

## 15-110 F21 Final Exam Practice Problems

**Note:** These problems are written by TAs and are not necessarily representative on the final exam. Note that problems have been organized by topic, with problems on the final unit appearing at the end.

**Key:** CW = code writing, CT = code tracing, SA = short answer, MC = multiple choice,

### Unit: Data Structures and Efficiency

1. **Lists CW:** Write the destructive function `shuffleQueue(L, n)` that takes in a list of songs represented as strings and an integer `n`, and shuffles the input list `L` **destructively** `n` times by choosing two random songs in the list and switching their locations. If the two songs randomly chosen on a given iteration are the same song, do not count the current iteration in the `n` shuffles.

```
import random
def shuffleQueue(L, n):
    shuffles = 0
    while shuffles < n:
        song1 = random.randint(0, len(L) - 1)
        song2 = random.randint(0, len(L) - 1)
        if song1 != song2:
            tempSong = L[song2]
            L[song2] = L[song1]
            L[song1] = tempSong
            shuffles += 1
```

2. **Recursion CW:** Write the **recursive** method `sumOfPositiveEvens(L)` that takes in a list `L` and returns a sum of all the even and positive integers in the list. For example, `sumOfPositiveEvens([1,2,3,4,5])` should return 6 and `sumOfPositiveEvens([-2,-4,-6,-8])` should return 0.

```
def sumOfPositiveEvens(L):
    if len(L)==0:
        return 0
    else:
        if L[0]%2==0 and L[0]>=0:
            return L[0]+sumOfPositiveEvens(L[1:])
        else:
            return sumOfPositiveEvens(L[1:])
```

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3. **Dictionaries CW:** Write a function `combineCovidDicts(dict1, dict2)` that takes in two dictionaries, `dict1` and `dict2`, each of which contains keys that represent cities (strings) with the corresponding value being the percentage of individuals in that city with Covid (float). This function should output a result dictionary which combines the two inputs as specified below:
- If a city is key both `dict1` and `dict2`, set that city as a key in your result dictionary with a value equal to the percentage for that city in `dict2` - the percentage for that city in `dict1`
  - If a city is only in `dict2`, then just set that city as a key in your result dictionary with a value equal to the percentage for that city in `dict2`
  - If a city is only in `dict1`, then just set that city as a key in your result dictionary with a value equal to the percentage for that city in `dict1`

```
def combineCovidDicts(dict1, dict2):
    resultDict = {}
    for city in dict2:
        if city in dict1:
            resultDict[city] = dict2[city] - dict1[city]
        else:
            resultDict[city] = dict2[city]
    for city in dict1:
        if city not in dict2:
            resultDict[city] = dict1[city]
    return resultDict
```

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4. **Big-O SA:** What's the big O of the following function?

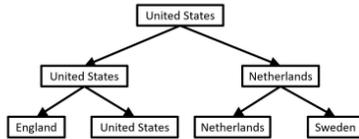
```
def mystery(n):  
    result = 0  
    start = 1  
    while start <= n:  
        result += start  
        start *= 2  
    for i in range(result * n):  
        print("Hello")
```

- a. What is the Big-O complexity of this function if we only count the **bolded multiplication step**?
  - i.  $O(\log(n))$ , as start is multiplied by 2 every iteration, only  $\log(n)$  iterations of the while loop will occur.
- b. What is the Big-O complexity of this function if we only count the **bolded print statement**?
  - i.  $O(n^2)$ , the maximum value of result after the while loop is  $2n - 1$ , as we are adding  $0 + 1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + n / 4 + n / 2 + n = 2n - 1$ . As the for loop iterates through range result \* n, the number of iterations is bounded by  $2n * n = 2n^2 \Rightarrow n^2$ , and we print each iteration.

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5. **Trees CW:** We are back at it representing a tournament as a binary tree. Recall how the information from last time worked... (“United States” is misspelled “United Stated” on accident in a few places)

For example, the following bracket represents the last two rounds of the Women's World Cup in 2019.



