



# **Assignment No. 1**

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Answer to the Question No. 1

① Loop Invariant:

At the start of every iteration of the loop with index  $i$ , the algorithm has already checked all elements in position  $0, 1, \dots, i-1$  and none of them are equal to  $x$ .

② Correctness Proof using Invariant Method -

We prove the invariant holds through Initialization, Maintenance, and Termination.

① Initialization

Before the first iteration,  $i=0$ .

No elements have been checked yet - so it is trivially true that none of  $A[0 \dots -1]$  contain  $x$ .

Thus, the invariant holds before the loop starts.

② Maintenance

Assume that at the start of iteration  $i$ , the invariant holds, i.e.,  $A[0 \dots i-1]$  has been checked and contains no  $x$ .

Now, in this iteration, the algorithm checks  $A[i]$ .

- If  $A[i] == x$ , the algorithm returns  $i$ , which is correct because we found  $x$  at index  $i$ .
- If  $A[i] != x$ , then now indices  $0 \dots i$  have been checked and none contains  $x$ , so the invariant holds for the next iteration ( $i+1$ ).

Thus the invariant is maintained.

### ③ Iteration

The loop terminates in two ways:

#### case 1 - early return:

If for some  $i$ , we find  $A[i] == x$ , the algorithm return  $i$ .

since at that moment this is exactly the index where  $x$  appears, this is correct.

#### case 2 - loop ends normally ( $i=n$ ):

The loop finishes without returning.

By the invariant, all elements in

$A[0 \dots n-1]$  have been checked and none is equal to  $x$ .

Thus,  $x$  is not in the array — so returning  $-1$  is correct.

②

## Answer to the Question NO.2

we analyze each function by identifying the dominating term for large  $n$ , then giving formal Big-O, Big- $\Omega$  and Big- $\Theta$  bounds with short proofs (constants and  $n_0$ ).

1)  $f_1(n) = 3n^2 + 10n + 5$

Dominant term:  $n^2$

① Big-O:  $f_1(n) = O(n^2)$

Proof: For  $n \geq 1$  we have  $10n \leq 10n^2$  and  $5 \leq 5n^2$ . So,

$$f_1(n) = 3n^2 + 10n + 5 \leq 3n^2 + 10n^2 + 5n^2 = 18n^2$$

Take  $c = 18$  and  $n_0 = 1$ . Then,  $f_1(n) \leq cn^2$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

② Big- $\Omega$ :  $f_1(n) = \Omega(n^2)$

Proof: For all  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$f_1(n) = 3n^2 + 10n + 5 \geq 3n^2$$

Take  $c = 3$  and  $n_0 = 0$ . Then  $f_1(n) \geq cn^2$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

③ Big- $\Theta$ : Since  $f_1(n)$  is both  $O(n^2)$  and  $\Omega(n^2)$ , we have  $f_1(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

$$2) f_2(n) = 2n + n^3$$

Dominant term:  $n^3$

④ Big-O:  $f_2(n) = O(n^3)$

Proof: For  $n \geq 1$ ,  $2n \leq 2n^3$  because  $n^3 \geq n$ . Thus,

$$f_2(n) = 2n + n^3 \leq 2n^3 + n^3 = 3n^3$$

Take  $c = 3$ ,  $n_0 = 1$

⑤ Big-Ω:  $f_2(n) = \Omega(n^3)$

Proof: For all  $n \geq 0$

$$f_2(n) = 2n + n^3 \geq n^3$$

Take  $c = 1$ ,  $n_0 = 0$

⑥ Big-Θ: Because both upper and lower bounds hold,  $f_2(n) = \Theta(n^3)$

$$3) f_3(n) = n \log n + 20n$$

Here  $\log n$  denotes logarithm in any fixed base. - asymptotic classes are base-independent up to constant factors.)

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Dominant term:  $n \log n + 2an$  (since  $\log n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , it eventually dominates the linear term).

④ Big-O:  $f_3(n) = O(n \log n)$

Proof: For  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\log n \geq 1$ . So  $2an \leq 2an \log n$ .

Therefore,  $f_3(n) = n \log n + 2an \leq n \log n + 2an \log n = 2n \log n$ .

Take  $c = 21$ ,  $n_0 = 2$

⑤ Big-Ω:  $f_3(n) = \Omega(n \log n)$

Proof: Obviously  $2an \geq 0$ , so for all  $n \geq 1$ ,

$f_3(n) = n \log n + 2an \geq n \log n$

Take  $c = 1$ ,  $n_0 = 1$

⑥ Big-Θ: since  $f_3(n)$  is both  $O(n \log n)$  and  $\Omega(n \log n)$ ,

we conclude  $f_3(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$ .

$$(2 - \frac{(1+r)^n}{s})^s + (1 - \frac{(1+r)^n}{s})^s = \left(1 - \frac{(1+r)^n}{s}\right)^s + (1)^s = (1)^s = 1$$

(since  $s > 0$ )

units of time spent in worse than nothing

### Answer to the Question No. 3

#### (a) Recurrence relation

Each pass (finding the minimum and swapping) takes linear time  $\Theta(n)$  and then we recurse on  $n-1$  elements. A natural recurrence is,

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + c \cdot n \text{ for } n \geq 2, T(1) = d$$

where  $c > 0$  and  $d > 0$  are constants representing cost per element for the scan and the leave-cost.

