

**Due** 12:00, June 5th, 2020

**Exercise 1** Doubling search

4 Points

Recall the doubling binary search method from class, with running time  $2 \log_2 d$ , where  $d$  is the *rank* of the searched element. Show that this running time can be improved to  $\log_2 d + o(\log d)$ .

*Bonus question (+3p):* What is the best you can achieve?

**Exercise 2** Adaptive sorting

3+3 Points

Given is a list  $A = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  of elements from an ordered set. We want to show that  $A$  can be sorted faster than the worst case  $\Theta(n \log n)$ , if it has some structure. Show that  $A$  can be sorted in time:

- (a)  $O(n \log k)$ , if  $A$  consists of  $k$  increasing *runs*. A run is a contiguous increasing subsequence  $a_i \leq a_{i+1} \leq \dots \leq a_j$ .
- (b)  $O(n \log d)$ , where  $d$  is the *average rank difference* between neighboring elements. The rank difference between two neighbors  $a_i$  and  $a_{i+1}$  is the number of elements in  $A$  that are at least  $\min(a_i, a_{i+1})$  and at most  $\max(a_i, a_{i+1})$ .

**Exercise 3** Jordan sequence

2 Points

A Jordan sequence is obtained by numbering the intersections between a curve (no self-intersections) and a horizontal line, in the order they appear on the curve, and reading the numbers out in left-to-right order on the line. Show that the following sequence is a Jordan sequence. Give an example short sequence that is not a Jordan sequence.

11, 1, 10, 7, 4, 3, 8, 9, 2, 12, 13, 5, 6, 14, 16, 15

**Exercise 4** Programming exercise

(30 Points altogether)

This exercise is ongoing for 3 weeks (deadline: June 29th). Please decide on a topic.

*Total: 12 points. Have fun with the solutions!*