

**Proofs (10 points)**

1. Bubblesort is a popular, but inefficient, sorting algorithm. It works by repeatedly swapping adjacent elements that are out of order.

BUBBLESORT( $A$ )

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1  for  $i = 1$  to  $A.length - 1$ 
2      for  $j = A.length$  downto  $i + 1$ 
3          if  $A[j] < A[j - 1]$ 
4              exchange  $A[j]$  with  $A[j - 1]$ 

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- (a) [1 point] Let  $A'$  denote the output of BUBBLESORT( $A$ ). To prove that BUBBLESORT is correct, we need to prove that it terminates and that

$$A'[1] \leq A'[2] \leq \dots \leq A'[n]$$

where  $n = A.length$ . In order to show that BUBBLESORT actually sorts, what else do we need to prove?

**Solution:** We need to show that the elements of  $A'$  form a permutation of the elements of  $A$ .

- (b) [2 points] State precisely a loop invariant for the **for** loop in lines 2–4, and prove that this loop invariant holds. Your proof should use the structure of the loop invariant proof.

**Solution:**

**Loop invariant:** At the start of each iteration of the for loop of lines 2–4,  $A[j] = \min\{A[k] : j \leq k \leq n\}$  and the subarray  $A[j \dots n]$  is a permutation of the values that were in  $A[j \dots n]$  at the time that the loop started.

**Initialization:** Initially,  $j = n$ , and the subarray  $A[j \dots n]$  consists of single element  $A[n]$ . The loop invariant trivially holds.

**Maintenance:** Consider an iteration for a given value of  $j$ . By the loop invariant,  $A[j]$  is the smallest value in  $A[j \dots n]$ . Lines 3–4 exchange  $A[j]$  and  $A[j - 1]$  if  $A[j]$  is less than  $A[j - 1]$ , and so  $A[j - 1]$  will be the smallest value in  $A[j - 1 \dots n]$  afterward. Since the only change to the subarray  $A[j - 1 \dots n]$  is this possible exchange, and the subarray  $A[j \dots n]$  is a permutation of the values that were in  $A[j \dots n]$  at the time that the loop started, we see that  $A[j - 1 \dots n]$  is a permutation of the values that were in  $A[j - 1 \dots n]$  at the time that the loop started. Decrementing  $j$  for the next iteration maintains the invariant.

**Termination:** The loop terminates when  $j$  reaches  $i$ . By the statement of the loop invariant,  $A[i] = \min\{A[k] : i \leq k \leq n\}$  and  $A[i \dots n]$  is a permutation of the values that were in  $A[i \dots n]$  at the time that the loop started.

- (c) [3 points] Using the termination condition of the loop invariant proved in part (b), state a loop invariant for the **for** loop in lines 1–4 that will allow you to prove inequality above. Your proof should use the structure of the loop invariant proof.

**Solution:**

**Loop invariant:** At the start of each iteration of the **for** loop of lines 1–4, the subarray  $A[1 \dots i-1]$  consists of the  $i-1$  smallest values originally in  $A[1 \dots n]$ , in sorted order, and  $A[i \dots n]$  consists of the  $n-i+1$  remaining values originally in  $A[1 \dots n]$ .

**Initialization:** Before the first iteration of the loop,  $i = 1$ . The subarray  $A[1 \dots i-1]$  is empty, and so the loop invariant vacuously holds.

**Maintenance:** Consider an iteration for a given value of  $i$ . By the loop invariant,  $A[1 \dots i-1]$  consists of the  $i$  smallest values in  $A[1 \dots n]$ , in sorted order. Part (b) showed that after executing the for loop of lines 2–4,  $A[i]$  is the smallest value in  $A[i \dots n]$ , and so  $A[1 \dots i]$  is now the  $i$  smallest values originally in  $A[1 \dots n]$ , in sorted order. Moreover, since the for loop of lines 2–4 permutes  $A[i \dots n]$ , the subarray  $A[i+1 \dots n]$  consists of the  $n-i$  remaining values originally in  $A[1 \dots n]$ .

**Termination:** The **for** loop of lines 1–4 terminates when  $i = n$ , so that  $i-1 = n-1$ . By the statement of the loop invariant,  $A[1 \dots i-1]$  is the entire array  $A[1 \dots n]$ , and it consists of the original array  $A[1 \dots n]$ , in sorted order.

2. Prove by induction.

- (a) [2 points] For all  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n (2i-1) = n^2$ .

**Solution:**

**Basis:** Suppose  $n = 1$ . Then  $\sum_{i=1}^n (2i-1) = \sum_{i=1}^1 (2i-1) = 2-1 = 1 = 1^2$ .

**Inductive step:** Suppose the equality holds for  $n = k$  (induction hypothesis:  $\sum_{i=1}^k (2i-1) = k^2$ ). We show it holds for  $n = k+1$ .

Set  $n = k+1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (2i-1) &= \left[ \sum_{i=1}^k (2i-1) \right] + [2(k+1)-1] \\ &= k^2 + [2(k+1)-1] && \text{based on induction hypothesis} \\ &= k^2 + 2k + 1 \\ &= (k+1)^2, \end{aligned}$$

which is what we wanted to prove.

- (b) [2 points] For all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^n x^i = (1-x^{n+1})/(1-x)$ .

**Solution:**

**Basis:** Suppose  $n = 0$ . Then  $\sum_{i=0}^n x^i = \sum_{i=0}^0 x^i = 1 = (1-x)/(1-x) = (1-x^{n+1})/(1-x)$ .

**Inductive step:** Suppose the equality holds for  $n = k-1$  (induction hypothesis:  $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x^i = (1-x^k)/(1-x)$ ). We show it holds for  $n = k$ .

Set  $n = k$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=0}^k x^i &= \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x^i \right] + x^k \\ &= (1 - x^k) / (1 - x) + x^k && \text{based on induction hypothesis} \\ &= (1 - x^k + x^k(1 - x)) / (1 - x) \\ &= (1 - x^k + x^k - x^{k+1}) / (1 - x) \\ &= (1 - x^{k+1}) / (1 - x),\end{aligned}$$

which is what we wanted to prove.