

Question1

"Explain how the program `code.c` works in detail and describe the worst time complexity for each function in the program."

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`code.c` implements a `bubblesort` function and a `main` function, which the latter acts as the interface for the use (via command line).

Furthermore, the program defines a few macros to compare (`#define less(A, B) (key(A) < key(B))`), swap (`#define exch(A, B) { Item t = A; A = B; B = t; }`) and a combination of both: to swap two elements only if the first one is larger than the second (`#define compexch(A, B) if (less(B, A)) exch(A, B)`).

- `bubble()`

`bubble()` will take three parameters: 1. an array `a[]` of type `Item (int)`, 2. a starting index (`1`) of type `int`, 3. an ending index (`r`) of type `int` as well, and will perform a typical bubble sort:

For all elements in the array (`for (i = 1; i < r; i++)`), iterate from the last element to the `i`-th element (`for (j = r; j > i; j--)`) and swap all the `i`, `j` elements that are in inverse order, using the macro `compexch(a[j-1], a[j])`.

By the time `i` gets to `r` and the `for` loop ends, the array will be sorted.

Time complexity: For the first `for` loop the complexity will be $O(N)$ and for the nested one will also be $O(N)$ (*considering worst case*).

So the final **worst case time complexity** will be: $O(N) * O(N) = O(N^2)$

- `main()`

`main` will take two arguments from the command line: the first one is the amount of numbers that the user wants to sort (`N`) and the second one, describes if the user wants to sort random numbers, or to import them manually (`sw`).

Then, `main` will allocate space for the array that will contain the numbers (`a[N]`).

If `sw == 1` (randomized input), the program will use function `rand()` to assign to the `i`-th element of array `a[]` a **floating point number in range [0, 1000]**.

If the user chooses to import the numbers manually (`sw == 0`), the program will scan the numbers from `stdin` and assign them to each element of `a[]`.

`main` will then call `bubble` to sort `a[]`, by giving as parameters the array (`a`), the starting index (`0`) and the ending index (`N-1`).

Finally, the program will print to `stdout` the sorted array.

It must be noted that the program does not correctly handle the case where the user provides an incorrect amount of arguments, which could lead to **undefined behavior** or a **segmentation fault**. Moreover, `main` does not free the allocated space for (`a[]`), which could lead to memory leaks.

- Time complexity (`rand()` is considered to be $O(1)$):
 - $O(N)$, for either :

```
for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
a[i] = 1000*(1.0*rand()/RAND_MAX);
```

or:

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while (scanf("%d", &a[N]) == 1) N++;
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- $O(N)$, to print the final array `a[]` :

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for (i = 0; i < N; i++) printf("%3d ", a[i]);
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- $O(N^2)$, from `bubble()` :

```
void bubble(Item a[], int l, int r)
{ int i, j;
  for (i = l; i < r; i++)
    for (j = r; j > i; j--)
      compexch(a[j-1], a[j]);
}
```

So the worst case time computational complexity would be:

$$O(N) + O(N) + O(N^2) = O(N^2)$$

Where we are only keeping $O(N^2)$ because it's the **dominant** complexity class.