In our binary tree dictionary format, this would look like:

```
t1 = { "value" : "United Stated",
      "left" : { "value" : "United Stated",
                "left" : { "value" : "England", "left" : None, "right" : None },
                "right" : { "value" : "United States", "left" : None, "right" : None } },
      "right" : { "value" : "Netherlands",
                "left" : { "value" : "Netherlands", "left" : None, "right" : None },
                "right" : { "value" : "Sweden", "left" : None, "right" : None } }
    }
```

Write the function `opponentsBeat(tree, team)` which takes a tournament bracket in (as a tree) and a team from that bracket (as a string), then returns a result list of all the opponents that that team beat in the bracket. Note that it should return an empty `[]` if the team beat no one and should be done **recursively**. Observe that since this is a bracket, it means every node that isn't a leaf must have two children since it takes two teams to play a game.

Hint: Recommended to have 1 base case that checks for a leaf (figure out why that is); observe that if the node is not a leaf, then the children of the node are the team itself and the opponent they beat.

Exs:

```
opponentsBeat(t1, "United States") → ["Netherlands", "England"]
opponentsBeat(t1, "England") → [ ]
```

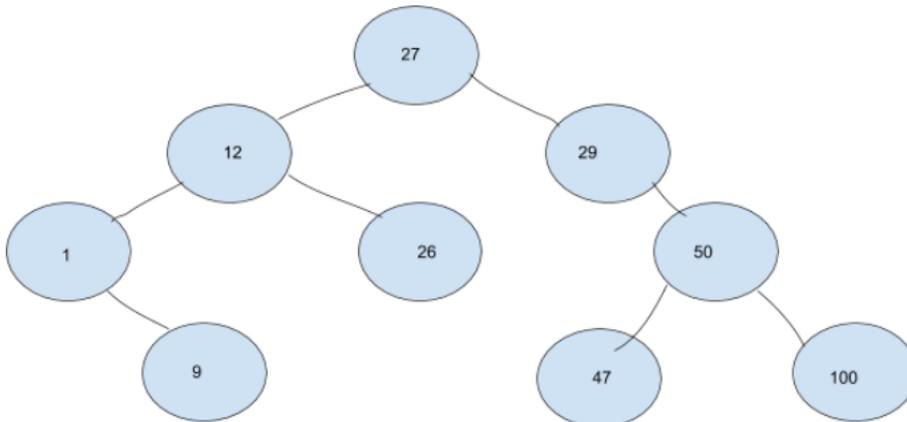
```
def opponentsBeat(tree, team):
    if tree["right"]==None and tree["left"]==None:
        return []
    if tree["contents"]==team:
        if tree["right"]["contents"] != team:
            return [tree["right"]["contents"]] + \
                opponentsBeat(tree["left"],team)
        else:
            return [tree["left"]["contents"]] + \
                opponentsBeat(tree["right"],team)
```

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6. **Trees CT:** Consider the following function:

```
def oddValuesTree(tree):  
    if tree == None:  
        return []  
    else:  
        if tree["contents"] % 2 == 0:  
            return oddValuesTree(tree["left"]) + \  
                oddValuesTree(tree["right"])  
        else:  
            return [tree["contents"]] + \  
                oddValuesTree(tree["left"]) + \  
                oddValuesTree(tree["right"])
```

If the function is given the tree below, what should the return value be?



Answer: [27, 1, 9, 29, 47]

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The function has now changed to this...

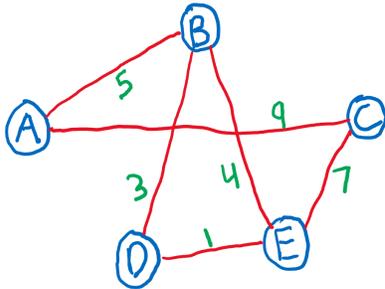
```
def oddValuesTree(tree):
    if tree == None: #base case
        return []
    else: #recursive case
        if tree["contents"] % 2 == 0:
            return oddValuesTree(tree["right"]) + \
                oddValuesTree(tree["left"])
        else:
            return oddValuesTree(tree["right"]) + \
                oddValuesTree(tree["left"]) + \
                [tree["contents"]]
```

If we pass in the same tree, what is the return value now?

