

# Assignment 6

## SFWRENG 2CO3: Data Structures and Algorithms–Winter 2024

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If you *submit* work, then you are certifying that you are aware of the *Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty* policy of this course outlined in this section, that you are aware of the **Academic Integrity Policy**, and that you have completed the submitted work entirely yourself. Furthermore, by submitting work, you agree to automated and manual plagiarism checking of all submitted work.

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**Problem 1.** Consider the sequence of values  $S = [3, 42, 39, 86, 49, 89, 99, 20, 88, 51, 64]$ .

P1.1. Draw the *left-leaning* red-black tree obtained by adding the values in  $S$  in sequence. Show each step.

P1.2. Consider the hash function  $h(x) = (x + 7) \bmod 13$  a hash-table of 13 table entries that uses hashing with separate chaining. Draw the hash-table obtained by adding the values in  $S$  in sequence. Show each step.

P1.3. Consider the hash function  $h(x) = (x + 7) \bmod 13$  a hash-table of 13 table entries that uses hashing with linear probing. Draw the hash-table obtained by adding the values in  $S$  in sequence. Show each step.

Do *not* spend time drawing beautiful trees or tables: a clear textual representation is good enough.

**Problem 2.** Consider a list  $L$  of  $N$  sorted values. Show how to construct a *valid* left-leaning red-black tree holding the values in  $L$  in  $\Theta(N)$ .

**Problem 3.** Consider a set of strings  $S$ . We want to figure out whether  $S$  has duplicates efficiently. We do not want to do so by sorting  $S$  and then checking for duplicates: comparing strings can be a lot of work (e.g., they might differ in only a single character).

Assume that you have a hash function  $h$  that can compute a suitable hash code for any string  $s \in S$  in  $\mathcal{O}(|s|)$ . Show how one can use hashing to find whether  $S$  has duplicates without performing many comparisons between strings. Your algorithm should have an expected runtime of  $\mathcal{O}(|S|)$  in which  $|S| = \sum_{s \in S} |s|$  represents the total length of all strings in  $S$ .

## Assignment Details

Write a report in which you solve each of the above problems. Your submission:

1. must start with your name, student number, and MacID;
2. must be a PDF file;
3. must have clearly labeled solutions to each of the stated problems;
4. must be clearly presented;
5. must *not* be hand-written: prepare your report in  $\text{\LaTeX}$  or in a word processor such as Microsoft Word (that can print or export to PDF).

**Submissions that do not follow the above requirements will get a grade of zero.**

## Grading

Each problem counts equally toward the final grade of this assignment.