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## Algorithms Theory, Assignment 5

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- The solutions can be submitted in English or German
- You are required to submit your own solution.
- You are allowed to discuss your solutions with each other. Nevertheless, you are required to write down the answers in your own words.

### Exercise 5.1 - Fibonacci Heaps

[Points: 5]

Execute the following operations on an initially empty Fibonacci heap:

*insert*(18), *insert*(14), *insert*(17), *insert*(28), *insert*(32),  
*insert*(37), *insert*(25), *insert*(36), *insert*(53), *insert*(40),  
*deletemin*(), *decreasekey*(40, 30), *delete*(36), *deletemin*() .

For all intermediate steps, illustrate the resulting Fibonacci heap. New elements should always be inserted to the right of the current minimum. The consolidation operation after *deleteMin*() starts with the next element on the right hand side of the deleted minimum.

### Exercise 5.2 - Fibonacci Heaps

[Points: 5]

Show that the following claim is *not* true:

The maximum height of a tree within a Fibonacci Heap with  $n$  nodes is  $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ .

Proceed as follows: For an arbitrary  $n > 0$  give a sequence of operations that creates a Fibonacci heap finally consisting of one tree that is a linear chain of  $n$  nodes.

### Exercise 5.3 - Disjoint-set forests

[Points: 3+2]

Consider the implementation of disjoint sets, where sets are represented by rooted trees as in the lecture.

- Give a sequence of  $m$  *makeSet*, *union*, and *findSet* operations,  $n$  of which are *makeSet* operations, that require in total  $\Theta(m \lg n)$  time. You are allowed to use union by rank, but *findSet* *without* path compression only.
- Give an iterative version of the *findSet* procedure (with path compression).

### Exercise 5.4 - Ackerman Function

[Points: 5]

The Ackerman function  $A : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(0, j) &= j + 1 \\
 A(k, j) &= A^{(j+1)}(k-1, j) \quad \text{for } k \geq 1 \\
 \text{where } A^{i+1}(k, j) &:= A(k, A^i(k, j)) \text{ and } A^1(k, j) = A(k, j)
 \end{aligned}$$

Prove that  $A(k+1, j) \geq A(k, j)$  for any  $k, j \geq 0$ .