**Answer: [47, 29, 9, 1, 27]**

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7. **Graphs CW:** Write a function `maxEdgeWeight(g)` that takes in a graph `g` and returns a list of the maximum weight edges for each node in the graph. Each edge is represented as a two-element list (the two nodes that form the edge). If there are no edges connected to a given node, don't add anything to the result list for that node.



For ex., the output for the above graph would be `[["A", "C"], ["B", "A"], ["C", "A"], ["D", "B"], ["E", "C"]]`.

Remember that the above graph would be represented as follows:

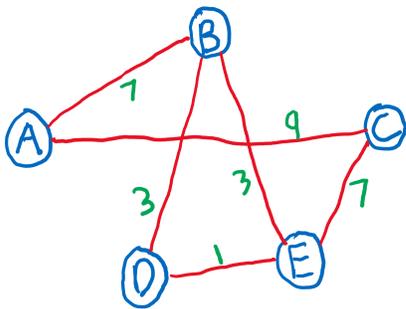
```
g = { "A" : [["B", 5], ["C", 9]],
      "B" : [["A", 5], ["D", 3], ["E", 4]],
      "C" : [["A", 9], ["E", 7]],
      "D" : [["B", 3], ["E", 1]],
      "E" : [["B", 4], ["C", 7], ["D", 1]] }
```

```
def maxEdgeWeight(g):
    edges = []
    for node in g:
        maxNode = None
        maxWeight = 0
        for neighbor in g[node]:
            if neighbor[1] > maxWeight:
                maxWeight = neighbor[1]
                maxNode = neighbor[0]
        edges.append([node, maxNode])
    return edges
```

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8. **Graphs CT:** Given the following mystery function, what would it return when given the graph below as input?

```
def f(g):
    result = {}
    for node in g:
        for neighbor in g[node]:
            if neighbor[1] not in result:
                result[neighbor[1]] = []
            result[neighbor[1]].append([node, neighbor[0]])
    return result
```



Remember that the above graph would be represented as follows:

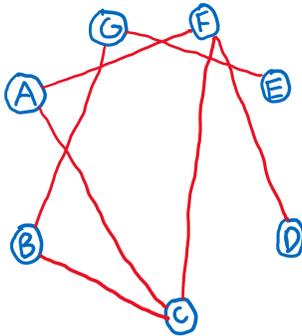
```
g = { "A" : [[ "B", 7 ], [ "C", 9 ]],
      "B" : [[ "A", 7 ], [ "D", 3 ], [ "E", 3 ]],
      "C" : [[ "A", 9 ], [ "E", 7 ]],
      "D" : [[ "B", 3 ], [ "E", 1 ]],
      "E" : [[ "B", 3 ], [ "C", 7 ], [ "D", 1 ]] }
```

Answer:

```
g = {
    1 : [[ "D", "E" ], [ "E", "D" ]],
    3 : [[ "B", "D" ], [ "B", "E" ], [ "D", "B" ], [ "E", "B" ]],
    7 : [[ "A", "B" ], [ "B", "A" ], [ "C", "E" ], [ "E", "C" ]],
    9 : [[ "A", "C" ], [ "C", "A" ]]
}
```

9. Search Algorithms II SA:

- a. Perform a BFS and DFS starting at node B for the graph shown below:

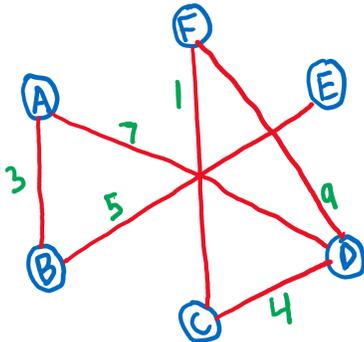


Answer:

BFS: BCGAFED

DFS: BCAFDGE

- b. Now perform a **weighted** BFS and DFS on the graph below starting from node B, where instead of visiting neighbors in lexicographic order, you visit neighbors based on their connecting edge weight, from greatest to least.



