

Problem 1. Manam (15 marks)

The Manam language belongs to the Oceanic branch of the Austronesian language family. It is spoken by around 8,000 people in Manam Island, off the north coast of Papua New Guinea.

Kinship terms, the words we use to describe the familial relationships between people, are very different in Manam compared to English. For example, where English has three words which can be used to describe the relationship between two people with the same parents (*sibling*, *brother*, *sister*), Manam has four: **a'o**, **marau**, **tari**, and **to'a**. Of these, **marau** is the closest in meaning to the English *sibling*, though it is mostly used between siblings of different sexes; and like all four of these words, it can also be used to refer to any non-marriageable relative.

This problem is composed of two parts. Each part can be fully solved without solving the other part, though solving one part may help with solving the other.

The table below shows which of the three kinship terms **a'o**, **tari**, and **to'a** would be used to describe the relationship between three sisters and three brothers in a Manam family. Each cell indicates how the person at the top of the column is related to the leftmost person; for example, Mamboti is Tsedam's **a'o**.

	Tsedam	Lakia	Mamboti	Kakodo	Baliau	Aibobe
Tsedam		__(a)__	a'o	tari	to'a	tari
Lakia	__(b)__		__(c)__	__(d)__	tari	a'o
Mamboti	to'a			to'a		
Kakodo	to'a		tari		to'a	a'o
Baliau	a'o		__(e)__	tari		__(f)__
Aibobe		__(g)__		to'a	to'a	

Q 1.1 Fill in the gaps (a) – (g).

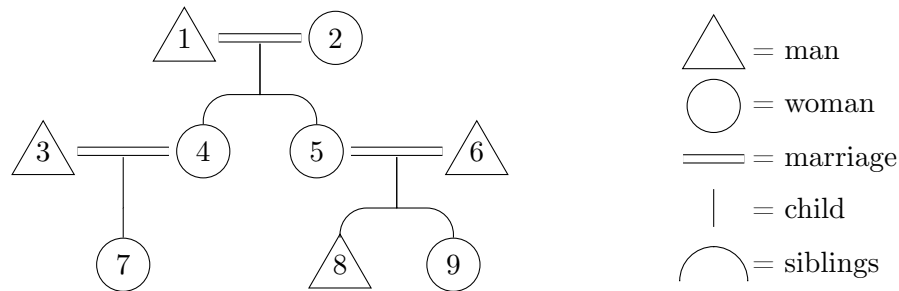
Q 1.2 Briefly describe how each of the terms **a'o**, **tari**, and **to'a** are used. Briefly but clearly, state any relevant aspect or aspects that you cannot deduce from the data above.

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The table below shows which kinship terms would be used to describe the relationship between nine people in another Manam family. Each cell indicates how the person at the top of the column is related to the leftmost person; for example, Bazaba is Ainda's **tina**.

	Bazaba	Bobong	Gabuzi	Kauke	Maswash	Sagido	'Unwage	Zabe
Ainda	tina	a'o	tama	__(h)__			tubu	marau
Bazaba			roa	tama	adia	a'o	tina	elukwa
Bobong				tubu	tama	tina		marau
Gabuzi				rawa		adia	rawa	
Kauke						natu	roa	tubu
Maswash						roa	__(i)__	natu
Sagido							__(j)__	natu
'Unwage								tubu

Below is the family tree of this Manam family.



Q 1.3 Fill in the family tree with the correct names. You are told that 9 = Bobong.

Q 1.4 Fill in the gaps (h) – (j).

A kinship term *K* is called reciprocal if, whenever Person A is Person B's *K*, then Person B is also Person A's *K*; for example, *sibling* and *cousin* are reciprocal, while *mother* and *sister* are not.

Q 1.5 Beside **marau**, exactly three more of the Manam kinship terms in the table above are reciprocal. List them, and describe their meanings.

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Problem 1. Manam Answers

1.1	a. to'a	d. a'o	f. tari
	b. tari	e. a'o	g. to'a
	c. tari		

1.2	a'o = older* sibling of the same sex
	tari = older* sibling of a different sex
	to'a = younger* sibling
	Extra space if necessary: It isn't possible to distinguish older/younger in the problem. In fact, any linear hierarchy could be possible.

1.3	1. Kauke	4. Bazaba	7. Ainda
	2. 'Unwage	5. Sagido	8. Zabe
	3. Gabuzi	6. Maswash	9. Bobong

1.4	h. tubu	i. rawa	j. tina
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	Term	Meaning
1.5	tubu	<i>grandparent/grandchild</i>
	adia	<i>wife's sister and sister's husband</i>
	roa	<i>spouse</i>

Max 30.

Q 1.1 Max 7. 1 pt if correct.

Q 1.2 Max 7. Sex assignment: for each, 1 pt for correct sex assignment.

Age hierarchy: 4 pts if correct and the ambiguity in hierarchy is correct. 2 pts if all answers are correct, but no ambiguity mentioned. 2 pts if the ambiguity is correctly mentioned, but the answers are wrong. 0 pts otherwise.

Q 1.3 Max 7. 1 pt for each correct answer, after the first correct answer.

Q 1.4 Max 3. 1 pt for each correct.

Q 1.5 Max 6. For each term: 1 pt if correct Manam term, 1 pt if correctly described. Allow any correct description.

Problem 1. Manam Commentary

This problem features the following Manam kinship terms:

- ± 2 generations:
 - **tubu** is used for both *grandparent* and *grandchild*
- ± 1 generation:
 - **tina** = *mother*, but it is also used for any woman of a senior generation and of the maternal kindred of the speaker.
 - **tama** = *father*
 - **natu** = *child*
 - **rawa** = *parent-in-law*
 - **elukwa** = *sister's son*; more generally, it is used for maternal kin, especially *sister's son* and *mother's brother*.
- Same generation:
 - **a'o** = *older sibling/cousin of the same sex*
 - **tari** = *older sibling/cousin of a different sex*
 - **to'a** = *younger sibling*
 - **adia** = *wife's sister* and *sister's husband*
 - **roa** = *spouse*

References and further reading:

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