

EXAMINATIONS — 2010

MID 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 one minute per mark.
  4. Write your answers in the boxes in this test paper and hand in all sheets.
  5. Non-electronic translation dictionaries are permitted.
  6. Calculators are allowed.
  7. Documentation on some relevant Java classes, interfaces, and exceptions can be found at the end of the paper.

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Cross out rough working that you do not want marked.  
Specify the question number for work that you do want marked.

**Question 1. Basic Questions**

[17 marks]

(a) [2 marks] Which of the basic Collection types (Bag, Set, List, Stack, Queue, Map) would be best for representing the waiting line at an airline check-in desk?

(b) [3 marks] In a full binary tree with  $N$  nodes, how many of those are leaf nodes?

(c) [2 marks] Why is it a bad idea to implement a Stack with a Linked List in which the top of the Stack is at the end of the List?

(d) [2 marks] A `SortedArraySet` is a better implementation to use than a plain (unsorted) `ArraySet`, because it speeds up the `contains()` operation. Why is this operation substantially faster in `SortedArraySet`?

(e) [2 marks] Why are `add` and `remove` operations *not* significantly faster in a `SortedArraySet` than in `ArraySet`?

(f) [6 marks] Consider the cost of `contains` in different implementations of `Set`. Give one implementation where the cost is  $O(n)$ , one that has a cost of  $O(\log n)$ , and one that has a cost of  $O(1)$ .

$O(n)$ :  
 $O(\log n)$ :  
 $O(1)$ :

## Question 2. Using collections

[24 marks]

A supermarket system uses a `Map` from barcodes (stored as `Integers`) to shopping items. Shopping items are represented by the following very simple class:

```
public class ShopItem{
    private String description;
    private double cost;

    public ShopItem(String description, double cost) {
        this.description = description;
        this.cost = cost;
    }
    public String getDescription() { return this.description; }
    public void setDescription(String desc) { this.description = desc; }
    public double getCost() { return this.cost; }
    public void setCost(double c) { this.cost = c; }
}
```

(a) [12 marks] When a shopping trolley arrives at a check-out in the supermarket, items in the trolley have their barcodes read into a `List`.

Complete the code for a method `CountCodes()`, which takes a `List` of barcodes as input. Your method should return a `Map` from barcodes present in the `List` to counts of the occurrences of that barcode. Both of these are `Integers`. The map should contain one entry for each unique barcode that appears in the `List`.

```
public Map <Integer,Integer> CountCodes (List<Integer> codes)
{

}
}
```

(b) [12 marks] Complete the `PrintBill` method below, which takes the `Map` returned by `CountCodes` and the supermarket's `Map` from barcodes to shopping items (`Integer` to `ShopItem`). The method generates a printout with one line for each type of item giving the item's description, the number of such items, and the per-item cost. This is followed by a final line giving the total cost. For example, if the supermarket's map is:

```
005 ---> Milk,      4.00
115 ---> Biscuits,  4.00
233 ---> Bread,    3.50
442 ---> Jaffas,   1.80
733 ---> Bag of Oranges, 8.50
```

and the map returned by `CountCodes` is

```
115 ---> 1
233 ---> 2
```

then `PrintBill` should print this:

```
Biscuits    1    $4.00
Bread       2    $3.50
TOTAL:           $11.00
```

```
public void PrintBill (Map<Integer,Integer> trolley, Map<Integer,ShopItem> codemap) {
```

```
}
```



(d) [8 marks] ArrayList is an implementation of List that has two fields:

```
public class ArrayList <E> extends AbstractList <E> {  
    private E[] data;  
    private int count;  
    :  
}
```

Complete the code for the remove method of ArrayList, that removes the item at a specified index. The method should check that the index is valid, and should return the item that is removed.

```
public E remove (int index) {
```

```
}
```

#### Question 4. Linked Structures

[18 marks]

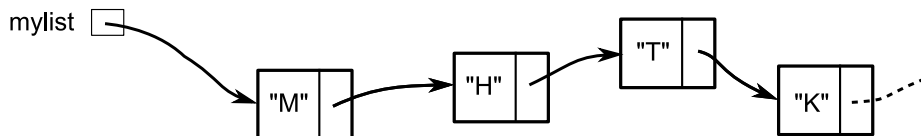
This question uses a `LinkedList` class, like the one in lectures, which defines objects that contain a value and a reference to another `LinkedList`. The class is as follows:

```
public class LinkedList <E>{
    private E value;
    private LinkedList<E> next;

    public LinkedList(E item, LinkedList<E> nextNode){ // CONSTRUCTOR
        value = item;
        next = nextNode;
    }
    public E getValue(){ return value; }
    public LinkedList<E> getNext(){ return next; }
    public void setNext(LinkedList<E> n){ next = n; }
}
```

In your answers below, you should use the `getValue()`, `getNext()`, and `setNext()` methods, rather than the `value` and `next` fields.