Answer:

BFS: BEADFC

DFS: BEADFC

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10. **Tractability SA** - Consider a problem called 3COL: Given an undirected graph, can we color the vertices with 3 colors so that no two adjacent vertices share the same colors?
- Imagine we have an algorithm that solves the 3COL problem by trying all the possible combinations of colors for all the vertices. Is this algorithm tractable or intractable?
    - Intractable because a brute force algorithm for this problem will not be in polynomial time.**
  - Now we have an algorithm such that we go over each edge of the graph and check if both vertices connected by the edge have the same colors, if so we return False, else return True. Is this verifying process tractable or not?
    - Tractable. To verify, we can simply go through all the edges in the graph and check each of them which is  $O(n)$  where  $n$  is the number of edges inside the graph.**
  - Based on your answers to parts i and ii, what complexity class is the 3COL problem in?
    - NP, it can be verified in polynomial time but cannot be solved in polynomial time.**
11. **Tractability SA** - Label the following Big-O complexities as either tractable or intractable
- $O((5^n)\log(n))$
  - $O(n^{247})$
  - $O(n!)$

**Answer:** Intractable, tractable, intractable

## Unit: Scaling up Computing

1. **Concurrency SA** Draw out the concurrency tree for the following expression:

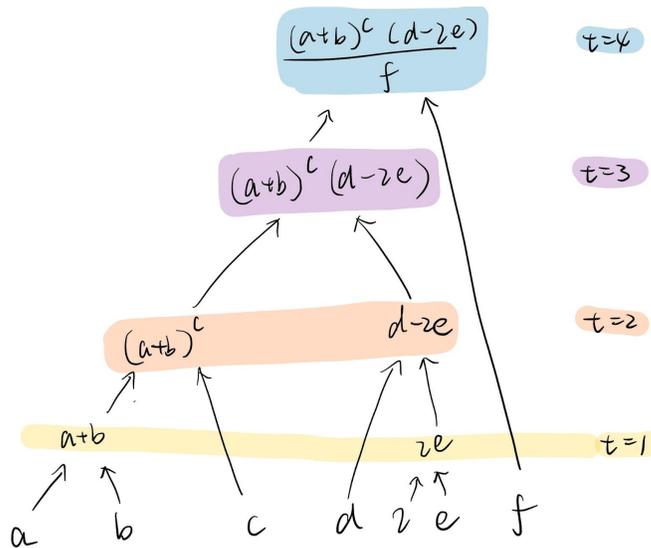
$$[((a+b)**c)*(d-2*e)]/f$$

- How many levels are there?
- What's the number of steps?
- What's the number of time steps in the concurrency tree (time steps = non-leaf levels)?

Levels: 5

Steps: 6

Time steps: 4



2. **Parallel Programming MC/SA** Select which of the following are True:

- Deadlocks can be resolved by programs locking important resources that other programs need
  - False, locking resources causes deadlocks and does not resolve it**
- Pipelining is useful in scenarios where every sub-task is dependant on the previous sub-task and the task is performed only once
  - False, if every task is performed only once, pipelining does not improve the time taken**
- The length of time of a pipelined process depends on the length of the longest task
  - True, the length of the longest task is the limiting factor on pipeline time**
- The mapper passes on its output directly to the reducer which then combines the output
  - False, the manager takes the output from each mapper, combines it, and sends it to the reducer**

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3. **Internet MC:** Match the following internet terms with their corresponding definitions:

Terms:	Definitions:
Packet	A computer that stores URL's and their associated IP addresses
DNS Server	A type of system that has failsafes and backups in place for when things go wrong
IP Address	Type of organization that connects a user's computer to the internet
Fault Tolerant	Information sent to an IP address
ISP	The set of numbers that uniquely identifies a computer hosting a website

Answer: 1 → 4, 2 → 1, 3 → 5, 4 → 2, 5 → 3

4. **Security SA:** What are the two types of authentication we discussed in class? Briefly describe how they work and give an example of both types.

