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**CS2504: Algorithms and Linear Data Structures**

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Answer all three questions  
Total marks: 80

1.5 Hours

**Question 1** [40 marks] Answer all eight parts.

- (i) Give a series of Java statements that do the following: (a) declare a variable named `lst` to refer to a list (ADT List) of integer values; (b) create a list (ArrayBasedList) and make `lst` refer to it; (c) populate the list by inserting the numbers from one to ten inclusive (in the order shown); (d) remove the first and last numbers from the list. (5 marks)
- (ii) Give a complete pseudocode algorithm that takes a list object (ADT List) `lst` and reverses it. (So if the `lst` originally contained  $\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ , then following the completion of the algorithm it would contain  $\langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle$ .) Your algorithm may manipulate `lst` by means of the operations of ADT List only. (5 marks)
- (iii) Describe succinctly how a left-justified array might be used to represent an object of type ADT Stack. Give pseudocode for operations `push` and `pop` in terms of your representation. You may ignore any error-checking and array-resizing issues. (5 marks)
- (iv) Consider the pseudocode shown below of an array-based implementation of ADT Queue. Translate this code into a detailed, compilable Java implementation. You may assume, for now, that the queue items are of type `Integer`, but you must include appropriate instance/class variable declarations, a constructor and implementations of the methods `enqueue` and `dequeue`. Ignore all error-checking and array-resizing issues.

Representation:

`Q`: array of length  $N = 100$   
`f`, `r`: integer variables

**Algorithm** `enqueue(o)`:

`Q[r] ← o`  
`r ← (r+1) mod N`

**Algorithm** `dequeue()`:

**if** `isEmpty()` **then**  
    issue error message  
`temp ← Q[f]`  
`f ← (f+1) mod N`  
**return** `temp`

(5 marks)

- (v) Indicate the modifications required to **Part (iv)** to make the implementation generic *i.e.* capable of accommodating queue items of any type. (5 marks)

- (vi) Given below is a flawed version of a recursive version of the well-known binary search algorithm that contains a number of logical errors. Modify the code so that `BinarySearch(S, k, 0, S.size()-1)` returns the index within  $S$  that houses  $k$ , if  $k$  is present and so that it returns  $-1$ , if  $k$  is not present.

```
Algorithm BinarySearch(S, k, low, high)
  if low < high then
    return -1
  else
    mid  $\leftarrow$  (high - low)/2
    midKey  $\leftarrow$  key(mid)
    if k = midKey then
      return midKey
    else
      if midKey < k then
        return BinarySearch(S, k, low, mid - 1)
      else
        return BinarySearch(S, k, mid + 1, high)
```

(5 marks)

- (vii) Suppose that a Java application requires a large collection of several thousand student records to be manipulated. Each record contains a student's name (which is assumed to be unique), his id number (also unique) plus a range of other (unspecified) information about the student. Suppose that the application requires that we be able to locate a record efficiently given *either* a student's name *or* his id number. Specify a suitable data structure, based on the ADTs studied in cs2504 that meets this requirement. Justify your choice. (5 marks)
- (viii) State how many comparisons occur during the execution of the Merge algorithm shown below on a list  $L$  of length  $n$ . State any assumptions you make and justify your reasoning carefully.

