CMPE 223/242
Fall 2024
Programming Homework 2

This assignment is due by 23:59 on Sunday, 1 December 2024.

You are welcome to ask your HW related questions. You should use only one of these options:

1. Moodle Homework **Question Forum**: HW Question-and-Answer (Q&A) Forum on Moodle is always available. Use the "Forum" link at the course Moodle page.
2. Homework **RECITATION HOURS**: There will be two Q&A RECITATION HOURs on the following days:
   - CMPE223/242-HW2-OfficeHour1: 19 Nov, 07:00-08:00 PM, Zoom ID: 939 5390 8188
   - CMPE223/242-HW2-OfficeHour2: 26 Nov, 07:00-08:00 PM, Zoom ID: 970 9546 2237
   - Note: Please make sure that you have read the HW document well before participating. However, no HW related questions will be accepted except from the above options.

PROGRAMMING TASK(s)

Task 1 (30 points)

In this task of the assignment, you are asked to write different sorting algorithms. The goal of the homework is to exercise the details of sorting algorithms and have hands-on experience with programming with sorting APIs.

For this assignment, you must use your own implementations of the aforementioned sorting algorithms by taking inspiration from your textbook. You are not allowed to use any external library or .jar file.

The homework consists of steps, and you should follow them sequentially, i.e. do not go to the next step before fixing this step. It is recommended that you complete one step per day.

Here are the steps of the homework:

Step 1. In this step, first write a program that (i) loads *N* integers from a file and (ii) that creates a random array. (In the text file, the first line in the input file should be the size of the array, and each following line should consist of a single integer).

Step 2. In this second step, modify the `insertion sort` algorithm on Page 251 of the textbook such that it sorts the input integer array in **descending** order, and start sorting the array **FROM-RIGHT-TO-LEFT**.

Step 3. Use the modified `insertion sort` algorithm on Page 251, now to sort an array of **float** values instead of integers.

Step 4. Modify the top-down `Merge Sort` algorithm on page 273 to sort the input integer array in **descending** order**.**

Step 5. In this step, create a `Car` class. Each car should have three fields: a `String` attribute, called *brand*, a second `String` attribute called *modelname*, a third attribute of type `long`, called *modelyear*. The `Car` class should implement the `Comparable` interface to be able to compare it with respect to their model years. Check the example on Page 247 of the textbook for implementing the `Comparable` interface.

Step 6. Modify the `Quick Sort` method on Page 289 to sort the given `Car` objects in **descending** order. For this purpose, create 10 different `Car` objects, each with a different *brand*, *modelname*, *modelyear*. Then, call this method to sort these objects with respect to their **modelyear**'s. You also need to modify `QuickSort partition` method (on Page 291) to reverse its sorting order.

You do not need to prepare a PDF report for this task, just document your code well.

Task 2 (70 points)

In this task of the homework, you are given a package named **cmpe242-sort01.jar** that is available at the course LMS site. This jar file contains a class that has implemented 5 sorting algorithms: **QuickSort, MergeSort, Insertion Sort, Bubble Sort,** and **Selection Sort.** These sorting algorithms have been implemented using almost similar source code as in the course slides. Note that the QuickSort algorithm selects the first item as the pivot value.

The **cmpe242-sort01.jar** package includes the following class and methods:

CLASS: `SortingAlgorithm`

Methods:

- `public static void sort1(int [] ar, long studentID)`
- `public static void sort2(int [] ar, long studentID)`
- `public static void sort3(int [] ar, long studentID)`
- `public static void sort4(int [] ar, long studentID)`
- `public static void sort5(int [] ar, long studentID)`
- `public static void printArray (int [] ar )`

The first argument of the sort methods is the input array, and the second parameter is your **10 digits** TEDU student ID. You should add the letter "**L**" to the end of your student ID to make it a long parameter (e.g. `SortingAlgorithm.sort1(ar, 1234567801L);`).

In this assignment, you are expected to guess the sorting algorithm that the class uses for each sort method, by looking and comparing execution time of the program to sort **different sizes** of **ascending/descending** and **random ordered** integer arrays.

