



**MCA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: NOV/ DEC 2024**

(Regulation 2024)

First Semester

**MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS**

24CAI501: Data Structures and Algorithms

**COURSE OUTCOMES**

- CO1: Understand the fundamental concepts and the implementation of algorithms in problem-solving contexts.
- CO2: Apply linear and non-linear data structures in various practical applications.
- CO3: Analyze the representation of different types of data structures and implement them in hierarchical data management.
- CO4: Analyze the efficiency of various algorithms and evaluate their performance for efficient memory usage and algorithmic performance in solving problems.
- CO5: Develop programs by applying various techniques to optimize data organization and retrieval.

**Time: Three Hours**

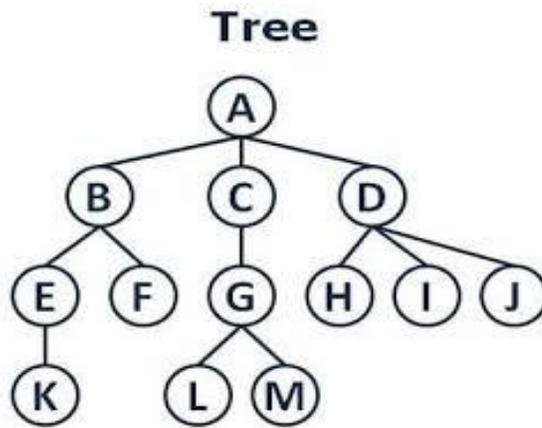
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**PART A (4\*20 = 80 Marks)**

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| 1. a) | What are the characteristics of an algorithm?  | 2 | CO1 | [K <sub>1</sub> ] |
| b)    | What is the running time for the following program fragment:<br><pre>for(i=0;i&lt;n;i++)   A[i] = 0; for(i=0;i&lt;n;i++)   for(j=0;j&lt;n;j++)     A[i] = A[i] + 10;</pre> | 2 | CO1 | [K <sub>1</sub> ] |
| c)    | Write an algorithm for searching for an element among the list of elements.<br>Show how element 10 is searched for among 24, 3, 14, 10, 8, 12, 14.                         | 4 | CO1 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| d)    | Write short notes on how the asymptotic notations are used to compare and rank orders of growth with respect to various algorithms.  | 4 | CO1 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |

- e) Enumerate the steps to be followed for Mathematical Analysis of non-recursive algorithms. Show how the mathematical analysis is done for an algorithm that finds a maximum element among the list of 10 elements. 8 CO1 [K<sub>3</sub>]
2. a) Are linked lists more efficient than arrays? Justify your answer. 2 CO2 [K<sub>2</sub>]  
 b) Give the structure of a doubly linked list that may be used for storing roll number and name of the student. [Treat roll number and name of the student as separate members] 2 CO2 [K<sub>2</sub>]  
 c) Write routines for the Enqueue and Dequeue functions of a Queue using Arrays. 6 CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]  
 d) Write a C program to convert an infix expression to postfix expression. Show how the infix expression,  $(a + b) * c$  is converted to postfix expression. 10 CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]

3. a) Find the height of node G and depth of node H for the tree: 2 CO3 [K<sub>2</sub>]

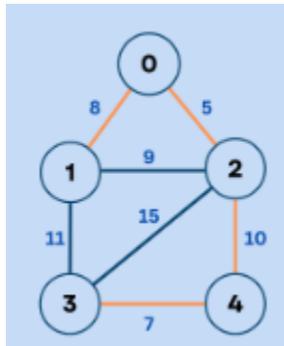


- b) What data structure is used by the depth first search algorithm and breadth first search algorithm? 2 CO3 [K<sub>2</sub>]  
 c) Write a C program to insert a node into a Binary Search Tree. Analyze the program for its efficiency. 8 CO4 [K<sub>3</sub>]  
 d) Write a C program to find a given element from a Binary Search Tree. Analyze the program for its efficiency. 8 CO4 [K<sub>3</sub>]
4. a) What is a collision in hashing, and what are the techniques used to resolve it? 2 CO1 [K<sub>1</sub>]  
 b) Compare linear search and binary search techniques. Which one is more efficient, and under what conditions? 2 CO4 [K<sub>2</sub>]

- c) Given input {371, 323, 173, 199, 344, 679, 989} and a hash function  $h(X) = X \pmod{10}$ , show the separate chaining hash table. 6 CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]
- d) Write a C program to implement Quick Sort. Show how the elements 18, 11, 14, 19, 10, 13, 15, 12, 17, 16 are sorted using Quick Sort algorithm. 10 CO5 [K<sub>3</sub>]

**Answer any ONE Question**  
**PART B (1\*20 = 20 Marks)**

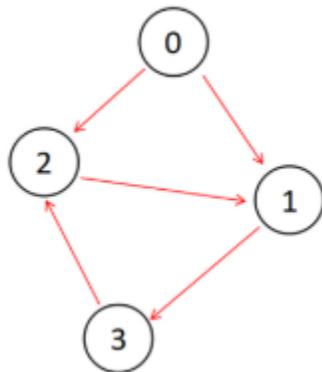
5. a) Describe depth-first and breadth-first traversal of Graphs with simple diagrams. 8 CO2 [K<sub>2</sub>]
- b) Find the Minimum Spanning Tree for the Graph given below using Prim's and Kruskal's algorithm: 12 CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]



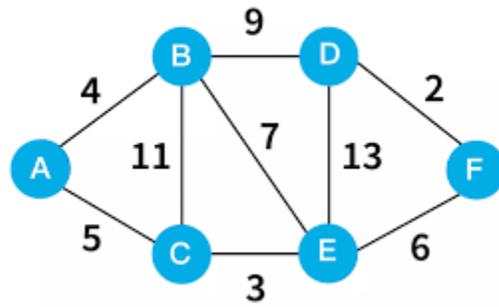
[Consider node 1 as the start node for Prim's algorithm]

OR

6. a) Explain Warshall's algorithm and find the Transitive Closure for the following Graph: 8 CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]



- b) Find the Shortest Path using the Dijkstra's algorithm for the Graph given 12 CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]  
below:



[Note: Consider node A as the source node]

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