

Programming and Data Structures

Week 5 Assignment

Reminder: All work must be your own!

Question 1) Use the following selection sort algorithm to answer the questions below:

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void swap(int *xp, int *yp) {  
    int temp = *xp;  
    *xp = *yp;  
    *yp = temp;  
}  
  
// A function to implement selection sort  
void selectionSort(int arr[], int n) {  
    // One by one move boundary of unsorted subarray  
    for (int i = 0; i < n-1; i++) {  
        // Find the minimum element in unsorted array  
        int min_idx = i;  
        for (int j = i+1; j < n; j++) {  
            if (arr[j] < arr[min_idx]) {  
                min_idx = j;  
                swap(&arr[min_idx], &arr[i]);  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

a) Identify the straight-line code in the above algorithm. You can describe or underline.

I have underlined the straight-line code in the above algorithm.

b) Fill in the following table that counts the number of times that the innermost piece of code will be executed.

Iteration #	Value of i	# of executions
1	0	n-1
2	1	n-2
3	2	n-3
...		
n-1	n-2	n-(i+1)
n	n-1	0

c) Sum the last column of the table and simplify as much as you can.

The number of executions of the innermost piece of code is equal to $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i$. For example, an array of size 8 would execute the innermost piece of code $7+6+5+4+3+2+1 = 28$ times.

d) Based on your answer to **c** what is the runtime of the algorithm?

We know that $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n*(n+1)}{2}$. Substituting “n-1” for “n” yields $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$. The expression simplifies to $\frac{1}{2}(n^2 - n)$. Dropping the constant “ $\frac{1}{2}$ ” and the lower-ordered term “n”, the runtime of the selectionSort algorithm is $O(n^2)$.

Question 2) For each code snippet, state its runtime in terms of N, you can assume that the ‘...’ represents straight line code.

a) `for (int i = N; i >= 0; i -= 4) { ... }`

$$\frac{0 - N}{-4} = \frac{1}{4} * N$$

Runtime = $O(N)$

b) `for (int i = 1; i < N; i *= 5) { ... }`

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Loop will run until } 5^k &\geq N \\ \log_5(5^k) &= \log_5 N \\ k &= \log_5 N \end{aligned}$$

Runtime = $O(\log(N))$

c) `for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
 for (int j = N; j > 0; j /= 2) { ... }
}`

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Outer loop: } \frac{N - 0}{1} &= O(N) \\ \text{Inner loop will run until } \frac{N}{2^k} &\leq 0 \\ \log_2(2^k) = k &= \log_2 N \\ \text{Inner loop: } &O(\log(N)) \end{aligned}$$

Since the two loops have no dependencies on variables, the total runtime is the product of the runtime of each loop.

Total Runtime = $O(N * \log(N))$

d) `for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
 for (int j = N; j > i; j--) { ... }
}`

Iteration	i	Inner Iterations
0	0	N
1	1	N-1
2	2	N-2
k	k	N-k
N	N	N-N = 0

$$\sum_{k=0}^N (N - k) = \frac{N(N + 1)}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(N^2 + N)$$

Removing the constant and lower ordered term, the runtime is $O(N^2)$

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e) for (int i = 1; i < N; i*=2) {
    for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) { ... }
}
```

Iteration	i	Inner Iterations
0	1	1
1	2	2
2	4	4
k	2^k	2^k
$\log_2(N)$	$2^{\log_2 N} = N$	N

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\log_2 N} 2^k = \frac{2^{\log_2 N + 1} - 1}{2 - 1} = \frac{2N - 1}{1} = 2N - 1$$

Removing the constant terms yields a runtime of $O(N)$

Question 3) For each of the following function pairs (f & g), give an M and x_0 that holds that $f(x) \in O(g(x))$. You do not need to write a proof of such, just state an M and x_0 that the formula holds for. For some M and x_0 , $f(x) \leq M * g(x)$, for all $x > x_0$. For all questions, it is true that $f(x) = O(g(x))$.

Hint: Consider setting the two formulas equal and solving for x.

a) $f(x) = 100x + 10$
 $g(x) = 5x$

M = 21

$x_0 = 2$

b) $f(x) = 10x$
 $g(x) = 1/2 x^2$

$$M = 1$$

$$X_0 = 20$$

$$c) f(x) = 1000x^2$$

$$g(x) = x^3$$

$$M = 1$$

$$X_0 = 1000$$

Question 4) For each of the following function pairs, use the limit rule to determine which of the following options best applies:

$$i) f(x) \in O(g(x))$$

$$ii) f(x) \in \Omega(g(x))$$

$$iii) f(x) \in \theta(g(x))$$

$$a) f(x) = 3x^2$$

$$g(x) = 15x^2$$

$$\left(\frac{3x^2}{15x^2} \right) = \frac{3}{15} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{3}{15} \right) = \frac{3}{15} = \frac{1}{5} = C$$

Therefore, iii) $f(x) \in \theta(g(x))$

$$b) f(x) = x^2$$

$$g(x) = 3x^3$$

$$\left(\frac{x^2}{3x^3} \right) = \frac{1}{3x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{3x} \right) = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0 = C$$

Therefore, i) $f(x) \in O(g(x))$

$$c) f(x) = \log_2(x)$$

$$g(x) = \log_3(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\log_2 x}{\log_3 x} \right) = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

Apply L'Hopital's Rule.

Say $y = \log_2 x$ which is $f(x)$ (the numerator). Then $2^y = x$.

$$y * \ln(2) = \ln(x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} * \ln(2) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x(\ln(2))}$$

The same can be done for the denominator $g(x)$. Then we have:

$$\frac{\frac{1}{x * \ln(2)}}{\frac{1}{x * \ln(3)}} = \frac{\ln(3)}{\ln(2)} = C$$

Therefore, iii) $f(x) \in \theta(g(x))$

d) $f(x) = x * \log(x)$
 $g(x) = 5x$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x \log(x)}{5x} \right) = \frac{\log(x)}{5} = \frac{\infty}{5} = \infty = C$$

Therefore, ii) $f(x) \in \Omega(g(x))$

e) $f(x) = 2^{\log_2(x)}$
 $g(x) = 2x$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2^{\log_2 x}}{2x} \right) = \frac{x}{2x} = \frac{1}{2} = C$$

Therefore, iii) $f(x) \in \theta(g(x))$