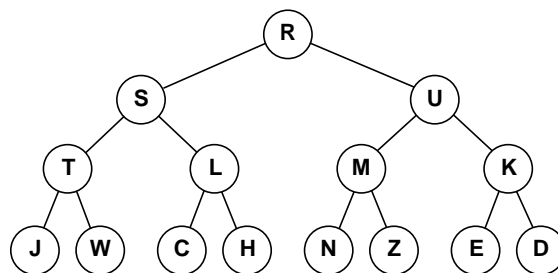
(e) [5 marks] The following traversal method does a traversal of a binary tree using a queue.

```

public static void traversal ( TreeNode start) {
    Queue< TreeNode> toVisit = new Queue< TreeNode>();
    toVisit .enqueue(start);
    while (! toVisit .isEmpty()) {
        TreeNode current = toVisit .dequeue();
        System.out.println (current.value);
        if (current.getLeft() !=null)
            toVisit .enqueue(current.getLeft());
        if (current.getRight() != null)
            toVisit .enqueue(current.getRight());
    }
}

```

Suppose traversal is called on the following tree:



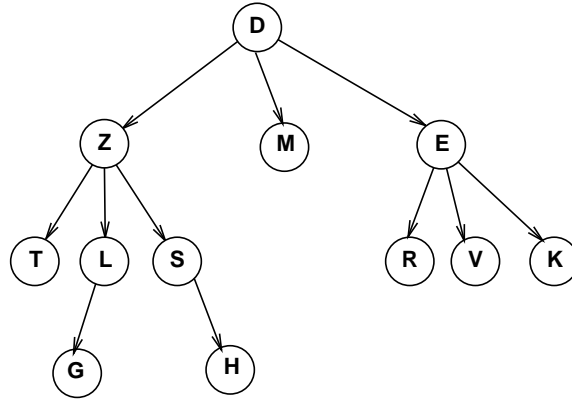
Draw the contents of the queue immediately after node "N" has been added to the queue.

Queue:

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(f) [4 marks] Write out the order in which nodes would be visited by a depth-first, right-to-left, post-order traversal of the following general tree.



**Question 6. Priority Queues**

[20 marks]

Consider the following two implementations of a priority queue.

**Implementation 1:** An array of queues, with the array indexed by the priority level, and the queues having  $O(1)$  time complexity for both enqueue and dequeue operations.

**Implementation 2:** A heap, with  $O(\log(n))$  time complexity for both enqueue and dequeue operations.

(a) [5 marks] Which implementation is better when the number of possible priority levels is large? Explain why.

(b) [2 marks] State the property a binary tree must satisfy in order to be a partially ordered binary tree.

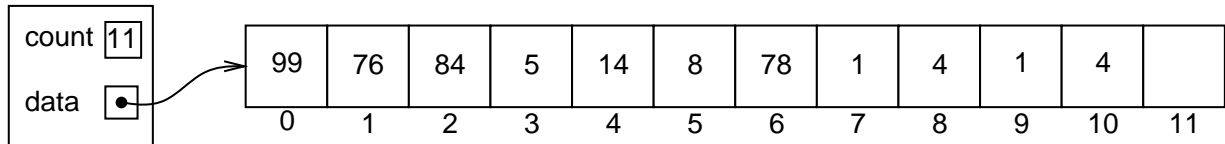
(c) [4 marks] If a complete partially ordered binary tree is stored in an array, and the index of the root is 0, what are the indexes of the children and of the parent of the node at index  $i$ ?