Suppose `myList` is a reference to the first `LinkedList<String>` in a linked list. For example it might contain:



(a) [6 marks] By using the methods in `LinkedList`, write a single statement that will insert the string "A" at the third position of the list referred to be `myList`. For the example above, `myList` should insert "A" between "H" and "T". You may assume that the linked list has at least 4 items in it.

(b) [4 marks] Similarly, write a single statement that will remove the item at the second position of the list. For the example above, `myList` should remove the item "H". Again, you may assume that the linked list has at least 4 items in it.



Linked lists composed of `LinkedList`s could be used as a full List implementation, but to do so it is necessary to be able to call methods on a List that is empty. In lectures we mainly discussed the option of using a "header" class for this reason. But we also considered denoting an empty list by a node with its next field set to the node itself, as indicated here:



To allow this, we first add an alternative constructor to the `LinkedList` class above:

```
/* Alternative constructor : makes a new, empty, list */
public LinkedList() {
    next = this;
}
```

(c) [8 marks] Complete the code for an `addAtEnd()` method for the `LinkedList` class, which should use recursion to add a new item **to the end** of the list (of which the current `LinkedList` is the start). Make sure your method copes with the case of an empty list, as described above.

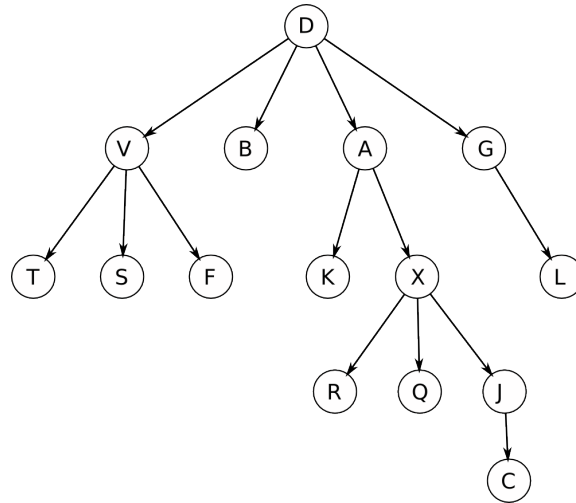
```
public void addAtEnd(E item) {
```

```
}
```

**Question 5. Trees, and Binary Search Trees**

[35 marks]

The next four questions concern the following tree:



**(a)** [2 marks] What is the depth of the tree shown above?

**(b)** [3 marks] List the order in which the nodes in the tree will be visited by a *breadth first* traversal.

**(c)** [3 marks] List the order in which the nodes in the tree will be visited by a *pre-order depth first* traversal.

**(d)** [3 marks] List the order in which the nodes in the tree will be visited by a pre-order, depth first traversal, *implemented iteratively with a stack, assuming that the children of a node are put on the stack in left-to-right order.*

(e) [5 marks] In the box below, show a tree consisting of 5 nodes A, B, C, D and E, for which a *pre-order* traversal yeilds the ordering ABCDE, but a *post-order* traversal gives BDECA.

(f) [5 marks] Draw the tree that would result from adding nodes to an empty Binary Search Tree in the following order:  
G, V, F, S, Y, D, E, A, T, Q

(g) [1 mark] Is your tree (above) a *complete* tree?

(h) [5 marks] What is the ordering property that defines a Binary Search Tree?

(i) [8 marks] Consider the `remove` operation on a Binary Search Tree. If the node being removed has only one child then it is fairly obvious what to do: simply “pulling up” that child results in a tree that is still a valid BST.

What should you do when removing a node that has two children? In your explanation, make it clear why this still results in a valid BST. (*Hint: You may find that drawing an example helps*).

