

Data Structures And Algorithms - Problem Sheet 1

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My Solution 1

Base Case

$$\begin{array}{ll} 18 = 4 + 7 + 7 & 20 = 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 \\ 19 = 4 + 4 + 7 & 21 = 7 + 7 + 7 \end{array}$$

Inductive Assumption

Let $m > 21, m \in \mathbb{N}$ and assume all integers less than m can be split in groups of 4s & 7s.

Inductive Case

Consider $m - 4$.

Since this is less than m then, by the inductive assumption, it can be produced by a combination of 4s & 7s.

Then $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } m - 4 = 4x + 7y \implies m = 4(x + 1) + 7y$.

So m can be produced by a combination of 4s & 7s.

Thus, by the principle of strong induction, all integers greater than, or equal to, 18 can be produced by a sum of 4s & 7s.

My Solution 2

13 cannot be produced by a combination of 3s & 8s.

Base Case

$$14 = 3 + 3 + 8 \quad 15 = 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 \quad 16 = 8 + 8$$

Inductive Assumption

Let $m > 16, m \in \mathbb{N}$ and assume all integers less than m can be split into groups of 3s & 8s.

Inductive Case

Consider $m - 3$.

Since this is less than m then, by the inductive assumption, it can be produced by a combination of 3s & 8s.

Then $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } m - 3 = 3x + 8y \implies m = 3(x + 1) + 8y$.

So m can be produced by a combination of 3s & 8s.

Thus, by the principle of strong induction, all integers greater than, or equal to, 14 can be produced by a sum of 3s & 8s.

My Solution 3

Inner Loop

To prove the invariant " $A[j] = \min\{A[k] : j \leq k \leq n\}$ " is preserved.

Initialisation

Set $j = 1$. Since the array contains only one item then $A[1]$ is the lowest value by default.

Maintenance

This loop moves $A[j]$ to the left of the array until no elements to its right are less than it. Assuming this holds for all prior passes of the loop then $A[j] = \min\{A[k] : j \leq k \leq n\}$. Thus invariance holds.

Termination

Since the loop has a definite termination value then termination is guaranteed.

Since the invariant, " $A[j] = \min\{A[k] : j \leq k \leq n\}$ ", holds for initialisation, maintenance & termination it is a preserved invariant of the inner loop.

Outer Loop

To prove the invariant "*for $1 \leq j \leq i - 1$, $A[j]$ is the j^{th} smallest element of A* " is preserved.

Initialisation

Set $i = 2$. Since the list has only one element, its first, & only, element is the smallest element of A .

Maintenance

By the invariant proved for the inner loop we know the first $j - 1$ elements of A are the $j - 1$ smallest elements, thus j is the j^{th} smallest element of $A[1, \dots, j]$.

Termination

As this loop has a definite termination value so it definitely terminates.

Since the invariant, "*for $1 \leq j \leq i - 1$, $A[j]$ is the j^{th} smallest element of A* ", holds for initialisation, maintenance & termination it is a preserved invariant of the outer loop.

Since both invariants have been proved, the correctness of bubblesort producing a sorted list is proved.

My Solution 4.1

Let $1 \leq p(i) < p(j) < 7$, $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ then after cycling we have $2 \leq p(i) < p(j) \leq 7$. Since the order hasn't changed, and the labels are constant, this is a transposition iff it was before cycling.

Let $1 \leq p(i) < p(j) = 7$, $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ then after cycling we have $1 \leq p(j) < p(i) \leq 7$. Since the order has changed, and the labels are constant, this is a transposition iff it was not before cycling.

My Solution 4.2

Let $1 \leq i \leq 7$ and set $p(i) = 7$, then a transposition (i, j) is formed with all $j > i$. There are $7 - i$ such transpositions before cycling.

After cycling, all previous transpositions are lost and new transpositions, (j, i) , are formed with all $j < i$, there are $i - 1$ such transpositions.

Thus there is a net change of $|(i - 1) - (7 - i)| = |2i - 8|$. Since this value is always even, then the total number of transpositions remains even after cycling, if it was before cycling.

My Solution 4.3

To prove the invariant "*the number of transposition is even*" is preserved.

Initialisation

When $p(i) = i \forall i \in \mathbb{N}$, $1 \leq i \leq 7$ there are 0 transpositions. So the number of transpositions is even.

Maintenance

All transpositions (i, j) , $p(i) \geq 4$, $p(j) \leq 3$ are unchanged

Let $p(j) = 3$ and $p(i) = \{1, 2\}$ for $i \neq j$.

If (i, j) is a transposition before cycling three disks then it no longer is after, as the positions have changed but the labels are constant.

The inverse is true, if (i, j) is *not* a transposition before cycling, then it is afterwards.

This means either: two transpositions are gained; one transposition is gained and one is lost; or two transpositions are lost. Each of these outcomes has a net change in transpositions of zero or two.

Thus, if the number of transpositions is even before cycling three disks then it is afterwards.

The same was proved for cycling all disks in *Question 4.2*. The invariant holds for all actions.

Termination

As loop is over a finite number of elements, it always terminates.

As the invariant, "*the number of transposition is even*", holds for initialisation, maintenance & termination it is a preserved invariant.

My Solution 4.4

Here the only transposition is $(1, 2)$. Thus there are an odd number of transpositions, this breaks the preserved invariant so cannot be true. Thus this is an impossible state of the system.

My Solution 5.1

If the number of vegans is odd, then a vegan must share with a non-vegan. Call then v

By the question, v prefers all other vegans over this non-vegan.

Since each vegan is the first choice of another vegan, and one cannot be the first choice of themselves, there is a vegan in another pair who would rather be with v than anyone else.

This includes their current partner, creating an unstable match.

This holds for all situations with an odd number of vegans.

My Solution 5.2

Let v_1 & v_2 be vegans.

By the conditions of the question, v_1 's first preference must be v_2 & v_2 's must be v_1 .

So when they are paired together, neither wish to form a pair with anyone else.

As there is only one other pair in this scenario, an unstable match cannot be formed.

My Solution 6

Since the preferences of the clients outweigh those of the employees I shall implement the *Gale-Shapely Algorithm* which the clients proposing to the employees.

The initial preference tables:

A	D	E	F
B	F	E	D
C	D	E	F

D	B	A	C
E	B	C	A
F	C	A	B

D & E propose to B, since B prefers E to D they are paired together.

F proposes to C, C has no other offers so accepts.

A	D	E	F
B	F	E	D
C	D	E	F

D	B	A	C
E	B	C	A
F	C	A	B

D is the only client without an employee so proposes to A.

A has no other offers so accepts.

A	D	E	F
B	F	E	D
C	D	E	F

D	B	A	C
E	B	C	A
F	C	A	B

Since everyone now has a partner, the algorithm terminates.

Alex is assigned to Datadatadata.

Brandon is assigned to ElephantineLogs.

Carmen is assigned to FilesRUs.