Authentication via password is used to verify a person's identity through text, physical tokens, and other forms when logging into an online service. The password is encrypted and verified by matching the encryption with the server's database. An example is logging into your andrew account with your ID and password.

Authentication via certificate is a way for websites to confirm their identity associated with a legit organization. Certificates need to be updated by certificate authorities who issue certificates for websites before they expire. An example is making sure you do not get scammed when making an online purchase by checking if the certificate is valid.

**Unit: CS as a Tool**

1. **Data Analysis CW:** Write a function that randomly samples 100 choices from a list that contains 4 flavors of ice cream (Vanilla, Chocolate, Mint, and Caramel), and then creates a bar chart of the number of times each flavor was sampled. For example, if each flavor is sampled 25 times, then the corresponding bar chart should have 4 bars (1 for each flavor) each with height 25. Use the `random.choice()` function from the `random` library, and use the `plt.bar()` function from the `matplotlib` library. The `plt.bar()` function takes two parameters: the first is a list of labels for the bars on the x-axis, and the second is the list of heights corresponding to each bar.

Answer

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import random

flavors = ["Vanilla", "Chocolate", "Mint", "Caramel"]
flavor_choices = {"Vanilla":0, "Chocolate":0,
                  "Mint":0, "Caramel":0}

n_choice = 100
for i in range(n_choice):
    choice = random.choice(flavors)
    Flavor_choices[choice] += 1

choices = []
counts = []

for i in flavor_choices:
    choices.append(i)
    counts.append(flavor_choices[i])

plt.bar(choices, counts)
plt.show()
```

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2. **Data Analysis SA:** Given the following types of data, name the best visualization method to display that data:
- Numerical  $\times$  Ordinal
  - Numerical
  - Ordinal  $\times$  Ordinal
  - Categorical
  - Numerical  $\times$  Numerical  $\times$  Numerical

### Answer

- Box-and-Whisker Plot
  - Histogram
  - Trick question! Use a table
  - Pie Chart
  - Bubble Plot / Scatter Plot Matrix
3. **Simulation CW:** For this problem, you have two different circles. The entries in `makeModel` marked with a 1 correspond to the first circle and the entries marked with a 2 correspond to the second. Implement this simulation program by modifying `makeModel` and filling in `keyPressed` and `mousePressed`, assuming you have a 400x400 board:
- If the left half of the board is clicked, then only circle 1 is allowed to move
  - If the right half is clicked, then only circle 2 is allowed to move
  - If a half is clicked and it is the half of the circle currently allowed to move, then neither circle is allowed to move
  - If the right or left arrow is pressed, then the circle that's currently allowed to move will move, if neither is allowed, then neither will move

```
def makeModel(data):
    data["cx1"] = 100
    data["cy1"] = 100
    data["cx2"] = 300
    data["cy2"] = 300
    data["size"] = 50
    data["color1"] = "cyan"
    data["color2"] = "pink"
    data["turn"] = 0
```

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```
def makeView(data, canvas):
    canvas.create_oval(data["cx1"] - data["size"],
                      data["cy1"] - data["size"],
                      data["cx1"] + data["size"],
                      data["cy1"] + data["size"],
                      fill=data["color1"])
    canvas.create_oval(data["cx2"] - data["size"],
                      data["cy2"] - data["size"],
                      data["cx2"] + data["size"],
                      data["cy2"] + data["size"],
                      fill=data["color2"])

def keyPressed(data, event):
    if data['turn'] != 0:
        if data['turn'] == 1:
            cx = 'cx1'
            cy = 'cy1'
        elif data['turn'] == 2:
            cx = 'cx2'
            cy = 'cy2'
        if event.keysym == "Left":
            data[cx] = data[cx] - 10
        if event.keysym == "Right":
            data[cx] = data[cx] + 10

def mousePressed(data, event):
    if event.x < 200:
        if data['turn'] == 1:
            data['turn'] = 0
        else:
            data['turn'] = 1
    else:
        if data['turn'] == 2:
            data['turn'] = 0
        else:
            data['turn'] = 2
```

