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Minimal-sum section problem

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1 Problem: minimal-sum section

1.1 The problem and the solution

Let $a[0], \dots, a[n-1]$ be the integer values of an array a . A section of a is a continuous piece $a[i], \dots, a[j]$, where $0 \leq i \leq j < n$. We write $S_{i,j}$ for the sum of that section: $a[i] + a[i+1] + \dots + a[j]$. A minimal-sum section is a section $a[i], \dots, a[j]$ of a such that the sum $S_{i,j}$ is less than or equal to the sum $S_{i',j'}$ of any other section $a[i'], \dots, a[j']$ of a .

1.2 Pseudo code

Listing 1: Pseudo code of minimal section algorithm

```
1 k = 1;  
2 t = a[0];  
3 s = a[0];  
4 while (k != n) {  
5   t = min(t + a[k], a[k]);  
6   s = min(s, t);  
7   k = k + 1;  
8 }
```

1.3 C++ code for minimal-sum section algorithm

Listing 2: Minimal-sum using C++ implementation.

```
1 #include<iostream>
2 #include<string>
3 #include<fstream>
4 #include<cmath>
5 #include<cstdio>
6 #include <algorithm>
7
8 using namespace std;
9
10 bool read_file(ifstream &infile, int *a, int&N)
11 {
12     if(!infile) return false;
13     infile>>N;
14     a=new int[N];
15     for (int i=0;i<N;i++)
16         infile>>a[i];
17     return true;
18 }
19
20 int main(int argc, char* argv[])
21 {
22     ifstream infile;
23
24     int N;
25     int i=0;
26     int *a;
27     do
28     {
29         infile.open(argv[++i]);
30         if(read_file(infile, a, N))
31         {
32             int k = 1;
33             int t = a[0];
34             int s = a[0];
35             while (k != N) {
36                 t = min(t + a[k], a[k]);
37                 s = min(s, t);
38                 k++;
39             }
40             cout<<s<<endl;
41         }
42         infile.close();
43     }while (infile);
44
45
46     return 0;
47 }
```

2 The following problems with the algorithm

2.1 If we swap the first and second assignment in the while-statement of Min Sum, so that it first assigns to s and then to t, is the program still correct? Justify your answer.(Question 4.3.22)

Note: This definition is used for the following problems.

$$\text{Inv1}(s, k) = \forall i, j (0 \leq i \leq j < k \rightarrow s \leq S_{i,j})$$

If we swap the placements of those two variables, the program will be incorrect. The outcome value (s) will not calculate the element a[n] in the minimal-sum section since we consider the loop:

```
while (k!=n){  
   $\langle \text{Inv1}(s,k) \wedge \text{Inv2}(t,k) \wedge k \neq n \rangle$   
  s = min(s,t);  
   $\langle \text{Inv1}(\min(s,t),k) \wedge \text{Inv2}(\min(t + a[k],a[k]),k+1) \rangle$   
  t = min(t + a[k], a[k]);  
   $\langle \text{Inv1}(\min(s,t),k) \wedge \text{Inv2}(t,k+1) \rangle$   
  k = k + 1;  
   $\langle \text{Inv1}(s, k-1) \wedge \text{Inv2}(t, k) \rangle \} \langle \text{Inv1}(s, k) \wedge \text{Inv2}(t, k) \wedge \neg \neg(k = n) \rangle$ 
```

Conclusion: The outcome value (s) is only correct with n-1 elements in the array. If the algorithm is changed this way, it is incorrect.

2.2 Prove the partial correctness of S2 for Min_Sum.

Note: Both the following definitions are used for the following problems.

S1.(T) Min_Sum $\langle \forall i, j (0 \leq i \leq j < n \rightarrow s = S_{i,j}) \rangle$

S2.(T) Min_Sum $\langle \exists i, j (0 \leq i \leq j < n \wedge s = S_{i,j}) \rangle$

$\langle T \rangle$

$\langle a[1] = S(1,1) \rangle$

Implied

$\langle \exists i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge a[1] = S(i,j)) \rangle$

Implied

$k = 2;$

$t = a[1]$

$s = a[1]$

$\langle \exists i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge s = S(i,j)) \rangle$

Assignment

while ($k \neq n$) {

$\langle \exists i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge s = S(i,j)) \rangle$

Invariant Hyp. \wedge guard

$\langle \exists i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge \min(s, \min(t+a[k], a[k])) = S(i,j)) \rangle$

Implied

$t = \min(t+a[k], a[k]);$

$\langle \exists i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge \min(s, t) = S(i,j)) \rangle$

Assignment

$s = \min(s, t);$

$\langle \exists i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge s = S(i,j)) \rangle$

Assignment

$k = k + 1;$

$\langle \exists i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge s = S(i,j)) \rangle$

Assignment

}

$\langle \exists i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge s = S(i,j)) \rangle$

Partial while

2.3 The program Min Sum does not reveal where a minimal-sum section may be found in an input array. Adapt Min_Sum to achieve that. Can you do this with a single pass through the array?