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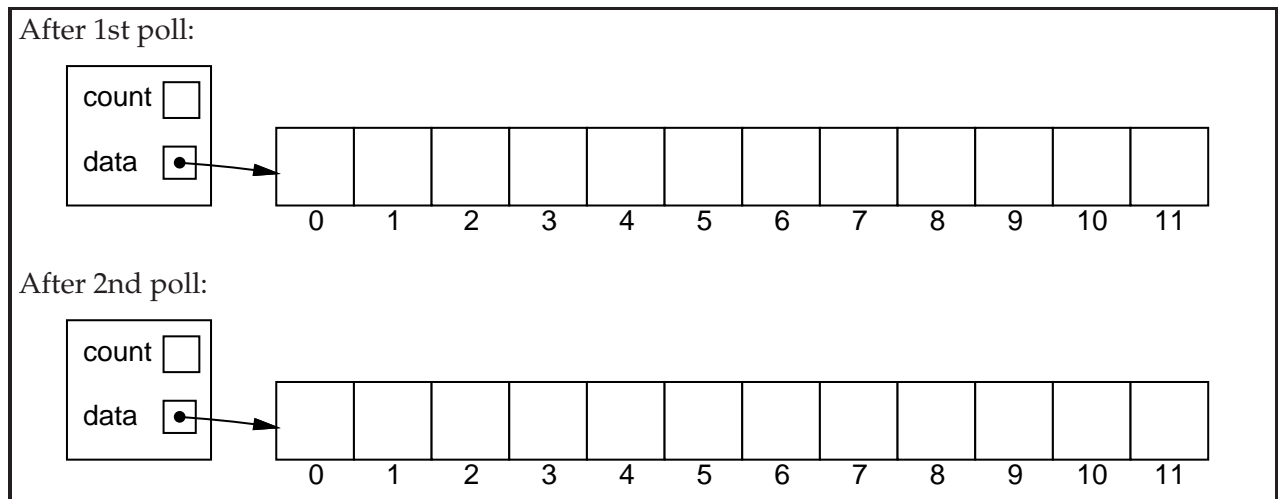
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The `HeapQueue` class is an implementation of priority queues using a heap — a complete, partially ordered binary tree in an array.

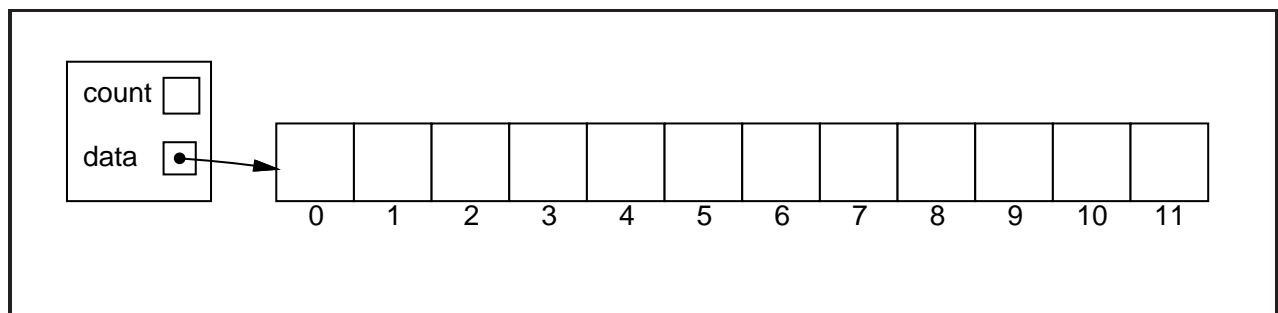
Consider the following `HeapQueue` of integers, where the integer represents the priority (larger numbers are higher priority).



**(d)** [6 marks] Show the state of the `HeapQueue` if `poll()` is called twice on it.  
Hint: you may find it easier to first draw the heap as a tree.



**(e)** [3 marks] Show the state of the `HeapQueue` if 85 is added to the `HeapQueue` in its original state (before the polls in the previous question):



**Question 7. Hashing**

[20 marks]

(a) [2 marks] Insert the values 'A', 'B', and 'C' into the Hash Table below, using quadratic probing as defined in the lectures to resolve collisions. Assume that 'A' hashes to the index 11, 'B' hashes to 9, and 'C' hashes to 6.

T	Z	X			G	H	J	K	E		
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

(b) [5 marks] What is the difference between a hash table with buckets and a hash table that uses (e.g. linear) probing ("open addressing")? Explain how the adding and searching work differently in the two different implementations.

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(c) [8 marks] Complete the `add` method below for a Hash Table implementation of a Set that uses quadratic probing as defined in lectures. `add` should return `true` if the element was inserted successfully, otherwise it should return `false`.

Assume there are no deletions performed on this Hash Table.

Use the hash function provided and assume that `hash` returns an index within the bounds of the table array.

```
public class HashSet<E> {
    public E[] table;
    public int hash(E element) {
        return ( element.hashCode() % table.length );
    }
    ...
    public boolean add(E element) {
        ensureCapacity(); // Ensure the table is at most 70% full.
    }
    ...
}
```

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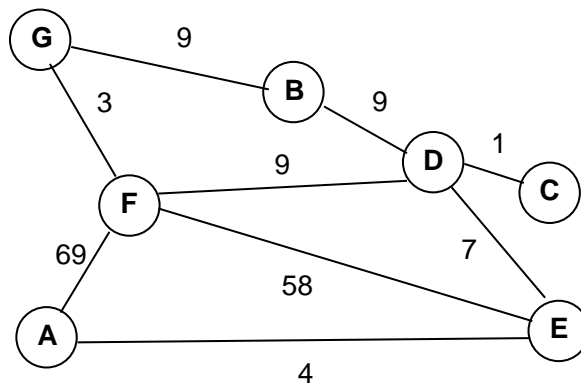


**Question 8. Graphs**

[16 marks]

(a) [2 marks] To turn a tree traversal algorithm into a graph traversal algorithm, one change you would usually make is to use an additional Set data structure. What would this Set contain at any given point during a graph traversal?

