

Feedback — Final Exam Part I

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To specify an array or sequence of values in an answer, separate the values in the sequence by whitespace. For example, if the question asks for the first ten powers of two (starting at 1), then the following answer is acceptable:

1 2 4 8 16 32 64 128 256 512

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Question 1

(seed = 642333)

Suppose that you binary search for the key 94 in the following sorted array of size 15:

18 25 27 53 55 60 64 76 81 91 93 94 95 97 98

Give the sequence of keys in the array that are compared with 94. Your answer should be a sequence of integers, separated by whitespace.

You entered:

76 94

Your Answer		Score	Explanation
76 94	✓	1.00	
Total		1.00 / 1.00	

Question Explanation

The correct answer is: 76 94

Here is the array to be searched after each compare:

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      18 25 27 53 55 60 64 76 81 91 93 94 95 97 98
76:   - - - - - - - - - 81 91 93 94 95 97 98
94:   - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
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Question 2

(seed = 787041)

Suppose that you time a program as a function of N and produce the following table.

N	seconds

512	0.000
1024	0.001
2048	0.002
4096	0.007
8192	0.023
16384	0.082
32768	0.292
65536	1.034
131072	3.624
262144	12.782
524288	45.212
1048576	159.305
2097152	561.293
4194304	1979.642

Estimate the order of growth of the running time as a function of N . Assume that the running time obeys a power law $T(N) \sim a N^b$. For your answer, enter the constant b . Your answer will be marked as correct if it is within 1% of the target answer - we recommend using two digits after the decimal separator, e.g., 2.34.

You entered:

4.4157

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
4.4157	✖ 0.00	
Total	0.00 / 1.00	

Question Explanation

The theoretical order-of-growth is $N^{(20/11)} = 1.82$

The empirical order-of-growth is $N^{(\log_2 \text{ ratio})}$

N	seconds	ratio	\log_2 ratio
512	0.000	-	-
1024	0.001	-	-
2048	0.002	2.00	1.00
4096	0.007	3.50	1.81
8192	0.023	3.29	1.72
16384	0.082	3.57	1.83
32768	0.292	3.56	1.83
65536	1.034	3.54	1.82
131072	3.624	3.50	1.81
262144	12.782	3.53	1.82
524288	45.212	3.54	1.82
1048576	159.305	3.52	1.82
2097152	561.293	3.52	1.82
4194304	1979.642	3.53	1.82

Question 3

(seed = 856092)

What is the order of growth of the worst case running time of the following code fragment as a function of N?

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int sum = 0;
for (int i = 0; i*i*i < N; i++)
    for (int j = i+1; j*j*j < N; j++)
        for (int k = j+1; k*k*k < N; k++)
            sum++;
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Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> 1		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> log N	✖ 0.00	
<input type="radio"/> $N^{(1/2)}$		
<input type="radio"/> N		
<input type="radio"/> N log N		
<input type="radio"/> $N^{(3/2)}$		
<input type="radio"/> N^2		
<input type="radio"/> $N^2 \log N$		
<input type="radio"/> $N^{(5/2)}$		
<input type="radio"/> N^3		

 N^4  N^5  N^6  N^7

Total

0.00 / 1.00

Question Explanation

The answer is : N

The body of the inner loop is executed $N^{(1/3)}$ choose 3 ~ N/6 times.

Question 4

(seed = 392354)

The column on the left contains the original input of 24 strings to be sorted or shuffled; the column on the right contains the strings in sorted order;

the other 5 columns contain the contents at some intermediate step during one of the 5 algorithms listed below (with different columns corresponding to different algorithms).

pine	aqua	pear	lust	aqua	aqua	aqua
pink	bark	cyan	gold	bark	bark	bark
bark	ceil	bark	gray	blue	ceil	blue
lust	coal	lust	coal	cafe	coal	cafe
ceil	gray	ceil	cyan	ceil	drab	ceil
gray	lust	gray	dusk	coal	dusk	coal
coal	navy	coal	drab	cyan	gray	cyan
teal	pine	cafe	ceil	drab	lust	drab
aqua	pink	aqua	bark	dusk	navy	dusk
rust	rust	palm	aqua	gold	pine	gold
silk	silk	blue	blue	gray	pink	gray

navy	teal	navy	cafe	lust	plum	lust
dusk	blue	dusk	navy	pine	rust	navy
sand	cafe	gold	palm	sand	sand	palm
drab	cyan	drab	pear	teal	silk	pear
plum	drab	pine	pine	plum	teal	pine
pear	dusk	plum	pink	pear	pear	pink
gold	gold	sand	plum	rust	gold	plum
blue	palm	silk	rose	pink	blue	rose
palm	pear	rust	ruby	palm	palm	ruby
rose	plum	rose	rust	rose	rose	rust
ruby	rose	ruby	sand	ruby	ruby	sand
cafe	ruby	teal	silk	navy	cafe	silk
cyan	sand	pink	teal	silk	cyan	teal
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0	?	?	?	?	?	6

