CSE220: Midterm Practice Questions

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Exam Rules: You can bring an A4 page of formulas, algorithms, or whatever else you would like to remember with you. Everything there should be in your own hand-writing.

Problem 1 Consider the list 3, 21, 9.5, 0.5, 4.5, 6, 2, 1. Sort this by quicksort. Show the intermediate sequences.

Problem 2 Practice order notations, e.g., Is $n^{loglogn}O(n^{logn})$ or $n^{loglogn}O(n^{logn})$.

Problem 3 Your friend guesses an integer between 0 and N. You can ask questions like is the number less than 100? He will give YES NO answers. How many questions can your friend force you to ask, if you are a smart person?

Problem 4 Suppose your smart friend gives you a technique for merging two sorted arrays into one sorted array in constant time. Analyze the complexity of merge sort using your friends technique.

Problem 5 Suppose you choose the median element in quicksort each time such that you divide in two halves of one-third and two-third. What would the complexity of quick sort be?

Problem 6 I would like to find all elements less than x in an AVL tree. How do we go about it? Analyze the complexity.