

# 15110 PRINCIPLES OF COMPUTING – EXAM 2A – FALL 2011

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*Directions: Answer each question neatly in the space provided.  
Please read each question carefully. You have 50 minutes for  
this exam. No electronic devices allowed. Good luck!*

1	_____
2	_____
3	_____
4	_____
5	_____
TOTAL	_____

1. (20 pts) This problem focuses on the representation of data in a computer. Here is a table with powers of two that you may find helpful during the exam:

$2^{10}$	$2^9$	$2^8$	$2^7$	$2^6$	$2^5$	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$
1024	512	256	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1

(a) (2 pts) Show how the decimal integer 68 would be stored as an unsigned integer in binary using 8 bits.

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(b) (3 pts) Show how the decimal integer -68 would be stored as a signed 2's complement integer in binary using 8 bits.

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(c) (5 pts) We received the following transmission sent using the principle of parity. Unfortunately, one of the bits was corrupted during transmission. Circle the bit that was transmitted in error and briefly explain why it is wrong.

1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0  
1 1 1 0 0 1 1 0  
1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1  
0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0  
1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0  
1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0  
0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1  
0 0 1 1 1 1 0 1

(d) (2 pts) To improve digital sound quality, which of the following should be done? Check the best answer.

- \_\_\_\_\_ increase the number of samples per second and decrease the number of bits per sample
- \_\_\_\_\_ increase the number of samples per second and increase the number of bits per sample
- \_\_\_\_\_ decrease the number of samples per second and decrease the number of bits per sample
- \_\_\_\_\_ decrease the number of samples per second and increase the number of bits per sample

(e) (3 pts) Consider a pixel represented by an array of three values [ R, G, B ]. Show how the RGB pixel [127, 65, 200] in decimal format would be represented in hexadecimal format. (To help you, we've given you a table of each hexadecimal symbol and its equivalent value in binary.)

Bin	0000	0001	0010	0011	0100	0101	0110	0111	1000	1001	1010	1011	1100	1101	1110	1111
Hex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F

[127, 65, 200] = [ \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ ]  
(hexadecimal values)

(f) (5 pts) An image is simply an array of arrays of arrays of RGB values. For example, here is a 3 X 2 image consisting of a red and green pixel in the top row, a blue and white pixel in the middle row, and two black pixels in the bottom row:

[ [ [255, 0, 0] , [0, 255, 0] ], [ [0, 0, 255] , [255, 255, 255] ], [ [0, 0, 0] , [0, 0, 0] ] ]

Complete the following Ruby function that takes an arbitrary image represented in this format and removes all of the blue from every pixel of the image.

```
def remove_blue(image)
```

```
  num_rows = _____
```

```
  num_columns = _____
```

```
  for row in 0..num_rows-1 do
```

```
    for column in 0..num_columns-1 do
```

```
      end
```

```
    end
```

```
  return nil
```

```
end
```

2. (20 pts) This problem focuses on the structuring of data in a computer.

(a) (2 pts) A linked list of integers is stored as follows in a computer:

Address	Data	Next
100	0	108
104	116	112
108	104	0
112	108	116
116	112	100
120		

The linked list starts at address 104. What is the third data value of the list? \_\_\_\_\_

(b) (3 pts) Suppose we wish to append the data value 200 to the end of the linked list starting at address 104. The memory at address 120 is available. Modify the table above to show how this can be done in the computer, modifying only those entries in the computer's memory that would need to be changed to append the new value to the linked list.

(c) (4 pts) Let `data = [1, 5, 2, 4, 3]`. What is returned from the following function?

```
def mystery(data)
  stack = []
  for i in 0..data.length-1 do
    stack.push(data[i])
  end
  result = []
  while (stack.length != 0) do
    result << stack.pop
  end
  return result
end
```

result = \_\_\_\_\_

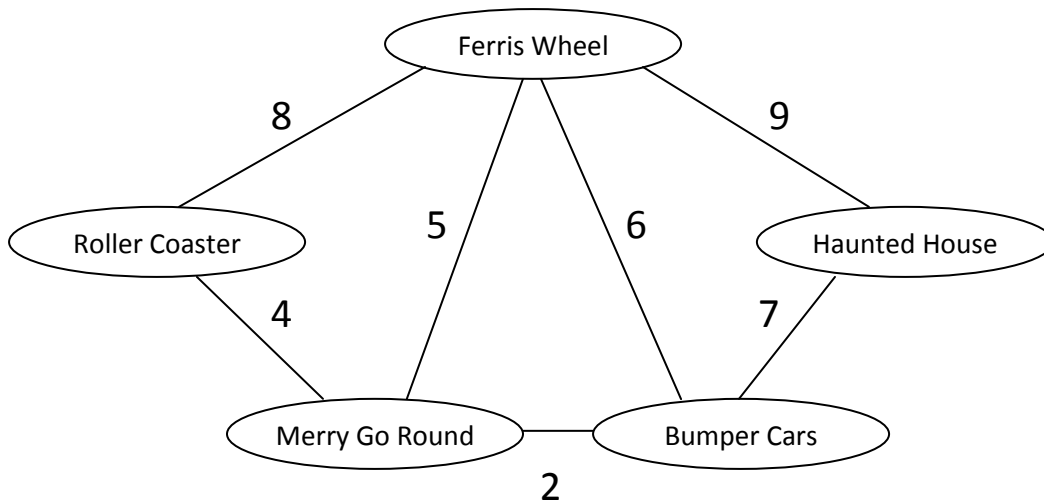
(d) (4 pts) Recall that the function `slice!(index)` removes and returns the element at the given index from an array. For example, if `data = [1, 5, 2, 4, 3]` and we execute `data.slice!(3)`, we will get the value 4 and the `data` array will now be `[1, 5, 2, 3]`.

