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1. Primitive sorting networks at random. This program is a quick-and-dirty implementation of the random process studied in exercise 5.3.4–40: Start with the permutation $n \ldots 2\,1$ and randomly interchange adjacent elements that are out of order, until reaching $1\,2 \ldots n$. I want to know if the upper bound of $4n^2$ steps, proved in that exercise, is optimum.

This Monte Carlo program computes a number c such that $c(n-1)$ random adjacent comparators would have sufficed to complete the sorting. This number is the sum of $1/t_k$ during the $\binom{n}{2}$ steps of sorting, where t is the number of adjacent out-of-order pairs before the kth step. If c is consistently less than $4n$, the exercise's upper bound is too high.

In fact, ten experiments with $n = 10000$ all gave $19904 < c < 20017$; hence it is extremely likely that the true asymptotic behavior is $\sim 2n^2$.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include "gb_flip.h"
  int *perm;
  int *list;
  int seed;    /* random number seed */
  int n;    /* this many elements */
  main(argc, argv)
      int argc;
      char *argv[];
  {
    register int i, j, k, t, x, y;
    register double s;
    ⟨Scan the command line 2⟩;
    ⟨Initialize everything 3⟩;
    while (t) ⟨Move 4⟩;
    ⟨Print the results 5⟩;
  }
```

2. ⟨Scan the command line 2⟩ ≡

```
  if (argc ≠ 3 ∨ sscanf(argv[1], "%d", &n) ≠ 1 ∨ sscanf(argv[2], "%d", &seed) ≠ 1) {
    fprintf(stderr, "Usage:␣%s␣n␣seed\n", argv[0]);
    exit(−1);
  }
```

This code is used in section 1.

3. We maintain the following invariants: the indices i where $perm[i] > perm[i+1]$ are $list[j]$ for $0 \le j < t$.

⟨Initialize everything 3⟩ ≡

```
  gb_init_rand(seed);
  perm = (int *) malloc(4 * (n + 2));
  list = (int *) malloc(4 * (n − 1));
  for (k = 1; k ≤ n; k++) perm[k] = n + 1 − k;
  perm[0] = 0; perm[n + 1] = n + 1;
  for (k = 1; k < n; k++) list[k − 1] = k;
  t = n − 1;
  s = 0.0;
```

This code is used in section 1.

4. ⟨ Move 4 ⟩ ≡

```
{
  s += 1.0/(double) t;
  j = gb_unif_rand(t);
  i = list[j];
  t--;
  list[j] = list[t];
  x = perm[i]; y = perm[i + 1];
  perm[i] = y; perm[i + 1] = x;
  if (perm[i - 1] > y ∧ perm[i - 1] < x) list[t++] = i - 1;
  if (perm[i + 2] < x ∧ perm[i + 2] > y) list[t++] = i + 1;
}
```

This code is used in section 1.

5. Is this program simple, or what?

⟨ Print the results 5 ⟩ ≡

```
printf("%g␣=␣%gn\n", s, s/(double) n);
```

This code is used in section 1.

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