Finding the section with a single pass through the array is not complicated. We add two lines to store the addresses of the beginning and the ending point of the section into 2 variables "start" and "end":

```
if (a[k]==t)start=k;
```

```
if (s==t)end=k;
```

The loop will be like this:

```
while (k != N) {  
    t = min(t + a[k], a[k]);  
    if (a[k]==t)start=k;  
    s = min(s, t);  
    if (s==t)end=k;  
    k++;  
}
```

Simply, the "start" will be assigned as k whenever the new element is the better suitable beginning for the minimal-sum section. And when the program found the better minimal-sum section than the old "s" has, "end" variable will be assigned as the current k.

2.4 Consider the proof rule

$$\frac{(\phi)C(\phi_1) \quad (\phi)C(\phi_2)}{(\phi)C(\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2)} \text{Conj}$$

Explain how this rule, or its derived version, is used to establish the overall correctness of Min_Sum.

We consider ϕ (Inv(a[0],1)). After the implementation of Min_Sum, ϕ is Inv1(s, k) and Inv2(t, k). They are considered ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 . Hence, the proof rule is used as:

$$(\text{Inv}(a[0],1) \wedge \text{Min_Sum}) \wedge (\text{Inv}(a[0],1) \wedge \text{Min_Sum}) \wedge (\text{Inv}(a[0],1) \wedge \text{Inv}(s,k) \wedge \text{Inv}(t,k))$$

The conjunction is used from the beginning of the algorithm in $(\text{Inv}(a[0],1) \wedge \text{Inv}(a[0],1))$ and the program keeps processing until it achieves the result.

2.5 Prove total correctness of S1 and S2 for Min Sum

S1:

$\langle T \rangle$

$\langle a[1] = S(1,1) \rangle$

Implied

$\langle \forall i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge a[1] = S(i,j)) \rangle$

Implied

$k = 2;$

$t = a[1];$

$s = a[1];$

$\langle \forall i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge s = S(i,j)) \rangle$

Assignment

while ($k \neq n$) {

$\langle \forall i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge s = S(i,j)) \wedge 0 \leq n-k < n-1 \rangle$

Invariant Hyp. \wedge guard

$\langle \forall i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge \min(s, \min(t+a[k], a[k])) = S(i,j) \wedge 0 \leq n+1-k < n-1) \rangle$

Implied

$t = \min(t+a[k], a[k]);$

$\langle \forall i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge \min(s, t) = S(i,j) \wedge 0 \leq n-k < n-2) \rangle$

Assignment

$s = \min(s, t);$

$\langle \forall i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge s = S(i,j) \wedge 0 \leq n-k < n-2) \rangle$

Assignment

$k = k+1;$

$\langle \forall i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge s = S(i,j) \wedge 0 \leq n-k-1 < n-2) \rangle$

Assignment

}

$\langle \forall i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge s = S(i,j) \wedge k = n) \rangle$

Total while

S2:	
$\langle T \rangle$	
$\langle a[1] = S(1,1) \rangle$	Implied
$\langle \exists i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge a[1] = S(i,j)) \rangle$	Implied
$k = 2;$	
$t = a[1];$	
$s = a[1];$	
$\langle \exists i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge s = S(i,j)) \rangle$	Assignment
while ($k \neq n$) {	
$\langle \exists i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge s = S(i,j)) \wedge 0 \leq n-k < n-1 \rangle$	Invariant Hyp. \wedge guard
$\langle \exists i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge \min(s, \min(t+a[k], a[k])) = S(i,j) \wedge 0 \leq n-k < n-1) \rangle$	Implied
$t = \min(t+a[k], a[k]);$	
$\langle \exists i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge \min(s, t) = S(i,j) \wedge 0 \leq n-k < n-2) \rangle$	Assignment
$s = \min(s, t);$	
$\langle \exists i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge s = S(i,j) \wedge 0 \leq n-k < n-2) \rangle$	Assignment
$k = k+1;$	
$\langle \exists i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge s = S(i,j) \wedge 0 \leq n-k-1 < n-2) \rangle$	Assignment
}	
$\langle \exists i, j (i \leq j \leq n \wedge s = S(i,j) \wedge k = n) \rangle$	Total while

Tài liệu

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