Suppose we implement a queue using an array such that the first element in the array is the front of the queue and the last element of the array is the back (rear) of the queue. Show in Ruby how you can implement the following queue operations on an array called `q`:

enqueue element x \_\_\_\_\_

dequeue \_\_\_\_\_

(e) (3 pts) An amusement park has 5 rides, all connected with walking paths as shown below. The numbers on each path indicate the cost to build that path in thousands of dollars.



Show how this graph can be represented as a 2-dimensional array. If there is no direct connection between two different rides, set its cost to infinity ( $\infty$ ).

	Ride
0	Roller Coaster
1	Merry Go Round
2	Bumper Cars
3	Haunted House
4	Ferris Wheel

	0	1	2	3	4
0	0				
1		0			
2			0		
3				0	
4					0

(f) (2 pts) TRUE OR FALSE: The graph in part (e) is also a minimum spanning tree. \_\_\_\_\_

(g) (2 pts) A hash table of size 10 is used to store integer keys. The hash table is implemented as an array of "buckets" with a hash function of  $h(\text{key}) = \text{key} \bmod 10$ . A collision occurs when an element is stored in a bucket that already has 1 or more elements. If the following integer keys are stored in the hash table, how many collisions occur?

18, 29, 34, 27, 98, 40, 78, 64, 21, 96, 48

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Number of collisions = \_\_\_\_\_

3. (20 pts) The following question deals with recursion.

(a) (6 pts) The function  $f$  is defined recursively as follows:

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } n = 1 \text{ or } n = 2 \\ n + f(n-1) + f(n-2) & \text{if } n > 2 \end{cases}$$

Compute  $f(6)$ . You must show your work for full credit.

(b) (4 pts) Suppose you want to determine if any particular value is in a sorted array of 1023 elements. How many elements will you have to examine in the worst case if you use binary search? Briefly explain your answer. (HINT:  $1023 = 2^{10} - 1$ .)

(c) (4 pts) Here is an improved version of the `merge` function for the recursive Merge Sort algorithm, written in Ruby. Fill in the missing conditions. (The expression `a + b` is the array formed by the elements of `a` followed by the elements of `b`.)

```
def merge(a, b)

  return a + b if _____

  return b + a if _____

  index_a = 0
  index_b = 0
  c = []
  while index_a < a.length and index_b < b.length do
    if a[index_a] <= b[index_b] then
      c << a[index_a]
      index_a = index_a + 1
    else
      c << b[index_b]
      index_b = index_b + 1
    end
  end
  if index_a < a.length then
    for i in (index_a..a.length-1) do
      c << a[i]
    end
  else
    for i in (index_b..b.length-1) do
      c << b[i]
    end
  end
  return c
end
```

(d) (6 pts) Complete the following Ruby function recursively so that it computes the sum of the first `n` positive integers. You may assume that `n` is greater than or equal to 1. Do not use a loop in your answer. HINT:  $1 + 2 + \dots + n-1 + n = (1 + 2 + \dots + n-1) + n$ .

```
def sum(n)

  if _____ then

    return _____

  else

    return _____

  end

end
```

4. (20 pts) The following question involves Boolean logic and computer organization.

(a) (12 pts) Let  $S = (A \vee B) \wedge ((\neg B) \vee C)$ , where A, B and C are Boolean variables. Fill in the truth table below to compute S.

A	B	C	$A \vee B$	$(\neg B) \vee C$	S
0	0	0			
0	0	1			
0	1	0			
0	1	1			
1	0	0			
1	0	1			
1	1	0			
1	1	1			

(b) (4 pts) The Boolean value S can be computed by an electronic circuit. Draw this circuit at the gate level of abstraction.

(c) (4 pts) Use DeMorgan's Law to write an equivalent logical expression in Ruby for the given expression.

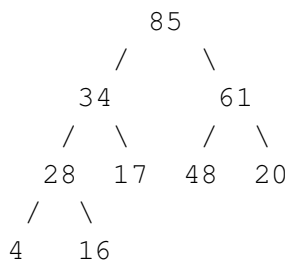
`not (x >= 4 and y != 8)`  $\equiv$  \_\_\_\_\_

5. (20 pts) This question deals with binary trees.

(a) (4 pts) Draw the binary search tree that results by inserting the following integers into the tree in the order shown.

35 68 94 20 76 14 19 54

(b) (4 pts) Given the following max-heap, redraw the max-heap after the integer 59 is inserted



(c) (4 pts) Suppose you have  $n$  elements in a max-heap. What is the worst-case order of complexity using big O notation for each of the following operations?

Inserting a new element \_\_\_\_\_

Removing the maximum element \_\_\_\_\_

Finding the maximum element \_\_\_\_\_

Finding the minimum element \_\_\_\_\_

(d) (8 pts) Consider the Huffman tree shown for words in a language with 7 possible letters:

Which letter occurs most frequently in words of this language based on the tree? \_\_\_\_\_

If we used this Huffman tree, how many bits would be needed to encode the word RSSERN? \_\_\_\_\_

If we used a minimum fixed width coding for the 7 letters, how many bits would be needed to encode the alien word RSSERN? \_\_\_\_\_

TRUE OR FALSE: For any Huffman tree, each node must have exactly 2 children or must be a leaf. \_\_\_\_\_