(b) [4 marks] Draw the adjacency matrix representation of the following undirected, weighted graph. Assume that the edge weights are positive, so that you can use -1 to denote the absence of an edge.



		0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	<b>A</b>							
1	<b>B</b>							
2	<b>C</b>							
3	<b>D</b>							
4	<b>E</b>							
5	<b>F</b>							
6	<b>G</b>							

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(c) [10 marks] [Hard] Write a method that draws the contents of a graph that is implemented using a `GraphNode` class given below. The `value` field of each node contains a character which should be displayed in a circle representing the node. The node should be connected to its neighbours using lines from the centre of the current node to the centre of its neighbouring nodes. You should take care of the spacing of the nodes of the graph.

```
public class GraphNode {
    public char value;
    public Set<GraphNode> edges;
}
...
public void draw(GraphNode firstNode, DrawingCanvas canvas) {
}
...
```

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## Appendices

### Possibly useful formulas:

- $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$
- $1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^k = 2^{k+1} - 1$
- $a + (a + b) + (a + 2b) + \dots + (a + kb) = \frac{(2a+kb)(k+1)}{2}$
- $a + as + as^2 + as^3 + \dots + as^k = \frac{as^{k+1}-a}{s-1}$

### Table of base 2 logarithms:

$n$	1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	256	512	1024	1,048,576
$\log_2(n)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20

### Brief (and simplified) specifications of relevant interfaces and classes.

#### **public class** Random

```
public int nextInt(int n);           // return a random integer between 0 and n-1
public double nextDouble();        // return a random double between 0.0 and 1.0
```

#### **public interface** Iterator <E>

```
public boolean hasNext();
public E next();
public void remove();
```

#### **public interface** Iterable <E>

```
public Iterator <E> iterator();
```

// Can use in the "for each" loop

#### **public interface** Comparable<E>

```
public int compareTo(E o);
```

// Can compare this to another E

#### **public interface** Comparator<E>

```
public int compare(E o1, E o2);
```

// Can use this to compare two E's

#### **DrawingCanvas class:**

```
public void drawLine(int x, int y, int u, int v) // Draws line from (x, y) to (u, v)
public void drawOval(int x, int y, int wd, int ht) // Draws outline of oval
public void drawString(String str, int x, int y) // Prints str at (x, y)
```

```
public interface Collection<E>
    public boolean isEmpty();
    public int size ();
    public boolean contains(Object item);
    public boolean add(E item);           // returns false if failed to add item
    public Iterator <E> iterator();
```

```
public interface List<E> extends Collection<E>
    // Implementations: ArrayList
    public E get(int index);
    public void set(int index, E element);
    public void add(int index, E element);
    public void remove(int index);
    public void remove(Object element);
```

```
public interface Set extends Collection<E>
    // Implementations: ArraySet, SortedArraySet, HashSet
    public boolean contains(Object element);
    public boolean add(E element);
    public boolean remove(Object element);
```

```
public interface Queue<E> extends Collection<E>
    // Implementations: ArrayQueue, LinkedList
    public E peek ();           // returns null if queue is empty
    public E poll ();          // returns null if queue is empty
    public boolean offer (E element);
```

```
public class Stack<E> implements Collection<E>
    public E peek ();           // returns null if stack is empty
    public E pop ();           // returns null if stack is empty
    public E push (E element);  // returns element
```

```
public interface Map<K, V>
    // Implementations: HashMap, TreeMap, ArrayMap
    public V get(K key);        // returns null if no such key
    public V put(K key, V value); // returns old value, or null
    public V remove(K key);    // returns value removed, or null
    public boolean containsKey(K key);
    public Set<K> keySet();     // returns set of all keys in Map
    public Collection<V> values(); // returns collection of all values
    public Set<Map.Entry<K, V>> entrySet(); // returns set of (key-value) pairs
```

```
public class Arrays
    public static <E> void sort(E[] ar, Comparator<E> comp);
```

```
public class Collections {
    public static <E> void sort(List<E> list, Comparator<E> comp);
```