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CS F211 Data Structures & Algorithms
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Lab VI - (11th Feb. to 15th Feb.)
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Exercise 2 of 3
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Topics: QuickSort, Performance Measurements - Running Time and Space Usage, Command Line Arguments
Programming Environment: C on Linux

In all the exercises in this lab sheet, you must construct an array of employee records containing the following fields – *{name and empID}*, where *name* is a string containing a maximum of 10 characters and *empID* is an integer value containing the employee ID. You must use empID as the key for all comparisons in your sorting algorithms. Sample input files are given along with this sheet, which can be used in the exercises as input files. Note that all input files have the fields *name* and *empID* separated by space.

Exercise 2: [Expected Time: 30 minutes]

a) Write a *bisection* procedure to decide the cutoff size above which QuickSort is faster than insertion sort:

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define testRun(Ls, size) {
        run InsertionSort and QuickSort – separately – on Ls;
        return the running time measurements (IStime, QStime);
}

define estimateCutoff {
    tt1 = testRun(Ls, min); // assert tt1.IStime < tt1.QStime
    tt2 = testRun(Ls, max);  // assert tt1.IStime > tt1.QStime

    repeat {  mid =(min+max)/2;
              tt = testRun(Ls, mid);
              use tt to narrow the range (i.e. min=mid or max=mid)
            } (until tt.IStime approximately== tt.QStime)
    return mid;
}
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b) Write a main function in C that takes an input file name, an output file name as command line arguments and then:
   i. Runs estimateCutoff to decide the cutoff size;
   ii. For N=10^4, 10^5, 10^6, ... 10^9:
      - Read N values from input file
      - Call sorting procedure in 1.c) with cutoff size as estimated in (i).
      - Measure the time taken for sorting and store it
      - Write the sorted list into the output file.