HackerRank For Work

Fall_2017_INFO6205_Quiz_8 45 minutes

Question - 1

SCORE: **5 points**

What does MergeSort have in common with QuickSort

Using your knowledge of MergeSort and QuickSort, choose which of the following statements is true.

- [x] They each tend to be O(n log n) in the average case; they are both recursive, operating on two or more partitions.
- [ ] They are both "stable"sorts
- [ ] They both use a lot of extra memory
- [ ] Unlike Quicksort, MergeSort can benefit from having a recursion cutoff which uses InsertionSort.

Question - 2

SCORE: **4 points**

Quick sort randomization step

Why does quick sort shuffle the input before starting work? Isn't that counter-productive?

Question - 3

SCORE: **5 points**

Minimum number of compares

What is the theoretical minimum number of compares that a sort algorithm must perform when data is randomly shuffled prior to the sort?

- [ ] n
- [ ] n^2
- [x] n lg n
- [ ] n!

Question - 4

SCORE: **30 points**

Quick Sort Three Way Implementation

Implement the quick sort using 3-way partitioning implementation, also you are required to do the insertion sort cutoff using the provided insertion sort function.

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Cutoff to insertion sort: As with most recursive
algorithms, an easy way to improve the
performance of quicksort is based on the
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following two observations:
- Quicksort is slower than insertion sort for tiny subarrays.
- Being recursive, quicksort's sort() is certain to call itself for tiny subarrays. Accordingly, it pays to switch to insertion sort for tiny subarrays.

Sample Input
5
5 4 3 1 2

The first line is size of the array.
The second line is the value of the intergers in the array, ie. The elements in the array

Sample output:
1 2 3 4 5
The output is the sorted array

Please note: you are not allowed to use the Arrays.sort() method.