CP2410 Practical 10

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Question 1

The merge-sort will always take $O(n \times lg(n))$ time.

The quick-sort will expected (on average) to have time complexity of $\Theta(n \times lg(n))$, while the worst case time complexity is $O(n^2)$.

Question 2

Here is an implementation with time complexity of O(n):

```
def get_non_duplicates(A: list) -> list:
    """ Return all non-duplicated elements. """
    result = []
    # In case of empty list
    if not A:
        return result
    # Insert the first element, start iteration from index of 1
    result.append(A[0])
    for i in range(1, len(A)):
        if A[i] != A[i - 1]:
            result.append(A[i])
    return result
```

Here is a screenshot from testing the code:

Question 3

Here is an in-place method of sorting all 0s before 1s.

```
def in_place_sort(A: list[int]) -> list:
   """ Sort all 0s before 1s in place. """
   i, j = 0, len(A) - 1
   # from left to right, find first 1 at index i
   for i in range(len(A)):
       if A[i] == 1:
           break
   # from right to left, find first 0 at index j
   for j in range(len(A)-1, -1, -1):
        if A[j] == 0:
           break
   # if i is bigger, the list is sorted
   if i > j:
        return A
   else:
       # otherwise 1 appears before 0, swap i and j
       A[i] = 0
       A[j] = 1
        return in_place_sort(A)
```

Here is a screenshot from testing the code:

Question 4

To achieve time complexity of $O(n \times log(n))$, we can do a merge-sort on the sequence S. Then loop through the sorted array to find the most common element.

```
def find_winner(S:list[int]) -> int:
    """ Return the most frequent int, which represents a candidate. """
    # two edge cases
    if not S:
        return -1
    if len(S) == 1:
        return S[0]
    merge_sort(S)
    winner = S[0]
    prev_start = 0
    most_frequent = 0
    for i in range(1, len(S)):
        if S[i] != S[i-1]:
            count = i - prev_start
            if count > most frequent:
                most_frequent = count
                winner = S[i-1]
            prev_start = i
    return winner
def merge_sort(arr):
    if len(arr) > 1:
        mid = len(arr) // 2
        L = arr[:mid]
        R = arr[mid:]
        merge_sort(L)
        merge sort(R)
        i = j = k = 0
        while i < len(L) and j < len(R):
            if L[i] <= R[j]:</pre>
                arr[k] = L[i]
                i += 1
            else:
                arr[k] = R[j]
                j += 1
            k += 1
        while i < len(L):
            arr[k] = L[i]
            i += 1
            k += 1
        while j < len(R):
            arr[k] = R[j]
            j += 1
            k += 1
```

Here is a screenshot from testing the code:

Question 5

To achieve time complexity of O(n), we can use dictionary (hash table) to track votes:

```
def find_election_winner(S: list[str]) -> str:
    """ Find the ecandidate with most votes. """
    d = {}
    for i in S:
        if i in d:
            d[i] = d[i] + 1
        else:
            d[i] = 0
# return the key with highest value
return max(d, key=d.get)
```

Here is a screenshot from testing the code:

Question 6

