1. Consider an n-node treap T. As in the lecture notes, we identify nodes in T by the ranks of their search keys; for example, 'node 5' means the node with the 5th smallest search key. Let i, j, k be integers such that $1 \le i \le j \le k \le n$.

   (a) What is the *exact* probability that node j is a common ancestor of node i and node k?

   (b) What is the *exact* expected length of the unique path in T from node i to node k?

   Don't forget to prove that your answers are correct!

2. A *meldable priority queue* stores a set of keys from some totally-ordered universe (such as the integers) and supports the following operations:

   - MAKEQUEUE: Return a new priority queue containing the empty set.
   - FINDMIN(Q): Return the smallest element of Q (if any).
   - DELETEMIN(Q): Remove the smallest element in Q (if any).
   - INSERT(Q, x): Insert element x into Q, if it is not already there.
   - DECREASEKEY(Q, x, y): Replace an element $x \in Q$ with a smaller key y. (If $y > x$, the operation fails.) The input is a pointer directly to the node in Q containing x.
   - DELETE(Q, x): Delete the element $x \in Q$. The input is a pointer directly to the node in Q containing x.
   - MELD(Q_1, Q_2): Return a new priority queue containing all the elements of Q_1 and Q_2; this operation destroys Q_1 and Q_2.

   A simple way to implement such a data structure is to use a heap-ordered binary tree, where each node stores a key, along with pointers to its parent and two children. MELD can be implemented using the following randomized algorithm:

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MELD(Q1, Q2):
  if Q1 is empty return Q2
  if Q2 is empty return Q1
  if key(Q1) > key(Q2)
      swap Q1 ↔ Q2
  with probability 1/2
      left(Q1) ← MELD(left(Q1), Q2)
  else
      right(Q1) ← MELD(right(Q1), Q2)
  return Q1
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   (a) Prove that for *any* heap-ordered binary trees Q_1 and Q_2 (not just those constructed by the operations listed above), the expected running time of MELD(Q_1, Q_2) is $O(\log n)$, where $n = |Q_1| + |Q_2|$. *[Hint: How long is a random root-to-leaf path in an n-node binary tree if each left/right choice is made with equal probability?]*

   (b) Show that each of the other meldable priority queue operations can be implemented with at most one call to MELD and $O(1)$ additional time. (This implies that every operation takes $O(\log n)$ expected time.)