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Algorithm Merge(L1, L2, L):
  while L1 is not empty and L2 is not empty do
    if L1.get(0)  $\leq$  L2.get(0) then
      L.add(L1.remove(0))
    else
      L.add(L2.remove(0))
  while L1 is not empty do
    L.add(L1.remove(0))
  while L2 is not empty do
    L.add(L2.remove(0))
```

(5 marks)

**Question 2** [20 marks]

Give a complete Java implementation of ADT Map. Include both an interface `Map.java` and an implementation `LinkedList.java`. For full marks your interface/implementation must

- be as complete as possible (though you may ignore the iterator operation completely);
- be based on the concept of a doubly-linked list;
- be generic *i.e.* capable of accommodating any key type <sup>1</sup> and value type;
- include implementations for operations `size`, `isEmpty`, `get`, `put` and `remove`.

State any assumptions you make about any ancillary classes you employ (`LLNode` *etc.*). Partial marks will be awarded for sensible, coherent answers that meet some but not all of the requirements listed above (*e.g.* array-based rather than list-based representation).

**Question 3** [20 marks]

- (i) Let  $L$  be of type ADT List with elements of type Integer. Give an algorithm in pseudocode that for a given integer value  $x$ , known as the pivot, removes the elements from  $L$  in turn and places those less than  $x$  in list  $S$ , those equal to  $x$  in list  $E$  and those greater than  $x$  in list  $G$ . (The lists  $S$ ,  $E$  and  $G$  should be distinct from  $L$  and should initially be empty.) (2 marks)
- (ii) Give a pseudocode implementation of Quick-sort based on the above. The pivot should be chosen as the last element in the list. (4 marks)
- (iii) Sketch a proof that Quick-sort operating on any list of items correctly rearranges the contents of the list so that they appear in increasing order from left to right upon conclusion of the algorithm's execution. (4 marks)
- (iv) Outline an efficient algorithm called `areAnagrams` to test if two strings are *anagrams*. Two (distinct) strings are anagrams if the letters of one can be rearranged to form the other. For example, "was" and "saw", "disease" and "seaside", and "thickens" and "kitchens" are three anagram pairs. The algorithm `areAnagrams` should take the two strings as arguments and return a boolean result. (4 marks)
- (v) Suppose that we have a large list  $W$  of English-language words and that we wish to uncover all anagram pairs that appear in the list. Outline an approach to this problem that is more efficient than applying `areAnagrams` systematically to all possible of word-pairs. Your ideas need not be expressed in pseudocode or Java, but should be sufficiently detailed and convincing to demonstrate that your approach is both feasible and efficient. (6 marks)

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<sup>1</sup>We assume that the key type is such that a  $\leq$  relation is defined on the objects of that type, *i.e.* for any pair of such objects we can determine which is the smaller and which the larger.

# cs2504 ADT Summary

## General Notes

1. All of the “container” ADTs (Stack, Queue, List, Map, Priority Queue and Set) support the following operations.

**size()**: Return number of items in the container. *Input*: None; *Output*: int.

**isEmpty()**: Return boolean indicating if the container is empty. *Input*: None; *Output*: boolean.

2. The GT and Java Collections formulations make use of exceptions to signal the occurrence of an ADT error such as the attempt to pop from an empty stack. Our formulation makes no use of exceptions, but simply aborts program execution when such an error is encountered.

3. See the sheet entitled “ADT Comparison Table” for a more detailed comparison of our ADTs and their GT and Java Collections counterparts.

## ADT Stack<E>

A stack is a container capable of holding a number of objects subject to a LIFO (last-in, first-out) discipline. It supports the following operations.

**push(o)**: Insert object *o* at top of stack. *Input*: E; *Output*: None.

**pop()**: Remove and return top object on stack; illegal if stack is empty<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: None; *Output*: E.

**top()**: Return the object at the top of the stack, but do not remove it; illegal if stack is empty<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: None; *Output*: E.

## ADT Queue<E>

A queue is a container capable of holding a number of objects subject to a FIFO (first-in, first-out) discipline. It supports the following operations.

