

Assignment 2

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Question 1 (a).

Algorithm 1: FlipSort(L, lower, upper)

Input: $L[\text{lower}..\text{upper}]$, $\text{lower} \leq i \leq \text{upper}$, $L[i] \in \{0, 1\}$

Output: $L[\text{lower}..\text{upper}]$ sorted in ascending order

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if $\text{upper} - \text{lower} > 1$ **then**
 FlipSort(L, lower, $\lfloor \frac{\text{lower} + \text{upper}}{2} \rfloor$);
 FlipSort(L, $\lfloor \frac{\text{lower} + \text{upper}}{2} \rfloor + 1$, upper);
 return Merge($L[\text{lower}..\lfloor \frac{\text{lower} + \text{upper}}{2} \rfloor]$, $L[\lfloor \frac{\text{lower} + \text{upper}}{2} \rfloor + 1..\text{upper}]$)

Algorithm 2: Merge(A, B)

Input: Two sorted lists $A[1..n]$ and $B[1..m]$ over $\{0, 1\}^*$

Output: A sorted list $C[1..m + n]$ containing all elements of A and B

Let $\langle \rangle$ be the list concatenation operator

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$\text{index}_A := \text{SequentialSearch}(A, 1)$;
 $\text{index}_B := \text{SequentialSearch}(B, 1)$;
 if $\text{index}_A == 0$ **then**
 return $A \langle \rangle B$
 if $\text{index}_B == 0$ **then**
 return $B \langle \rangle A$
 return
 $A[1..\text{index}_A - 1] \langle \rangle \text{flip}(A[\text{index}_A..n] \langle \rangle B[1..\text{index}_B - 1]) \langle \rangle B[\text{index}_B..m]$

Lemma 1.1. Algorithm Merge correctly produces a sorted list

Note that SequentialSearch(L, x) refers to the algorithm defined in Chapter 0 Page 10 of the CourseWare, and returns the index of the first occurrence of x in L if it exists, and 0

otherwise. For the sake of brevity, we take $L[1..0]$ as $[]$ (the empty list).

Case 1: $index_A == 0$

$index_A == 0 \Rightarrow A$ contains no instance of 1, i.e. $1 \leq i \leq n$, $A[i] == 0$. Since $0 \leq 0 \leq 1$ and B is assumed to be a sorted list over $\{0, 1\}$, by the transitivity of \leq $A <> B$ must also be sorted. Thus the algorithm works correctly.

Case 2: $index_B == 0$

This case is similar to the above case, I thus omit the detail.

Case 3: $index_A \geq 1 \wedge index_B \geq 1$

Without loss of generality, let $A = 0^x 1^{n-x}$ and $B = 0^y 1^{m-y}$ such that $x, y \geq 0$, $x \leq n$, $y \leq m$. Since $index_A$ refers to the first occurrence of 1 in A , $A[1..index_A-1] = 0^x$ and $A[index_A..n] = 1^{n-x}$. By a similar argument for $index_B$, $B[1..index_B-1] = 0^y$ and $B[index_B..m] = 1^{m-y}$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & A[1..index_A-1] <> flip(A[index_A..n] <> B[1..index_B-1]) <> B[index_B..m] \\ & = 0^x <> flip(1^{n-x}, 0^y) <> 1^{m-y} \\ & = 0^x <> (0^y <> 1^{n-x}) <> 1^{m-y} \\ & = 0^x 0^y 1^{n-x} 1^{m-y} \end{aligned}$$

Which is a sorted list of length $x + y + n - x + m - y = n + m$. Therefore the algorithm works correctly.

Lemma 1.2. Algorithm FlipSort correctly produces a sorted list.

Induction on the size of the input n .

(Induction Basis) If $n = 1$ FlipSort performs no operations and returns a single element list which is vacuously sorted.

(Induction Hypothesis) Assume that FlipSort correctly sorts all lists of size $n \leq k$, $n > 1$.

(Induction Step) Let $L'[lower..upper]$ be a list of length $k + 1$, i.e. $upper - lower = k + 1$. The first recursive call produces a list of length,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lfloor \frac{lower + upper}{2} \rfloor - lower \\ & \leq \frac{lower + upper}{2} - lower \\ & = \frac{upper - lower}{2} \\ & < upper - lower & (n > 1) \\ & = k + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus by the Inductive Assumption the first recursive call produces a correctly sorted list $L'[lower..\lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor]$ (I).

Additionally the second recursive call produces a list of length,

$$\begin{aligned}
& upper - \lfloor \frac{lower + upper}{2} \rfloor + 1 \\
& \leq upper - \frac{lower + upper}{2} + 1 \\
& = \frac{upper - lower}{2} + 1 \\
& = \frac{k + 1}{2} + 1 \\
& < k + 1 \qquad (k + 1 > 2)
\end{aligned}$$

Thus by the Inductive Assumption the second recursive call produces a correctly sorted list $L'[\lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor .. upper]$ (II).

Finally by Lemma 1.1, (I) and (II) we know that the Merge Algorithm correctly merges the resulting lists into a sorted list $L'[lower..upper]$.
Therefore Algorithm FlipSort works correctly.

Lemma 1.3. Algorithm Merge requires at most $2n + 2m$ operations

As proved in the CourseWare SequentialSearch search performs at most n comparisons for $index_A$ and at most m comparisons for $index_B$. Further, since *Flip* requires $O(j - i)$ time and $j - i \leq n + m$ we have at most $(n + m) + (n + m) = 2n + 2m$ operations.

Lemma 1.4. Algorithm FlipSort is $\theta(nlgn)$

Let $T(n)$ be the time required to sort a list of n elements with FlipSort.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor) + T(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil) + 2n & n > 1 \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

Let $T_{\lfloor}(n) = 2T(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor) + 2n$ and $T_{\lceil}(n) = 2T(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil) + 2n$.

Using the general formula for solving recurrences, we have

$$f(n) = 2n = \theta(n) = \theta(n^{\log_2 2}) = \theta(n^{\log_b a} l g^0 n)$$

Therefore $T_{\lfloor}(n) = T_{\lceil}(n) = \theta(nlgn)$.

Then $T_{\lfloor}(n) \leq T(n) \leq T_{\lceil}(n) \Rightarrow T(n) = \theta(nlgn)$.

Question 1 (b).