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Assignment 4

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Analysis for Program 4 sub-tasks

File Input

The time complexity of the file input method has a worse case of O(10n) as each line element has ten comma separated values which are all parsed one time. If a flight does not originate from the specified state, then only three of the ten elements will be parsed. This time complexity simplifies to O(n).

Running QueueSimulator.simulation()

The QueueSimulator.simulation() function handles the logic for running a single simulation for a given amount of counters. It executes a for loop that adds passengers to a queue and subsequently processes the queue. The for loop executes 23n times where n is the number of days in the flightList - named 'aList' and 23 is the number of hours per day that a person can processed. It is assumed that all passengers arrive one hour before their flight, and no flight departs at 00:00 hours.

The simulation function has a for-loop that calls two additional function calls on each iteration: addPassengers(ldt) and processQueue(). The first function addPassengers(ldt) has a while loop that execute k times, where k is the number flights in aList who board at the same time for a given ldt. In the worst case k = aList.size(). The second function processQueue() has a while loop that execute while the queue from addPassengers(ldt) is not empty, or until the amount of taken to process the passengers exceeds the limit. Worst case this executes k times. Thus the overall worst case time complexity for the simulation function is $O(2kn) \leftrightarrow O(n)$.

The function from the main class that runs each simulation is called simRunner(). This function will execute QueueSimulator.simulation() m times where m is minimum the number of counters required by an airport to process all passengers. This function occurs m times because the algorithm starts with 1 counter and iterates by 1 until the mth counter is found.

The overall time complexity of running a simulation for n days on one airport is $O(mn) \leftrightarrow O(n)$.