**enqueue(o)**: Insert object *o* at rear of queue. *Input*: Object; *Output*: None.

**dequeue()**: Remove and return object at front of queue; illegal if queue is empty<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: None; *Output*: E.

**front()**: Return the object at the front of the queue, but do not remove it; illegal if queue is empty<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: None; *Output*: E.

## Iterator<E>

An iterator provides the ability to “move forwards” through a collection of items one by one. One can think of a “cursor” that indicates the current position. This cursor is initially positioned before the first item and advances one item for each invocation of operation next.

**hasNext()**: Return true if there are one or more elements in front of the cursor. *Input*: None; *Output*: boolean.

**next()**: Return the element immediately in front of the cursor and advance the cursor past this item. Illegal if there is no such element<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: None; *Output*: E.

## ListIterator<E>

This ADT extends ADT Iterator and applies to List objects only. A list iterator provides the ability to “move” back and forth over the elements of a list.

**hasPrevious()**: Return true if there are one or more elements before the cursor. *Input*: None; *Output*: boolean.

**nextIndex()**: Return the index of the element that would be returned by a call to next. Illegal if no such item<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: None; *Output*: int.

**previous()**: Return the element immediately before the cursor and move cursor in front of element. Illegal if no such item<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: None; *Output*: E.

**previousIndex()**: Return the index of the element that would be returned by a call to previous. Illegal if no such item<sup>1</sup>.

*Input*: None; *Output*: int.

**add(o)**: Add element *o* to the list at the current cursor position, *i.e.* immediately after the current cursor position. *Input*: E; *Output*: None.

**set(o)**: Replace the element most recently returned (by next or previous) with *o*. *Input*: E; *Output*: None.

**remove()**: Remove from underlying list the element most recently returned (by next or previous). *Input*: None; *Output*: None.

**Note**: It is legal to have several iterators over the same list object. However, if one iterator has modified the list (using operation remove, say), all other iterators for that list become invalid. Similarly, if the underlying list is modified (using List operation add, for example), then all iterators defined on that list become invalid.

## List<E>

A list is a container capable of holding an ordered arrangement of elements. The *index* of an element is the number of elements that precede it in the list.

**get(inx)**: Return the element at specified index. Illegal if no such index exists<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: int; *Output*: E.

**set(inx, newElt)**: Replace the element at specified index with newElt. Return the old element at that index. Illegal if no such index exists<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: int, E; *Output*: E.

**add(newElt)**: Add element newElt at the end of the list.<sup>2</sup> *Input*: E; *Output*: None.

**add(inx, newElt)**: Add element newElt to the list at index inx. Illegal if inx is negative or greater than current list size<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: int, E; *Output*: None.

**remove(inx)**: Remove the element at the specified index from the list and return it. Illegal if no such index exists<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: int; *Output*: E.

**iterator()**: Return an iterator of the elements of this list. *Input*: None; *Output*: Iterator<E>.

**listIterator()**: Return a list iterator of the elements in this list<sup>2</sup>. *Input*: None; *Output*: ListIterator<E>.

## ADT Comparator<E>

A comparator provides a means of performing comparisons

<sup>1</sup>GT counterpart throws exception.

<sup>2</sup>No such operation in GT formulation.

between objects of a particular type. It supports the following operation.

**compare**(*a, b*): Return an integer *i* such that  $i < 0$  if  $a < b$ ,  $i = 0$  if  $a = b$  and  $i > 0$  if  $a > b$ . Illegal if *a* and *b* cannot be compared<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: E, E; *Output*: int.

#### ADT Entry<K, V>

An entry encapsulates a *key* and *value*, both of type Object. It supports the following operations.

**getKey**(): Return the key contained in this entry. *Input*: None; *Output*: K.

**getValue**(): Return the value contained in this entry. *Input*: None; *Output*: V.

#### ADT Map<K, V>

A map is a container capable of holding a number of entries. Each entry is a key-value pair. Key values must be distinct. It supports the following operations.

