

## CSDS 310 Assignment 1

*Note: Arrays are zero-indexed.*

### Problem 1

a) **Loop Invariant:** At the start of each iteration, the greatest common divisor (GCD) of  $x$  and  $y$  is the same as the GCD of the original input integers  $a$  and  $b$ . In other words,  $\gcd(x, y) = \gcd(a, b)$

b) **Initialization:** Before the first iteration,  $x = a$  and  $y = b$ . Since these values are the same,  $\gcd(x, y) = \gcd(a, b)$ .

• **Maintenance:** At the start of the first iteration, the statement  $\gcd(x, y) = \gcd(a, b)$  is true. In the loop, there are two cases:

Case 1:  $x > y$ . In this case,  $x = x - y$ . Subtracting the smaller number,  $y$ , does not change the GCD. For proof, let  $c = \gcd(x - y, y)$ , in which  $c \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $x > y$ . By definition,  $c(x - y) = cy$ . Distributing,  $cx - cy = cy$ . Solving,  $cx = 2cy = c(2y)$ . As both sides of the equation remain integers,  $c = \gcd(x, 2y) = \gcd(x - y, y) = \gcd(x, y)$ .

Case 2:  $x \leq y$ . In this case,  $y = y - x$ . This uses the same proof as Case 1, in which  $\gcd(x, y) = \gcd(x, y - x)$ .

As the gcd remains same, the loop invariant holds.

• **Termination:** The loop terminates when  $x = y$ . By the loop invariant,  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(x, y)$ .

c) Inputs  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers and  $x = a$  and  $y = b$ , so  $x$  and  $y$  must be positive. In the loop,  $x$  and  $y$  decrease by the smaller counterpart. Given that  $x$  and  $y$  are positive, in both cases of subtraction, it is not possible for one number to subtract the other and be negative. The integers may not decrease below 1 either, since that case implies that the integers are equal, which is the termination condition.

d) Our loop invariant terminates when  $x = y$ , thus  $x = x$ . At this point in the algorithm, we have  $\gcd(x, y) = \gcd(x, x)$ .  $x = x$ , thus  $x \mid x$ , so we can conclude that  $x = \gcd(x, x) = \gcd(x, y) = \gcd(a, b)$ .

### Problem 2

a)

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1  procedure FINDPAIR(A, B, x):
2      i ← 0
3      j ← n - 1
4      while i < n and j >= 0:
5          if A[i] + B[j] == x then
6              return i, j
7          else if A[i] + B[j] < x then
8              i ← i + 1
9          else:
10             j ← j - 1
11     return FALSE

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b)

- **Loop Invariant:** At the start of each iteration, if  $A[i] + B[j] = x$ , then indices  $i, j$  exist in the subarrays  $A[i \dots n - 1]$  and  $B[0 \dots j]$ .
- **Initialization:** Initially,  $i = 0$  and  $j = n - 1$  so the subarrays in the loop invariant are  $A[0 \dots n - 1]$  and  $B[0 \dots n - 1]$ , which are over the entire arrays  $A$  and  $B$ . Thus, the loop invariant holds initially.
- **Maintenance:** At the start of each iteration, if  $A[i] + B[j] = x$ , then indices  $i, j$  exist in the subarrays  $A[i \dots n - 1]$  and  $B[0 \dots j]$ , which are returned. Else, given that  $A, B$  are sorted in nondecreasing order:

$$\begin{aligned} A[i + 1] &\geq A[i] \\ A[i + 1] + B[j] &\geq A[i] + B[j] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} B[j - 1] &\leq B[j] \\ A[i] + B[j - 1] &\leq A[i] + B[j] \end{aligned}$$

This means that if  $A[i] + B[j] < x$ , we increment  $i$  by 1, maintaining the subarray  $A[i \dots n - 1]$ . Otherwise, in the other case that  $A[i] + B[j] > x$ , we decrement  $j$  by 1, maintaining the subarray  $B[0 \dots j]$ .

- **Termination:** The loop terminates if  $A[i] + B[j] = x$  exists, since it returns the existing indices of  $i, j$  in subarrays  $A[i \dots n - 1]$  and  $B[0 \dots j]$ , satisfying the loop invariant. Else, when  $i \geq n$  or  $j < 0$ , meaning  $x$  does not exist in either subarray  $A[i \dots n - 1]$  or  $B[0 \dots j]$ , no valid pair is found and the algorithm returns FALSE.

### Problem 3

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1 procedure NATURALSELECTION(m, n):
2   l ← m
3   p ← n
4   while l + p > 1:
5     pick two animals
6     if both Pisidians then
7       p ← p - 2
8       l ← l + 1
9     else:
10      l ← l - 1
11  if p mod 2 = 1:
12    return PISIDIAN
13  else:
14    return LYDIAN
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- **Loop Invariant:** At the start of each iteration, the parity of initial number of Pisidians  $n$  is the same as the remaining number of Pisidians  $p$ . In other words,  $p \bmod 2 = n \bmod 2$ .
- **Initialization:** Initially,  $l = m$  and  $p = n$ . Substituting in the loop invariant,  $n \bmod 2 = n \bmod 2$ . Thus, the loop invariant holds.

- **Maintenance:** At the start of each iteration, two animals are picked. There are three resulting cases:
  - Lydian ( $l$ ) and Lydian ( $l$ ): As  $l \leftarrow l - 1$ ,  $p$  is unchanged.  $p \bmod 2 = p \bmod 2$ , so the parity of  $p$  remains unchanged.
  - Pisidian ( $p$ ) and Pisidian ( $p$ ): Both Pisidians kill each other, so  $p \leftarrow p - 2$ . This means:

$$(p - 2) \bmod 2 = p \bmod 2 - 2 \bmod 2 = p \bmod 2$$

Thus, the parity of  $p$  remains unchanged.

- Lydian ( $l$ ) + Pisidian ( $p$ ):  $l \leftarrow l - 1$ , similar to the first case. Thus, the parity of  $p$  also remains unchanged.

As the parity of  $p$  does not change in all cases, the loop invariant holds.

- **Termination:** The loop terminates when there is one individual left, or  $l + p = 1$ . By the loop invariant, as the parity of  $n$  equals the parity of  $p$ ,  $p \bmod 2 = 1$  means that  $p = 1$ , thus the last standing population is the Pisidians. Otherwise, the last standing population is the Lydians.