## Project 1

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## Pseudocode for Alternate algorithm

- 1. Create a copy of the input disk state and initialize a variable "numOfSwap" to 0.
- 2. Set a boolean variable "is swapped" to true.
- 3. While "is\_swapped" is true:
  - a. Set "is\_swapped" to false.
  - b. For every even index i starting from 0 and up to the second to last index of the state: i. If the disk at index i is dark and the disk at index i+1 is light, swap them, increment "numOfSwap" and set "is swapped" to true.
  - c. For every odd index i starting from 1 and up to the second to last index of the state: i. If the disk at index i is light and the disk at index i+1 is dark, swap them, increment "numOfSwap" and set "is swapped" to true.
- 4. Return the sorted disk state and the number of swaps performed.

## Step Count:

The step count of this algorithm depends on the initial state of the disks. In the worst-case scenario, where all disks are in the wrong position, each pair of disks needs to be swapped at least once. Thus, the maximum number of swaps is n/2, where n is the total number of disks. Since there are two loops that iterate through half of the state, the total number of iterations is also n/2, which gives a worst-case time complexity of  $O(n^2)$ .

In the best-case scenario, where the disks are already sorted, the algorithm will perform no swaps and will terminate after one iteration of the outer loop. Thus, the best-case time complexity is O(n).

Create a copy of the input disk state and initialize a variable "numOfSwap" to 0.

- 1. Set a boolean variable "is\_swapped" to true.
- 2. Initialize a variable "i" to 0.
- 3. While "is swapped" is true:
  - a. Set "is swapped" to false.

- b. For every even index i starting from "i" and up to the second to last index of the state: i. If the disk at index i is dark and the disk at index i+1 is light, swap them, increment "numOfSwap" and set "is\_swapped" to true.
- c. If "is\_swapped" is false, break the loop.
- d. Set "is swapped" to false.
- e. For every even index i starting from the second to last index of the state and down to "i": i. If the disk at index i-1 is dark and the disk at index i is light, swap them, increment "numOfSwap" and set "is swapped" to true.
- f. Set "i" to the next index to start with in the first loop, which is either 0 or 1, depending on whether the last loop executed or not.
- 4. Return the sorted disk state and the number of swaps performed.

## Step Count:

Like the alternate algorithm, the step count of this algorithm depends on the initial state of the disks. In the worst-case scenario, where all disks are in the wrong position, the algorithm needs to perform n/2 swaps in both the forward and backward passes, which gives a total of n swaps. Thus, the worst-case time complexity is  $O(n^2)$ .

In the best-case scenario, where the disks are already sorted, the algorithm will perform no swaps and will terminate after one iteration of the outer loop. Thus, the best-case time complexity is O(n). However, in the average case, the algorithm's performance is closer to  $O(n^2)$  than O(n) due to the need to traverse the array multiple times.

Below is the screen shot for the README.MD file and the screenshot of the compiling and execution.