1. To use the jar package, which includes the five sorting algorithms, you should follow the following steps in Eclipse: right-click on the Project → Build Path → Configure Build Path. Under the Libraries tab, click Add Jars or Add External JARs and give the Jar. For further and more detailed information, follow the tutorial in the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtzAf8tyuAM Alternatively, assuming the jar file and your .java file are both in the same directory, you can compile and run your Java source file from terminal with the following commands:

```
$ javac -cp cmpe242-sort01.jar mySortingProgram.java

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```

2. To use the **SortingAlgorithm** class, create a new **SortingAlgorithmTester** class, and within the main method create an array with (i) ascending, (ii) descending, or (iii) random integers, to be sorted with each algorithm. You can get a random list using the java class `Random`, located in `java.util.Random`.

3. As you test the algorithms, collect time measures to make a guess about which sorting algorithm was running. Time is measured in milliseconds. You should use the `System.currentTimeMillis()` method, which returns a long that contains the current time (in milliseconds). It is recommended that you do several runs of a sort on a given array and take the median value (throw out the lowest and highest time). In order to get the most accurate runtimes possible, you may want to close other programs that might be taking a lot of processing power and memory and affecting the sorting algorithm runtimes.

4. For your homework, you should submit your **SortingAlgorithmTester.java file** and **your at most 3-page report in PDF format**. The report should give a **detailed explanation of your experimental setup, procedure, and experimental results justifying your answer.** You should also write the individual steps that you took to complete the homework.

You are expected to add visualization (table, plot, graph etc.) showing the time complexity of the sorting methods with different sizes and type of inputs (e.g. ascending, descending, random input). For this purpose, you can use tools like MS Excel, R etc. (e.g. For MS Excel, you can follow the tutorial in the given link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAU0qqh_I-A). Note that for some sort methods, you may not differentiate the corresponding sorting algorithms by examining the experimental results. That is, there may be more than one answer for some methods values. If that is the case, you should list all sorting algorithms that may correspond to the given case. If errors caused by the algorithm caused you to deduce that algorithm, explain why you suspect that algorithm would cause the error.

As an example, if you are using the growth rate as one of your arguments like "I think this is Insertion sort because the runtime data I collected looks like $O(n^2)$", then you should be prepared to say a bit about WHY exactly it is that you think it looks like $O(n^2)$ say, as opposed to O(nlogn) or some other runtime. You will also be graded depending on your correct estimations for each algorithm due to their worst case Big-O runtimes.

5. **Hint:** for especially large arrays, you will likely get a stack overflow error and your program will not run. This is due to the limited area that JVM reserves for its own call stack. The call stack is used for storing local variables of the methods, method call arguments, etc.

To increase the size of the call stack size, try to use **"-Xss"** command line argument when you run your program (e.g. use "-Xss8m" to increase the stack size to 8 Mbytes, of course you can increase it more). Do research on how to add this option in your Java development environment (e.g. For Eclipse, follow the tutorial in the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OU0H3d1rhfw).

WHAT TO HAND IN

A zip file for both parts containing:

- The Java sources for your program.
- The Java sources should be WELL DOCUMENTED as comments, as part of your grade will be based on the level of your comments.
- A **maximum-3 pages** PDF report document for Task 2 that explains: your own your experimental setup, procedure, and experimental results justifying your answer in detail.

IMPORTANT

1. This assignment is due by 23:59 on Sunday, December 1st.
2. You should upload your homework to LMS before the deadline. No hardcopy submission is needed. You should upload files and any additional files if you wrote additional classes in your solution as a single archive file (e.g., zip, rar).
3. The assignment MUST include the necessary PDF report with your code files for Task 2.
4. The standard rules about late homework submissions apply (20 points will be deducted for each late day). Please see the course syllabus for further discussion of the late homework policy.
5. You ARE NOT ALLOWED to modify the given method names. However, if necessary, you may define additional data members and member functions.

6. Your classes' name MUST BE as shown in the homework description.

7. The submissions that do not obey these rules will not be graded.

8. To increase the efficiency of the grading process as well as the readability of your code, you have to follow the following instructions about the format and general layout of your program.

8. Do not forget to write down your id, name, section, assignment number or any other information relevant to your program in the beginning of your Java files. Example:

```
//-------------------------------------------------------
// Title: My tester class
// Author: Name/Surname
// ID: 2100000000
// Section: 1
// Assignment: 1
// Description: This class tests the …
//-------------------------------------------------------
```

9. Since your codes will be checked without your observation, you should report everything about your implementation. Add detailed comments to your classes, functions, declarations etc. Make sure that you explain each function in the beginning of your function structure. Example:

```
void setVariable(char varName, int varValue)
//-----------------------------------------------------------
// Summary: Assigns a value to the variable whose
// name is given.
// Precondition: varName is a char and varValue is an
// integer
// Postcondition: The value of the variable is set.
//-----------------------------------------------------------
{
      // Body of the function
}
```

10. Indentation, indentation, indentation...

11. All work on assignments MUST BE done individually unless stated otherwise. A violation of academic integrity will not be tolerated. Please see the course syllabus for plagiarism and cheating policies.

12. This homework will be graded by your TA, Berfin Dolunay Karaçay. Thus, you may ask him your homework related questions through HW forum on LMS course page. You are also welcome to ask your course instructor Ulaş Güleç for help.