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4. **Simulation CW:** Given the setup below, write a function such that when you click on a random spot on the screen, a circle of size 50 is added to the board.
- Assume the board is 400x400
  - The circle is added at the spot clicked and needs to have a randomly selected color(you need at least two colors on the board). (update mouseClicked)
  - The circle will then start to float until it hits the top of the board (no specific bound, just be close to the top). (update runRules for this)

We will use a dictionary implementation for the circles with relevant entries being displayed in makeview. These circles should be stored in a list in data.

```
def makeModel(data):
    # Set up your simulation components here
    data['circleDicts'] = [ ]

def makeView(data, canvas):
    # The simulation view is written here, using the Tkinter canvas
    for circle in data['circleDicts']:
        cx = circle['cx']
        cy = circle['cy']
        size = circle['size']
        color = circle['color']
        canvas.create_oval(cx-size, cy-size,
                           cx+size, cy+size, fill=color)

def runRules(data, call):
    for circle in data['circleDicts']:
        if circle['cy'] > circle['size']/2:
            circle['cy'] -= 10

def mousePressed(data, event):
    colors = ['yellow', 'pink', 'orange', 'blue']
    color = random.choice(colors)
    circle = {'cx':event.x, 'cy':event.y, 'color':color, 'size':50}
    data['circleDicts'] += [circle]
```

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5. **Simulation CW:** Write a simulation function `runTrial()` that takes in 0 parameters and simulates rolling an eight-sided die 3 times. The function should return `True` if the first dice roll is EVEN, the second roll is ODD, and that the third roll is LESS THAN 5. Otherwise, it should return `False`.

Ex: if Die 1 rolls a 4, Die 2 rolls a 7, and Die 3 rolls a 3 → returns `True`

Ex2: If Die 1 rolls 2, Die 2 rolls 5, and Die 3 rolls a 8 → returns `False`

Make sure to import the necessary modules!

```
import random
```

```
def runTrials():
    rollOne = random.randint(1, 8)
    rollTwo = random.randint(1, 8)
    rollThree = random.randint(1, 8)
    if rollOne % 2 == 0 and rollTwo % 2 == 1 and rollThree < 5:
        return True
    return False
```

6. **Simulation MC:** Which of these statements is/are false (can be more than one)?
- Computers can produce truly random numbers using functions from the `random` module
    - False, computers can only produce pseudo random numbers with that module**
  - Law of large numbers says that if the number of trials is around 100,000, the exact expected value will be reached.
    - False, an approximate expected value will be reached, but not the exact value**
  - Testing a simulation with 10 runs of it will give a bad estimate of the expected value
    - True, 10 is not enough trials to converge on the approximate expected value**
  - Monte Carlo methods are used to repeat simulations over and over again
    - True, this is the basic essence of Monte Carlo methods!**

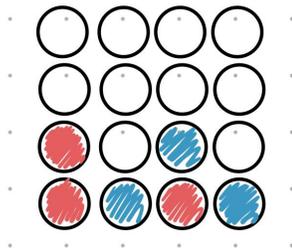
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7. **Machine Learning MC:** Categorize each of the following as either a classification, regression, or clustering problem:
- Based on a set of symptoms, determine what illness a patient has.
    - classification
  - Group a set of pictures into three groups, with similar pictures being in the same group
    - clustering
  - Using the number of people who show up to a movie premiere to predict how much money the movie will make
    - regression

8. **Artificial Intelligence SA:** From this connect-four board, draw the next level of the game tree for the red player.

(If you aren't familiar with connect-four, you can read about it here!

<http://www.ludoteka.com/connect-4.html#:~:text=The%20aim%20for%20both%200players.be%20vertical%2C%20horizontal%20or%20diagonal.&text=Before%20starting%2C%20players%20decide%20randomly,made%20alternatively%2C%20one%20by%20turn>)



Answer: (purple is the potential next move)