Match up each column with the corresponding algorithm from the given list:

- 0. Original input
- 1. Selection sort
- 2. Insertion sort
- 3. Mergesort (top-down)
- 4. Quicksort (standard, no shuffle)
- 5. Heapsort
- 6. Sorted

Use each number exactly once. That is, your answer should be a permutation of the 7 integers between 0 and 6 (starting with 0 and ending with 6), separated by whitespace.

Hint: think about algorithm invariants. Do not trace code.

You entered:

0 2 5 4 3 1 6

Your Answer		Score	Explanation
0	✓	0.14	
2	✗	0.00	

5	✗	0.00
4	✗	0.00
3	✗	0.00
1	✗	0.00
6	✓	0.14
Total		0.29 / 1.00

Question Explanation

The correct answer is: 0 3 4 5 1 2 6

0: Original input

3: Mergesort (top-down) just before the last call to merge()

4: Quicksort (standard, no shuffle) after first partitioning step

5: Heapsort after heap construction phase and putting 12 keys into place

1: Selection sort after 12 iterations

2: Insertion sort after 16 iterations

6: Sorted

Question 5

(seed = 822234)

Match up each of the following 5 sorting algorithms

___ insertion sort

___ mergesort (bottom-up)

___ randomized quicksort (standard)

___ selection sort

___ randomized quicksort (3-way)

with the order of growth of its expected running time to sort

an input of size N whose keys are reverse sorted (with distinct keys) by choosing from the following 6 options:

- A. 1
- B. $\log N$
- C. N
- D. $N \log N$
- E. $N^{4/3}$
- F. N^2

Your answer should be a sequence of 5 letters (each between A and F), separated by whitespace. You may use each letter once, more than once, or not at all.

Assume that the sorting algorithms are the pure, unoptimized versions.

You entered:

F D D F D

Your Answer		Score	Explanation
F	✓	0.20	
D	✓	0.20	
D	✓	0.20	
F	✓	0.20	
D	✓	0.20	
Total		1.00 / 1.00	

Question Explanation

The correct answer is: F D D F D

Question 6

(seed = 747914)

Suppose that you have a data type for a sequence of N items and that it is represented internally using a resizing array (where the i th item in the sequence is stored $a[N-i-1]$). Assume that the data type is implemented in an efficient and natural manner given the specified representation.

Match up each of the following 6 operations

- ___ return the i th item in the sequence
- ___ replace the i th item in the sequence with a specified item
- ___ insert an item at the beginning of the sequence
- ___ return the first item in the sequence
- ___ return the number of items in the sequence
- ___ insert an item immediately after the i th item in the sequence

with their amortized running time, by choosing from the following 5 options:

- A. 1
- B. $\log N$
- C. N
- D. $N \log N$
- E. N^2

Your answer should be a sequence of 6 letters (each between A and E), separated by whitespace. You may use each letter once, more than once, or not at all.

You entered:

A A A A A A

Your Answer		Score	Explanation
A	✓	0.17	
A	✓	0.17	

A	✓	0.17
A	✓	0.17
A	✓	0.17
A	✗	0.00
Total		0.83 / 1.00

Question Explanation

The correct answer is: A A A A A C

Question 7

(seed = 836199)

Suppose that you have a priority queue containing N comparable keys that is represented internally using an array in ascending order (with the i th smallest key at $a[i]$). Assume that the data type is implemented in an efficient and natural manner given the specified representation.

Match up each of the following 6 operations

- ___ return a minimum key
- ___ insert a batch of N keys (given all at once)
- ___ insert a key
- ___ return the number of keys
- ___ does the priority queue contain a specified key?
- ___ iterate over the keys in ascending order

with their amortized running time, by choosing from the following 5 options:

- A. 1
- B. $\log N$
- C. N
- D. $N \log N$
- E. N^2

Your answer should be a sequence of 6 letters (each between A and E), separated by whitespace. You may use each letter once, more than once, or not at all.

