

1. (6 points) Multiple Choices

Each of the following questions has **one or more** correct answer(s). Please choose all the correct answers. If your answer is a non-empty strict subset of the correct answers, you will receive 1pt. Write your answers in the table below.

(a)	(b)	(c)
ABCD	ACD	B

(a) (2') Which of the following sorting algorithms run in $O(n^2)$ time?

A. Insertion-sort B. Merge-sort C. Bubble-sort D. Quick-sort

(b) (2') As for time complexity, which of the following statements are true?

- A. Insertion-sort has the best time complexity on a sorted array among all sorting methods.
- B. Quick-sort runs in $O(n \log n)$ time in worst case if the pivots are chosen via the 'median-of-three' method (that is, to choose the median of $\{a_l, a_m, a_r\}$ as the pivot when partitioning the subarray $\langle a_l, \dots, a_r \rangle$, where $m = \lfloor (l + r)/2 \rfloor$).
- C. Bubble-sort, if modified with certain tricks, could run in $\Theta(n)$ time if there are $O(n)$ inversions.
- D. Merge-sort has a worst-case runtime that is asymptotically better than the worst-case runtime of quick-sort.

(c) (2') Which of the following statements are true?

- A. A sorting algorithm is *stable* if its worst-case time complexity is the same as its best-case time complexity.
- B. Insertion-sort is stable.
- C. Merge-sort requires $\Theta(\log n)$ extra space when sorting an array of n elements.
- D. Quick-sort only uses $O(1)$ extra space.

2. (2 points) Inversions

Suppose we are performing merge-sort on an array. At a certain step, we need to merge two sorted sub-arrays $\langle a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5 \rangle$ and $\langle b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5, b_6 \rangle$ into one. Assume that these elements are distinct. Suppose the result is

$$\langle b_1, b_2, a_1, a_2, a_3, b_3, a_4, b_4, a_5, b_5, b_6 \rangle.$$

From this you can infer that the number of inversions in the original array is at least 13.

3. (6 points) Merging Linked-lists

Liu Big God has found an interestingly designed linked-list library in his grandfather's computer. The library was developed over 30 years ago, and provides interfaces that are quite different than what we

see in lectures. It mainly contains a **List** class, which represents a singly-linked list (assuming the data it stores are **ints**), with the following operations supported (suppose **l** is a **List** and **x** is an **int**).

- **cons(x, l)** returns a **List** obtained from **l** by inserting **x** to the beginning of it.
- **l.car()** returns the first element of **l**. Runtime-error if **l** contains no elements.
- **l.cdr()** returns a **List** consisting of all the elements of **l** except the first. Runtime-error if **l** contains no elements.
- **l.null()** returns **true** if **l** contains no elements, **false** otherwise.
- **List::nil** is a **List** with no elements.

Curious about how this **List** works, Liu Big God is trying to perform merge-sort on it (in ascending order). Please help him with the **merge** procedure, which merges two sorted **Lists** into one.

```
List merge(const List &x, const List &y) {  
    if (x.null())  
        return y;  
    if (y.null())  
        return x;  
    int xh = x.car(), yh = y.car();  
    if (xh < yh)  
        return cons(xh, merge(x.cdr(), y));  
    else  
        return cons(yh, merge(x, y.cdr()));  
}
```

(a) (2') Fill in the first two blanks, which handle the cases where one of the given **Lists** is empty.

(b) (4') Fill in the rest two blanks, which finishes the work in a **recursive** way.

Please note that:

- One statement for each blank.
- Only the five operations listed above are available. It is not allowed to use other operations like **push_front**, **pop_front** or **insert_after**.
- All the implementation details of **List** are **private**. Direct access to nodes, data or pointers will lead to compile error.
- You don't need to worry about the time complexity of **cons** and **cdr**.

4. (2 points) Guess the average score ($\in [0, 16]$) of this quiz.

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