



- c) A problem in which the goal is to find the largest set of vertices that covers all edges in a graph.
- (vii) State, in the greedy algorithm for the set-covering problem, what is the criterion for choosing the next set to include in the cover?
- a) Choose the set that contains the most uncovered vertices.
- b) Choose the set that contains the most uncovered edges.
- c) Choose the set that contains the fewest uncovered vertices.
- d) Choose the set that contains the fewest uncovered edges.
- (viii) Choose, which of the following is true about the vertex cover problem on a tree?
- a) The optimal vertex cover has size  $n/2$ , where  $n$  is the number of vertices in the tree.
- b) The optimal vertex cover has size  $\log n$ , where  $n$  is the number of vertices in the tree.
- c) The optimal vertex cover has size 2, regardless of the number of vertices in the tree.
- d) The optimal vertex cover has size 1, regardless of the number of vertices in the tree.
- (ix) Select, which of the following is true about the vertex cover problem on a bipartite graph?
- a) The optimal vertex cover has size  $n/2$ , where  $n$  is the number of vertices in the graph.
- b) The optimal vertex cover has size  $\log n$ , where  $n$  is the number of vertices in the graph.
- c) The optimal vertex cover has size 2, regardless of the number of vertices in the graph.
- d) The optimal vertex cover has size 1, regardless of the number of vertices in the graph.
- (x) Write the objective of K-center clustering?
- a) To minimize the distance between data points in each cluster.
- b) To maximize the distance between data points in each cluster.
- c) To minimize the maximum distance between a data point and its assigned center.
- d) To maximize the maximum distance between a data point and its assigned center.
- (xi) Identify the difference between NP-complete and NP-hard?
- a) NP-complete problems are a subset of NP-hard problems.
- b) NP-hard problems are a subset of NP-complete problems.
- c) NP-complete problems can be solved in polynomial time.
- d) NP-hard problems can be solved in polynomial time.
- (xii) Select which of the following is true about the clique problem?
- a) It can be solved in polynomial time for any graph.
- b) It can be solved in polynomial time for some special graphs.
- c) It is an NP-hard problem.
- d) It is an NP-complete problem.
- (xiii) Choose which of the following is true about the space complexity of finding maximum cliques in a graph?
- a) It is always polynomial in the size of the graph.
- b) It is always exponential in the size of the graph.
- c) It depends on the algorithm used.
- d) It is always constant.
- (xiv) State the current trend in algorithm design?
- a) Increasing reliance on brute force approaches.
- b) Focusing on optimization techniques.
- c) Increasing use of machine learning algorithms.
- d) Decreasing use of heuristic algorithms.
- (xv) Choose which of the following is an example of a clustering algorithm?
- a) Linear regression.
- b) K-means clustering.
- c) Decision tree.
- d) Support vector machine.

**Group-B**  
(Short Answer Type Questions)

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2. Write the basic characteristic of dynamic programming? (3)
3. Identify the optimal parenthesization of a matrix chain product whose sequence of dimensions is (5, 10, 3, 12, 5, 50, 6). Give an algorithm of the above procedure. Analyze its complexity. (3)
4. Define the SAT problem? (3)
5. Discuss the significance of Floyd-Warshall algorithm in real-world applications. (3)
6. Compare and contrast the time complexity of the Naïve String Matching Algorithm and the KMP algorithm. (3)

**OR**

Analyze the impact of pattern length on the performance of the Rabin-Karp Algorithm. (3)

**Group-C**  
(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

7. Explain interpolation problem in detail. (5)
8. Apply the Naïve String Matching Algorithm to find all occurrences of the pattern "aba" in the text "ababababab". Provide a step-by-step explanation of your approach, including the comparisons made at each step. (5)
9. Illustrate any three graph applications with algorithms. (5)
10. Compare Brute Force Algorithm, Greedy technique and dynamic programming method in solving traveling salesman problem. (5)
11. Discuss all pair shortest path using Floyd Warshall Algorithm. (5)
12. Summarize the K-center clustering problem and elaborate on its significance in data clustering and approximation algorithms. (5)

**OR**

Evaluate the concept of finding the global Minimum Cut in graph theory and algorithm design. (5)

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