

Question 1:

The worst-time complexity for merge sort is \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers:

- a.  $O(\log n)$
- b.  $O(n^2)$
- c.  $O(1)$
- d.  $O(n \log n)$
- e.  $O(n)$

Question 2:

The best-time complexity for bubble sort is \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers:

- a.  $O(n^2)$
- b.  $O(\log n)$
- c.  $O(n)$
- d.  $O(n \log n)$
- e.  $O(1)$

Question 3:

Fill in the code to complete the following method for sorting a list.

```java-code

```
public static void sort(double[] list) {
```

```
    _____;
```

```
}
```

```
public static void sort(double[] list, int high) {
```

```
    if (high > 1) {
```

```
        // Find the largest number and its index
```

```

int indexOfMax = 0;

double max = list[0];

for (int i = 1; i <= high; i++) {
    if (list[i] > max) {
        max = list[i];
        indexOfMax = i;
    }
}

// Swap the largest with the last number in the list
list[indexOfMax] = list[high];
list[high] = max;

// Sort the remaining list
sort(list, high - 1);
}
}
...

```

Answers:

- a. `sort(list, list.length)`
- b. `sort(list)`
- c. `sort(list, list.length - 2)`
- d. `sort(list, list.length - 1)`

Question 4:

Suppose a list is {22, 29, 25, 24, 28, 21}. After the first pass of bubble sort, the list becomes:

Answers:

- a. 22, 25, 29, 24, 28, 21

- b. 22, 29, 25, 24, 21, 28
- c. 22, 25, 24, 28, 21, 29
- d. 22, 29, 25, 24, 28, 21
- e. 22, 21, 25, 24, 28, 29

Question 5:

Suppose you choose the first element as a pivot in the list {15, 12, 19, 13, 18, 14, 10, 11, 16, 17}. What is the new list after the partition?

Answers:

- a. 14, 12, 13, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 19, 18
- b. 15, 12, 19, 13, 18, 14, 10, 11, 16, 17
- c. 12, 13, 14, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
- d. 14, 12, 11, 13, 10, 15, 18, 19, 16, 17
- e. 12, 13, 14, 10, 11, 15, 19, 18, 16, 17

Question 6:

Which one of the following statements is wrong?

Answers:

- a. A recursive method can always be replaced by a non-recursive method.
- b. Recursive methods usually take more memory space than non-recursive methods.
- c. Recursive methods run faster than non-recursive methods.
- d. In some cases, however, using recursion enables you to give a natural, straightforward, simple solution to a program that would otherwise be difficult to solve.

Question 7:

Use the insertion Sort method. Assume the list is {3.1, 3.1, 2.5, 6.4, 2.1}. What is the content of the list

after the first iteration of the outer loop in the method?

Answers:

- a. 2.1, 2.5, 3.1, 3.1, 6.4
- b. 3.1, 3.1, 2.5, 6.4, 2.1
- c. 2.5, 3.1, 3.1, 6.4, 2.1
- d. 2.1, 3.1, 2.5, 6.4, 3.1

Question 8:

Suppose we have an arraylist, `a_list` and a linkedlist `l_list`. Which of the two methods runs faster?

...

// method 1

```
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++)
```

```
    l_list.append(i)
```

// method 2

```
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++)
```

```
    a_list.append(i)
```

...

Question 9:

What is the running time of this algorithm

...

```
int sum = 0;
```

```
for (int i=0; i < n; i++) {
```

```
    for (int j = 0; j < n*n; j++) {
```

```
        sum += 1
```

```
    }
```

```
}  
...  

```

Answers:

A  $O(N)$

B  $O(1)$

C  $O(n^3)$

D  $O(n^2)$

Question 10:

Question 11:

Given a sorted singly linked list. What would be the running time of removing duplicates?

Answers:

A  $O(N)$

B  $O(1)$

C  $O(n \log n)$

D  $O(n^2)$

Question 12:

What algorithm/data structure would you use to solve the following problem in  $O(\log N)$  time.

Given a sorted list of elements and a target element. Find the smallest element in the list larger than the given target.

Answers:

A Hash table

B Binary Search

C Quick Sort

D For Loop

Question 13:

Would Prim's and Kruskals' algorithms for finding the minimum spanning tree still work if the graph had negative weight edges?

Answers:

A False

B True

Question 14:

Given the root of a m-ary tree, root, what algorithm would you use to determine the maximum depth of the tree?

Answers:

A Binary Search

B Depth-First Search

C Breadth-First Search

D None of the above

Question 15:

Given a non-empty list of words, return the k most frequent. How would you solve this in  $O(n \log n)$  time. What data structures/algorithms would you use?

Answers:

A Hash Table

B Merge Sort

C Tree

D A and B