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CS-E3190 Principles of Algorithmic Techniques (5 cr)
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Write down on each answer sheet:

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- The text: “CS-E3190 Principles of Algorithmic Techniques 7.6.2018”
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Note: You can write down your answers in either Finnish, Swedish, or English.

1. Arrange the following functions according to their increasing order of growth:

$$n, \sqrt{n} \log(n^2), 2^n, n^{(\log n)}, \log n, n/\log n, \\ (\log n)/n, n \log \log n, n!, (\sqrt{n})^{\sqrt{n}}, 42, n^{1/2} + n^{1/3}.$$

(Notation $\log n$ denotes here logarithm in base 2.) You do not need to prove the correctness of your ordering. 12p

2. How many lines (as a function of n) does the following program print? Derive a recurrence and solve it exactly. You may assume that n is a power of 2.

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function f(n)
  if n > 1:
    print_line('foobar')
    f(n/2)
    f(n/2)
    f(n/2)
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12p

3. Two teams, A and B , are playing a tournament where the goal is to win n games, for some fixed value of n . Suppose that for any given game, both of the teams have a 50% chance of winning, and that they have already played $k = i + j$ games, of which A has won $i < n$ and B has won $j < n$. Design a dynamic programming algorithm to determine the probability that from such an initial state, A will go on to win the tournament. 15p
4. A mouse wishes to eat a cubical piece of cheese. Being a very systematic little animal, she divides the cube in her mind into $3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27$ subcubes, and plans to proceed so that she starts in one of the corner cubes, eats one full subcube at a time, always proceeds to a neighbouring cube, and finishes at the central subcube. Can the mouse succeed in this plan? (Provide a justified answer.) 15p