

# Assignment 2

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Question 1 (a).

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**Algorithm 1:** FlipSort(L, lower, upper)

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**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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begin
  if upper - 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( $L[\text{lower}..\lfloor \frac{\text{lower} + \text{upper}}{2} \rfloor]$ ,  $L[\lfloor \frac{\text{lower} + \text{upper}}{2} \rfloor + 1..\text{upper}]$ )
  end
end
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**Algorithm 2:** Merge(A, B)

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**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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begin
  indexA := SequentialSearch(A, 1);
  indexB := SequentialSearch(B, 1);
  if indexA == 0 then
    return A <> B
  end
  if indexB == 0 then
    return B <> A
  end
  return
  A[1..indexA - 1] <> flip(A[indexA..n] <> B[1..indexB - 1]) <> B[indexB..m]
end
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**Lemma 1.1.** Algorithm Merge correctly produces a sorted list

Note that  $\text{SequentialSearch}(L, x)$  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:**  $\text{index}_A == 0$

$\text{index}_A == 0 \Rightarrow A$  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  $\leq$   $A \leq B$  must also be sorted. Thus the algorithm works correctly.

**Case 2:**  $\text{index}_B == 0$

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

**Case 3:**  $\text{index}_A \geq 1 \wedge \text{index}_B \geq 1$

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  $\text{index}_A$  refers to the first occurrence of 1 in  $A$ ,  $A[1..\text{index}_A - 1] = 0^x$  and  $A[\text{index}_A..n] = 1^{n-x}$ . By a similar argument for  $\text{index}_B$ ,  $B[1..\text{index}_B - 1] = 0^y$  and  $B[\text{index}_B..m] = 1^{m-y}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & A[1..\text{index}_A - 1] \leq \text{flip}(A[\text{index}_A..n] \leq B[1..\text{index}_B - 1]) \leq B[\text{index}_B..m] \\ & = 0^x \leq \text{flip}(1^{n-x}, 0^y) \leq 1^{m-y} \\ & = 0^x \leq (0^y \leq 1^{n-x}) \leq 1^{m-y} \\ & = 0^x 0^y 1^{n-x} 1^{m-y} \end{aligned}$$

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  $L'[\text{lower}..\text{upper}]$  be a list of length  $k + 1$ , i.e.  $\text{upper} - \text{lower} = k + 1$ .

The first recursive call produces a list of length,

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

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,

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

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  $\theta(n \lg n)$

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

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  $T_{\sqcup}(n) = T_{\sqcap}(n) = \theta(n \lg n)$ .

Then  $T_{\sqcup}(n) \leq T(n) \leq T_{\sqcap}(n) \Rightarrow T(n) = \theta(n \lg n)$ .

Therefore Algorithm FlipSort correctly sorts the input and runs in  $\theta(n \lg n)$  time. ■

**Question 1 (b).**

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**Algorithm 3:** InsertFlipSort

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**Input:** An array of elements  $A[1..n]$  drawn from a totally ordered set

**Output:**  $A[1..n]$  sorted in ascending order

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begin
  for  $i := 2$  to  $n$  do
     $j := i - 1$ ;
    while  $A[j] > A[j + 1] \wedge j > 0$  do
      Flip( $A, j, j + 1$ );
       $j := j - 1$ ;
    end
  end
end

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**Lemma 1.4.** Algorithm InsertFlipSort correctly produces a sorted list

We shall prove by induction that just before the  $k$ th iteration of the outer most for loop,  $A[1..k]$  is sorted.

(Induction Basis) For  $k = 1$  we have  $A[1..k] = A[1..1]$  which is a vacuously sorted single element list.

(Induction Hypothesis) We assume just before the  $k - 1$ th iteration that  $A[1..k - 1]$  is sorted. We note that  $i = k$ .

(Induction Step) In order to prove that this invariant holds after the  $k - 1$ th iteration, we will apply induction on the number of iterations of the inner while loop to show that just before the  $m$ th iteration of the loop,  $A[k - m + 1..k]$  is sorted.

(Induction Basis') When  $m = 1$ ,  $A[k - m + 1..k] = A[k..k]$  which is a vacuously sorted single element list.

(Induction Hypothesis') Suppose that just before the  $m - 1$ th iteration  $A[i - (m - 1) + 1..k] = A[i - m + 2..k]$  is sorted. Note that  $j = i - (m - 1) = i - m + 1$ .

(Induction Step) Following the  $m - 1th$  iteration we have,

$$\begin{aligned} A[j] &\succ A[j + 1] \wedge j > 0 \\ \Rightarrow A[i - m + 1] &\succ A[i - m + 2] \wedge i - m + 1 > 0 \end{aligned}$$