#### (b) Solve by recursion-tree method

Draw the recursion tree: root cost =  $c \cdot n \cdot 3f$ , child cost =  $c \cdot (n-1) \cdot 3f$ , next level  $c \cdot (n-2) \cdot 3f$ , until  $c \cdot 1$ . Summing costs across all levels:

$$T(n) = c(n + (n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 2) + T(1).$$

The sum of the first  $n$  positive integers is  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ . Our sum  $2+3+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 1$ .

So,

$$T(n) = T(1) + c \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 1 \right) = \frac{c}{2} n^2 + \frac{c}{2} n + (T(1) - c).$$

Therefore,

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$

So, Selection sort runs in quadratic time.

⑥ Verify by substitution (induction)

We show both an upper bound  $T(n) = O(n^2)$  and a lower bound  $T(n) = \Omega(n^2)$  to conclude  $\Theta(n^2)$ .

Upper bound ( $O$ )

There exists  $c > 0$  and  $n_0$  such that for all  $n \geq n_0$ ,  
 $T(n) \leq cn^2$ .

Use the recurrence  $T(n) = T(n-1) + cn$  and assume induction hypothesis  $T(k) \leq ck^2$  for all  $k \leq n$ .

Then

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + cn \leq c(n-1)^2 + cn = c(n^2 - 2n + 1) + cn$$

$$= cn^2 + (-2c + c)n + c$$

choose  $c$  large enough so the linear term is non-positive for all  $n \geq 1$ . For example, choose  $c' \geq c$ . Then,  
 $-2c + c \leq -c \leq 0$ , so

$$T(n) \leq cn^2 + c \leq c'n^2$$

for some  $c'$  (e.g.  $c' = 2c$ ) and all  $n \geq 1$ . Base case

$T(1) \leq c'$  can be satisfied by choosing  $c'$  large enough. Thus,  $T(n) = O(n^2)$

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Lower bound ( $\Omega$ )

There exists  $c_1 > 0$  and  $n_1$  such that for all  $n \geq n_1$ ,  
 $T(n) \geq c_1 n^2$ .

From recurrence and  $T(1) = d > 0$ , expand:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= d + c \sum_{i=2}^n i = d + c \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{c}{2} n^2 + c_1 n + (d - c) \end{aligned}$$

So for  $n \geq 1$ ,  $T(n) \geq \frac{c}{2} n^2 + c_1 n + (d - c)$

This is at least  $(c_1/2)n^2$  minus some lower-order terms.

Now, choose a constant  $c_1 = c/4$

for sufficiently large  $n$ , the quadratic term

$c_1/2 n^2$  will dominate the linear and constant parts.

Therefore, for those large  $n$ , we have,

$$T(n) \geq c/4 n^2 \geq (0)$$

which matches the definition of an  $\Omega$  bound.

So, we conclude,

$$T(n) = \Omega(n^2)$$

since we have  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$  and  $T(n) = \Omega(n^2)$

Therefore,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

## Answer to the Question No. 5

### a. Kth Largest Element in an Array using Divide & Conquer Approach:

```
def kth_largest(nums, k):
    k_index = len(nums) - k

    def quickselect(left, right):
        pivot = nums[right]
        p = left
        for i in range(left, right):
            if nums[i] <= pivot:
                nums[i], nums[p] = nums[p], nums[i]
                p += 1

        nums[p], nums[right] = nums[right], nums[p]

        if p == k_index:
            return nums[p]
        elif p < k_index:
            return quickselect(p + 1, right)
        else:
            return quickselect(left, p-1)

    return quickselect(0, len(nums) - 1)

print(kth_largest([18, 8, 3, 2, 1, 5, 6, 12, 4, 7, 10, 14, 16, 17], 6))
```

**Solution:**

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## Answer to the Question No. 5

### ④ Time complexity

Average case - Random distribution of pivots - balanced on expectation.

$$O(n)$$

Best case - Pivot splits array into two equal halves every time (balanced partition)

$$O(n)$$

Worst case - Pivot always smallest / largest - partitions are highly unbalanced.

$$O(n^2)$$

### Space complexity

Best case - Balanced recursion  $\rightarrow$  depth =  $\log n$   
 $O(\log n)$  stack

Average case - Similar to best - typically balanced  
 $O(\log n)$  stack.

Worst case - Fully skewed recursion  
 $\rightarrow$  depth =  $n$   
 $O(n)$  stack

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