Lab Sheet 1

Basic iterative programs

1. Write a program to find the smallest element of an unsorted array of size N.
   Don't use any built-in functions/ methods like min() supported by certain programming languages.
   a. How many times does your loop execute?
   b. As the elements in the array changes (the size of the array remains same), will there be any change in the number of times the loop executes? What is the minimum and maximum number of times the loop executes?
   c. What is the time complexity of your program?

2. Write a program to find the smallest and the largest element in a sorted array.
   a. Do we need any loops in this program?
   b. What is the time complexity of your program?

3. Write a program to search an element 'k' in an unsorted array of size N.
   a. As the elements in the array changes (the size of the array remains same), will there be any change in the number of times the loop executes? What is the minimum and maximum number of times the loop executes?
   b. What is the time complexity of your program?

4. We need to search an element 'k' in a sorted array of size N.
   a. Will your program for Qn. No 3 work for this case?
   b. Is the program for Qn. No 3 the most efficient one for this? (Hint: There exists a Binary search algorithm)
   c. Write an iterative program to implement Binary search.
   d. As the elements in the array changes (the size of the array remains same), will there be any change in the number of times the loop executes? What is the minimum and maximum number of times the loop executes?
   e. What is the time complexity of your program?

5. Write an efficient program to find an element in an array which neither the smallest nor the largest. (Hint: you can do this without a loop.)
   a. What is the time complexity of your program?

6. Write an efficient program to check if a given number is prime or not.
   a. What is the time complexity of the algorithm?
   b. Show that the problem can be solved in root(n) time.

7. Write an efficient program to find the GCD (also called HCF) of two given numbers.
   a. What is the time complexity of the algorithm?
   b. Find an input that requires maximum number of iterations to solve.