You entered:

A C A A B C

Your Answer		Score	Explanation
A	✓	0.17	
C	✗	0.00	
A	✗	0.00	
A	✓	0.17	
B	✓	0.17	
C	✓	0.17	
Total		0.67 / 1.00	

Question Explanation

The correct answer is: A D C A B C

Question 8

(seed = 655346)

Suppose that you have a data type that represents a set of N distinct items and that the set of items is represented internally using a linear-probing hash table (that is at most 50% full). Assume that the data type is implemented in an efficient and natural manner given the specified representation.

Match up each of the following 6 operations

- ___ return the maximum key
- ___ return the k th smallest key
- ___ return the minimum key
- ___ return the number of keys \leq a specified key
- ___ return the number of keys between the keys lo and hi
- ___ return the smallest key \geq a specified key

with their expected running times (under the uniform hashing assumption), by choosing from the following 5 options:

- A. 1
- B. $\log N$
- C. N
- D. $N \log N$
- E. N^2

Your answer should be a sequence of 6 letters (each between A and E), separated by whitespace. You may use each letter once, more than once, or not at all.

You entered:

CCCCCC

Your Answer		Score	Explanation
C	✓	0.17	
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Total		1.00 / 1.00

Question Explanation

The correct answer is: C C C C C C C

Question 9

(seed = 573533)

Match each of the following 6 quantities

___ Expected depth of a node after inserting N distinct keys in random order into an empty BST

___ Max height of a binary heap with N keys

___ Max height of a BST with N keys

___ Max function-call stack size when (top-down) mergesorting an array of N keys

___ Min height of a binary heap with N keys

___ Max height of a weighted quick-union with path compression forest with N sites

by choosing from the following 10 options:

- A. \emptyset or constant
- B. $\sim \lg^* N$
- C. $\sim 1/2 \lg N$

- D. $\sim \log_3 N$
- E. $\sim \ln N$
- F. $\sim \lg N$
- G. $\sim 2 \lg N$
- H. $\sim 2 \ln N$
- I. $\sim 4.311 \ln N$
- J. $\sim N$

Your answer should be a sequence of 6 letters (each between A and J), separated by whitespace. You may use each letter once, more than once, or not at all.

Recall that $\lg N$ denotes the binary logarithm ($\log_2 N$); $\ln N$ denotes the natural logarithm ($\log_e N$); and $\lg^* N$ denotes the binary iterated logarithm.

You entered:

G J F F F F

Your Answer		Score	Explanation
G	✗	0.00	
J	✗	0.00	
F	✗	0.00	
F	✓	0.17	
F	✓	0.17	
F	✓	0.17	
Total		0.50 / 1.00	

Question Explanation

The correct answer is: H F J F F F


Question 10

(seed = 900463)


You are applying for a job at a new software technology company. Your interviewer asks you to identify which of the following graph-processing tasks are possible using techniques discussed in Algorithms, Part I. Check all that apply.

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design a compare-based sorting algorithm that guarantees to sort any array of N comparable keys using $\sim 10 N \lg N$ compares in the worst case.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.00	The sorting lower bound says that any compare-based sorting algorithm must use $\sim N \lg N$ compares in the worst case.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Perform a left rotation in a B-ST in	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.20	A left rotation changes only a constant number of pointers.

constant time.

☐  0.20 You need a doubly-linked list to support both deleting from the front or the back.

Implement a deque (double-ended queue) in constant time per operation using a singly-linked list.

☐  0.20 We argue that any exchange-based sorting algorithm must make at least $N-1$ exchanges to sort the input array $[N-1, 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-2]$. Given a permutation array on N elements, consider a digraph in which the edge (i, j) means that $a[j] = i$. Observe that such a digraph is a set of directed cycles. For example, the input array is a single cycle. Now observe that if two items i and j are in the same cycle, exchanging them divides the cycle into two cycles; if they are in different cycles, exchanging them merges the two cycles. Since the sorted array $[0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1]$ contains N cycles and each exchange increases the number of cycles by at most 1, there must be at least $N-1$ exchanges.

Design an exchange-based sorting algorithm (rearranges the array entries only via pairwise exchanges) that makes at most $\sim 1/2 N$

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Do an inorder traversal of each BST and merge together to get the $2N$ keys in sorted order. Then, build a perfectly balanced BST and (uniquely) color the links to make it a red-black BST.

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Question Explanation

