

Q.1 a. Differentiate between %f and %g format specifier with suitable example.

Answer: See the syntax of printf statement in C.

b. Can we implement recursion without using the concept of backtracking? Justify your answer.

Answer: Define backtracking and it is general concept for searching multiple path from a point one after the other. Backtracking is normally required in recursion however there exists many recursive algorithm without backtracking.

c. Write a method to store an arbitrarily large integer in memory.

Answer: Use linked list representation and store most significant 3 or 4 digits in the node pointed to by head significant digits in the node at the tail.

e. What is buddy system and where is it used?

Answer: Refer to Memory management part of the text book.

g. Differentiate between adjacency matrix and incidence matrix representations of graphs.

Answer: Graph representation (Data structure) from books.

Q.2 a. Write an iterative function in C to delete a desired node from a list. Can a recursive function be written for the same?

Answer: See linked list part in the book by either Tenenbaum or Sahani.

b. Write an algorithm to find the second largest value from an array without sorting it.

Answer:

```
L=a[1]
SL= a[2]
if (L< SL)
Swap L and SL
for i = 3 to n
{
    if (a[i] > L)
    {
        SL = L
        L = a[i]
    }
    else if (a[i] > SL)
        SL = a[i]
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}
print L and SL
```

Q.3 a. Explain 03 different ways of representing polynomials in the memory of a computer. Represent the following polynomials using your techniques:

(i) $2x^{100} + 8x + 15$

(ii) $8x^3 - 15x^2 + 2x + 25$

Using your representations, write an algorithm to add two polynomials.

Answer:

(i)

8	3	-15	2	2	1	25	0
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(ii)

8	-15	2	25
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(iii)

8	-15	2	25
3	2	1	0

Note: In method (ii), only Coefficients are stored in the descending order of the degree of terms. Therefore polynomial $8x^5 - 3x^3 + 10x$ will have to be represented as follows.

8	0	-3	0	10	0
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Q.4 a. Adopting the technique used in Quick Sort algorithm to place a key value in its proper position, write an algorithm to find the K^{th} largest element from an array without sorting it.

Answer: Using the technique employed in Quick Sort, if the first key value in an array was placed at the 12^{th} location, 12^{th} largest value is this key value. This technique can be repeatedly used in one of the sublists to find the desired K^{th} largest value.

b. Read the following recursive function and give the output of func(5). Trace the way you have arrived at your result.

```
func (x)
{
  if (x == 1) return 9;
  else if (x == 2) return 11;
  else return (func (x - 1) + func(x - 2));
}
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Answer: Outputs are 9, 11, 20, 31, 51.....; Show the tracing as well.

- Q.6 a. Explain Max-Flow Min-Cut algorithm in the context of network flow problem. What is the application of this technique? Explain your answer with a suitable example.

Answer: Refer to graph algorithm explained in the book of “Horowitz and Sahani”.

- b. What is minimum spanning tree? Write Prim’s algorithm to find the minimum spanning tree of a weighted undirected graph. Modify the algorithm to find the second minimum spanning tree of a graph.

Answer: Refer to graph algorithm explained in the book of “Horowitz and Sahani”.

Text Books

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