

MIDTERM 3 REVIEW QUESTIONS

Programming questions: all on sorting template arrays, like the examples from class.

- a. Reverse the order of any of the 6 sorting algorithms.
- b. Make mergesort (or quicksort) use pointer arithmetic to define its subarrays.
- c. Write the partition function for quicksort assuming no duplicates.
- d. Extend the partition function for quicksort to handle duplicate pivots.
- e. Write me the loop that builds a heap from an array of n numbers in heapsort.
- f. Write me the loop that removes items from the heap to the end of the array and re-heapifies.
- g. Make quicksort use insertion sort on subarrays of size 12 or less.

Written questions:

1. Show me how the type of a template class gets defined in the main() program.
2. How would you define an array of big_numbers using a template array class like the ones from the sorting codes?
3. How could you count the frequency of a number in a binary search tree?
4. How could you tell if 2 binary search trees contained exactly the same numbers?
5. Could we make a template class for binary search trees? Why or why not?
6. What's the expected run time for quicksort? Why? What's the worst run time it can get, and when does this happen?
7. What's the expected run time for mergesort? Why? What does mergesort do that's inefficient compared to the other sorting algorithms?
8. What's the best case run time for insertion sort? What produces this run time? What's the expected run time for insertion sort? What about bubble sort and selection sort?
9. Convert 23415 in base 7 to base 5, using the digit-wise algorithm from class.
10. What is the problem with this code?

```
int& no_no_nanette() {  
    int answer = 9;  
    return answer;  
}
```

```
}
```

Why is that not a problem with this code?

```
big_number& operator =(const big_number& m) {  
    ...  
    return *this;  
}
```

11. Tell me 2 big differences between a copy constructor and an assignment operator (operator =). Justify your answers.

12. Given the code for operator >, what could you do to get operator < for very little work? How would you get operator == from the > and < operators?

13. For the pattern code, how many pattern calls result from calling:

```
pattern(outs, 4, 0);  
  
pattern(outs, 16, 0);  
  
pattern(outs, 1024, 0);
```

What formula describes this relationship between the starting n and the number of calls pattern makes?

14. What formula describes the relationship between the starting n and the number of stars pattern prints?

15. Given the array below: 6 3 9 8 8 3 1 7 3 9 1

Show me the array after one pass (one inner loop) of selection sort has run.

Show me the array after one pass (one inner loop) of insertion sort has run.

Show me the array after one pass (one inner loop) of bubble sort has run.

Show me the array after one partition step of quicksort has run. Which subarrays will the code sort next?

Show me how mergesort will process this array to sort it.

16. Draw me the heap you get from adding the numbers 9, 4, 5, 3, 2, 7, 8, 7 to an empty heap.

17. Draw me the heap you get from adding the numbers 3, 9, 7, 2, 7, 8, 5, 4 to an empty heap.

18. Draw me the heap you get after removing the 9 from the heap in the previous question.

19. Show me the code that checks for self assignment in operator =, and tell me what it's checking. Where else in big_number might we need to check for this?

20. What does partition do to make the array 'less unsorted' than before?
21. Given an array representation of a heap, tell me a formula to get the parent of a heap item in the array. Tell me a formula to get an array heap item's left child, and its right child.
22. Given the answers to the question above, write me a loop that re-heapifies a heap after one new element has been added.
23. Given the answers to the question above, write me a loop that re-heapifies a heap after the root element has been added.
24. What is particularly good to eat around Boulder? Delight the tastebuds of Dr. White.