

**Question 2:** Show  $O()$  by mathematical analysis - Show all work/algebraic summative derivations.

**Given:** Selection and Bubble Algorithms (See GitHub repository).

**Selection Sort Approach:** With typical  $BigO()$  analysis, we look to find the worst case computation scenario for the algorithm. For selection sort, we have two nested loops, one running  $n-1$  times, and the inner loop running  $n - pos - i$  for each iteration of the outer loop.

Once again, let's let  $T(n)$  be the total summation of the operations. So  $T(n) = \sum_{pos=0}^{n-2} [C1 + \sum_{i=pos+1}^{n-1} C2 + C3]$ , where  $C1$  is the linear operations before loop,  $C2$  is the operations made inside the loop, and  $C3$ , operations after the loop ends. Following the expansion of the summation series, we're left with

$$T(n) = (n-1) \cdot [(C1 + C3) + C2 \cdot (\frac{n}{2} + 1)] = (n-1) \cdot [(C1 + C3) + \frac{C2n}{2} + C2] = (n-1) \cdot (C1 + C3 + C2) + (n-1) \cdot \frac{C2n}{2}$$

Taking into account constants being removed, we're left with  $n(n-1)/2$ , which is  $O(n^2)$ .

**Bubble Sort Approach:** The given bubble sort algorithm contains a do-while loop that goes until swap, a flag, is no longer true. Inside the loop, there's a for loop that iterates through the array. So, for each iteration of the do-while, the inner loop iterates  $n-1$  times.

The  $T(n)$  summation is as such:  $\sum_{j=1}^k [C1 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} C2 + C3]$ . Which when expanded, equals

$$T(n) = \sum_{j=1}^k [C1 + C2 \cdot (n-1) + C3] = k \cdot (C1 + C3) + C2 \cdot (n-1) \cdot k.$$

Since we seek the worst case, where  $k = n$ , the dominant term is  $C2 * n(n-1)$ , which is  $O(n^2)$ .

**Selection Sort Conclusion:** We calculated the worst case  $O()$  timing to be  $O(n^2)$ , which also extends to the best and average case since selection sort always performs a full run through of the array to find the desired element in each iteration.

**Bubble Sort Conclusion:** We calculated the worst case  $O()$  timing to be  $O(n^2)$ , where the best case is  $O(n)$  (meaning the array is already sorted), and the average case to be  $O(n^2)$  because the number of passes is dependent on the initial arrangement of elements.