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Question 1: Running Time (10 points)

Definition of Big O: Let $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ be functions mapping non-negative integers to real numbers. We say that $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ if there is a real number $c > 0$ and a fixed integer $n_0 \geq 1$ such that $f(n) \leq cg(n)$ for every integer $n \geq n_0$.

A. Explain one reason that algorithm designers should be concerned with the concept of Big O.

B. Explain the role of n_0 in the definition of Big O.

Question 2: Recursion and Big O (10 points)

Examine the pseudocode below. (Recall that integer division rounds down any fractional values to the nearest whole number and that % is the modulus operator which returns the remainder after doing integer division.)

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Algorithm RecursiveFunction(n) // n is an integer
if (n > 0)
    RecursiveFunction(n/2)
    PrintOut(n%2)
endif
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A. What is the output of this algorithm if it is initially called with 10 for n? Explain how you arrived at that answer; that is, show your work, including the call stack for the execution of this function at each step.

B. What is the Big O running time of the algorithm described by that pseudocode? Explain your answer.

Question 3: Arrays and Vectors (30 points)

A. Given a list of objects stored in a sorted array, describe an algorithm to search as efficiently as possible for an object based on a key. (Note that the key type matches the field type by which the array is sorted.) You may describe your algorithm in English, pseudocode, and/or C++ code, as long as your description is clear.

B. What will be the Big O running time of the algorithm you described in Part A? *Why?*

C. Given a list of objects stored in a sorted vector, describe an algorithm to insert a new object as efficiently as possible while keeping the list sorted. You may describe your algorithm in English, pseudocode, and/or C++ code, as long as your description is clear.

D. What will be the Big O running time of the algorithm you described in Part C? *Why?*

E. Given a list of objects stored in a *unsorted* array, describe an algorithm to search as efficiently as possible for an object based on a key. You may describe your algorithm in English, pseudocode, and/or C++ code, as long as your description is clear.

F. What will be the Big O running time of the algorithm you described in Part E? *Why?*

Question 4: Linked Lists (30 points)

A. Given a list of objects stored in a sorted linked list, describe an algorithm to search as efficiently as possible for an object based on a key. (Note that the key type matches the field type by which the linked list is sorted.) You may describe your algorithm in English, pseudocode, and/or C++ code, as long as your description is clear.

B. What will be the Big O running time of the algorithm you described in Part A? *Why?*

C. Given a list of objects stored in a sorted linked list, describe an algorithm to insert a new object as efficiently as possible while keeping the list sorted. You may describe your algorithm in English, pseudocode, and/or C++ code, as long as your description is clear.

D. What will be the Big O running time of the algorithm you described in Part C? *Why?*

E. Given a list of objects stored in a *unsorted* linked list, describe an algorithm to search as efficiently as possible for an object based on a key. You may describe your algorithm in English, pseudocode, and/or C++ code, as long as your description is clear.

F. What will be the Big O running time of the algorithm you described in Part E? *Why?*

Question 5: Stacks & Queues (20 points)

A. What is the primary conceptual difference between a stack and a queue?

B. Briefly describe how to efficiently implement a stack using an array.

C. Briefly describe how to efficiently implement a stack using a linked list.

D. Briefly describe how to efficiently implement a queue using an array.

E. Briefly describe how to efficiently implement a queue using a linked list.