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INSTRUCTIONS

Students should feel free to discuss these problems.

KEY CONCEPTS Sorting, Asymptotic notation, loop invariants.

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1. For each of the following claims, say whether it is true or false, and give a short explanation (2 points correct answer, 2 points explanation).
  - (a)  $2^n \in O(n!)$
  - (b)  $2^n \in o(n!)$
  - (c)  $2^{2n} \in O(2^n)$
  - (d)  $(n^2 + n + 3)^3 \in \Theta(n^6)$ .
  - (e)  $\sum_{i=1}^{\lceil \log_2 n \rceil} n/2^i \in \Theta(n)$ .
2. As part of selection sort, we saw how to find the minimum element of an array  $A[1..n]$  of distinct integers using  $n - 1$  comparisons. We could also find the maximum element of the array using the same number of comparisons.
  - (a) (10 points) Give an algorithm that finds BOTH the maximum and minimum value in the array using exactly  $3n/2 - 2$  comparisons for a list with  $n$  elements. (assume that  $n$  is even.).
  - (b) State and prove a loop invariant for this algorithm, and use it to conclude your algorithm is correct.
  - (c) Explain carefully the number of comparisons this algorithm uses (exact, not just order)
  - (d) Design a sorting algorithm (related to SelectionSort) that uses the algorithm from part a as a subroutine.
  - (e) Recall that SelectionSort does  $n(n - 1)/2$  comparisons for any input of size  $n$ . How many comparisons does your algorithm from part b do for an input of size  $n$ ? (You can assume that  $n$  is an even number.)
3. For each algorithm, compute the exact number of times the algorithm prints in terms of  $n$  and compute the runtime in terms of  $\Theta$ , where  $n \geq 3$ . (show your work.)
  - (a) 

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for i = 1 to n:
    for j = 1 to i - 1:
        print (i, j)
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  - (b) 

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i = 0
j = 0
while i < n:
    print i.
    i = i + 2j + 1
    j = j + 1
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  - (c) 

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for i = 1 to n - 2:
    for j = i + 1 to n - 1:
        for k = j + 1 to n:
            print (i, j, k)
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4. State if each statement is true or false and give a justification either way. (you may use any of the methods used in class including the limit rules.)

(a)  $n/2 + n/3 + n/4 + \dots + n/n \in O(n)$

*Hint: You can use the fact that the harmonic series is divergent in your proof.*

(b)  $2^{\log_2(n)} = O(2^{\log_4(n)})$

(c)  $(\sqrt{n} + \sqrt[3]{n})^2 \in O(n \log n)$

(d)  $n! \in O(n^n)$

(e)  $1 + 4 + 4^2 + 4^3 + \dots + 4^n \in \Theta(4^n)$

(f)  $1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 \in O(n^2)$ .

5. Design a “binary search style” algorithm for the following problem: The input is an array of integers  $A[1..n]$  so that  $A[1] > A[n]$ . The problem is to find an integer  $I$  so that  $1 \leq I \leq n - 1$  and  $A[I] > A[I + 1]$ , i.e., a particular place where the list is not sorted. Use loop invariants to show that your algorithm correctly solves this problem, and that it takes  $O(\log n)$  time.