**get**(*k*): If map contains an entry with key equal to *k*, then return the value of that entry, else return null. *Input*: K; *Output*: V.

**put**(*k, v*): If the map does not have an entry with key equal to *k*, add entry (*k, e*) and return null, else, replace with *v* the existing value of the entry and return its old value. *Input*: K, V; *Output*: V.

**remove**(*k*): Remove from the map the entry with key equal to *k* and return its value; if there is no such entry, return null. *Input*: K; *Output*: V.

**iterator**(): Return an iterator of the entries stored in the map<sup>3</sup>. *Input*: None; *Output*: Iterator<Entry<K, V>>.

#### ADT Position<E>

A position represents a “place” within a tree (*i.e.* a node); it contains an *element* (of type E) and supports the following operation.

**element**(): Return the element stored at this position. *Input*: None; *Output*: E.

#### ADT Tree<E>

A tree is a container capable of holding a number of positions (nodes) on which a parent-child relationship is defined. It supports the following operations.

**root**(): Return the root of *T*; illegal if *T* empty<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: None; *Output*: Position<E>.

**parent**(*v*): Return the parent of node *v*; illegal if *v* is root<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: Position<E>; *Output*: Position<E>.

**children**(*v*): Return an iterator of the children of node *v*. *Input*: Position<E>; *Output*: Iterator<Position<E>>.

**isInternal**(*v*): Return boolean indicating if node *v* is internal. *Input*: Position<E>; *Output*: boolean.

**isExternal**(*v*): Return boolean indicating if node *v* is a leaf. *Input*: Position<E>; *Output*: boolean.

**isRoot**(*v*): Return boolean indicating if node *v* is the root. *Input*: Position<E>; *Output*: boolean.

**iterator**(): Return an iterator of the positions(nodes) of *T*<sup>3</sup>. *Input*: None; *Output*: Iterator<Position<E>>.

**replace**(*v, e*): Replace the element stored at node *v* with *e* and return the old element. *Input*: Position<E>, E; *Output*: E.

#### ADT Binary Tree<E>

A binary tree is an extension of a tree in which each node has at most two children. Objects of type ADT Binary Tree

support the operations of the latter type plus the following additional operations.

**left**(*v*): Return the left child of *v*; illegal if *v* has no left child<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: Position<E>; *Output*: Position<E>.

**right**(*v*): Return the right child of *v*; illegal if *v* has no right child<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: Position<E>; *Output*: Position<E>.

**hasLeft**(*v*): Return true if *v* has a left child, false otherwise. *Input*: Position<E>; *Output*: boolean.

**hasRight**(*v*): Return true if *v* has a right child, false otherwise. *Input*: Position<E>; *Output*: boolean.

#### ADT Priority Queue<K, V>

A priority queue is a container capable of holding a number of entries. Each entry is a key-value pair; keys need not be distinct. It supports the following operations.

**insert**(*k, e*): Insert a new entry with key *k* and value *e* into the priority queue and return the new entry. *Input*: K, V; *Output*: Entry.

**min**(): Return, but do not remove, an entry in the priority queue with the smallest key. Illegal if priority queue is empty<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: None; *Output*: Entry.

**removeMin**(): Remove and return an entry in the priority queue with the smallest key. Illegal if priority queue is empty<sup>1</sup>. *Input*: None; *Output*: Entry.

#### Set<E>

**add(newElement)**: Add the specified element to this set if it is not already present. If this set already contains the specified element, the call leaves this set unchanged. *Input*: E; *Output*: None.

**contains(checkElement)**: Return true if this set contains the specified element *i.e.* if checkElement is a member of this set. *Input*: E; *Output*: boolean.

**remove(remElement)**: Remove the specified element from this set if it is present. *Input*: E; *Output*: None.

**addAll(addSet)**: Add all of the elements in the set addSet to this set if the are not already present. The addAll operation effectively modifies this set so that its new value is the union of the two sets. *Input*: Set<E>; *Output*: None.

**containsAll(checkSet)**: Return true if this set contains all of the elements of the specified set *i.e.* returns true if checkSet is a subset of this set. *Input*: Set<E>; *Output*: boolean.

**removeAll(remSet)**: Remove from this set all of its elements that are contained in the specified set. This operation effectively modifies this set so that its new value is the asymmetric set difference of the two sets. *Input*: Set<E>; *Output*: None.

**retainAll(retSet)**: Retain only the elements in this set that are contained in the specified set. This operation effectively modifies this set so that its new value is the intersection of the two sets. *Input*: Set<E>; *Output*: None.

**iterator**(): Return an iterator of the elements in this set. The elements are returned in no particular order. *Input*: None; *Output*: Iterator<E>.

<sup>3</sup>Operation differs from counterpart in GT formulation.