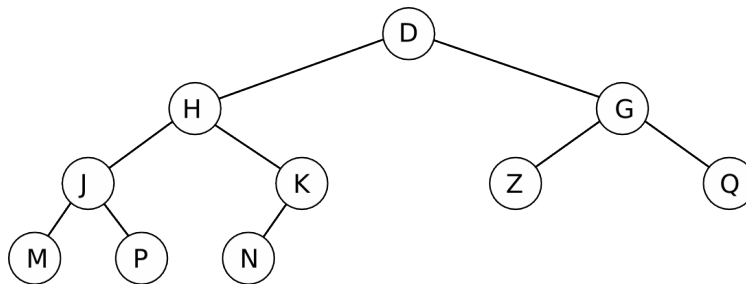
Note: do not give java code for this question.



**Question 6. Partially Ordered Trees and Heaps**

[29 marks]

Consider the following Partially Ordered Tree (POT):



(a) [3 marks] Draw the tree as a heap, in the row of boxes below.  
 (A Heap is a partially ordered binary tree, implemented in an array).

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(b) [3 marks] Redraw the POT tree after the following operations have been carried out:  
 Add "V", Add "F".

(c) [3 marks] Redraw the tree from your previous answer after removing an element (poll).

(d) [10 marks] Complete the method below, which takes an array `data` of given `size` and a `Comparator comp`, and checks that the array is a valid Heap.

```
public boolean heapChecker(E[] data, int size, Comparator <E> comp) {
```

```
}
```

For the next four questions, consider the code for `HeapSort` given below, which sorts the items in the array `data` using a two-stage process. Both stages use `pushDown`, which is a *recursive* method: it finds the largest child and, if the current node is smaller, it performs a swap and then calls `pushDown` on that child.

```
public void HeapSort(E[] data, int size, Comparator <E> comp) {  
    for (int i=(size-1)/2; i>=0;i--) // HEAPIFY  
        pushDown(i,data,size,comp);  
    while (size>0) { // IN-PLACE DEQUEUEING  
        size--;  
        swap(data,size,0);  
        pushDown(0,data,size,comp);  
    }  
}
```

(e) [3 marks] The loop labelled "HEAPIFY" begins only half-way through the array, and works back to the beginning of the array. Explain why this is so. (*Hint: It may help if you refer to the implicit tree that the array is representing*).

(f) [3 marks] What is the asymptotic ("big-O") cost of the step labelled "HEAPIFY"?

(g) [2 marks] What is the average-case asymptotic ("big-O") cost of HeapSort overall?

(h) [2 marks] What is the worst-case asymptotic ("big-O") cost of HeapSort overall?

**Question 7. Various topics: costs, sorting, hashing**

[37 marks]

The following printNums method prints out integers.

```
public void printNums(int n) {  
    while (n > 0) {  
        System.out.printf("%d ", n);  
        n = n/2;  
    }  
}
```

(a) [2 marks] When called with printNums(20) what would the output be?

(b) [3 marks] What is the asymptotic (“big-O”) cost of printNums(*n*) as a function of *n*, and why?

The following printNumsAltered method also prints out integers.

```
public void printNumsAltered(int n) {  
    while (n > 0) {  
        for (int k=0; k<n; k++)  
            System.out.printf("%d ", k);  
        System.out.println(" ");  
        n = n/2;  
    }  
}
```

(c) [3 marks] Show the output that would be produced by printNumsAltered(10)

(d) [4 marks] What is the asymptotic (“big-O”) cost of printNumsAltered(*n*) as a function of *n*? Include a brief explanation of why this is so.





(h) [2 marks] Name the two general approaches used to deal with collisions in a Hash Set.

(i) [3 marks] In a HashSet it is normal to increase the capacity when the array is only 70% full. Why don't we wait until it is 100% full?

(j) [4 marks] What is wrong with the following Hash function?

```
public int hashCode(String key) {  
    int hash = 1;  
    char[] characters = key.toCharArray();  
    for (int i=0; i < characters.length; i++)  
        hash = hash + (int) (characters[i] * 256 * Math.random());  
    return (hash % data.length); // where data is the hash table's array.  
}
```

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## Appendices

### Possibly useful formulae:

- $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$
- $1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^k = 2^{k+1} - 1$

### 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

### Some common exceptions.

- UnsupportedOperationException
- NullPointerException
- IndexOutOfBoundsException

### 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

```

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 E remove(int index);         // returns the item that was at index
    public boolean remove(Object element); // returns true if element was removed

```

```

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

```

**Scanner class:**

```

public boolean hasNext()               // Returns true if there is more to read
public boolean hasNextInt()           // Returns true if the next token is an integer
public String next()                  // Returns the next token (chars up to a space/line)
public String nextLine()              // Returns string of chars up to next newline
public int nextInt()                  // Returns the integer value of the next token

```