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**Homework 1**

Derive the order of magnitude worst-case running time of the following algorithm, and give a clear explanation of how you arrived at this bound, in the same manner as the CLRS insertion-sort example from chapter 2 which we did this in class. As I did in class, you can leave out the constants  $c_i$  for each line of code; but, where appropriate, you must analyze loops by setting up a sum over the loop iterations. Here  $\text{swap}(A, i, j)$  means interchange array elements  $A[i]$ ,  $A[j]$ . Note that swap is not one of our basic constant-time operations; how will you deal with this?

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1  i = 1
2  j = N
3  while i < j
4      for k = i to j - 1
5          if A[k] > A[k + 1]
6              swap(A, k, k + 1)
7      for k = j - 1 to i + 1 by -1
8          if A[k - 1] > A[k]
9              swap(A, k - 1, k)
10     i = i + 1
11     j = j - 1
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We know that the while loop will execute until  $i = j$ . This means that the sum will execute at most  $\lceil \frac{N}{2} \rceil$ . We can analyze both the inner for loops individually in order to formulate a sum that is representative of the number of instructions for that loop. The first loop executes  $N - 1$  times on the first iteration, then  $N - 3$  times on the second iteration, and so on. This yields the sum

$$\sum_{i=0}^N N - (2i + 1).$$

Similarly, the second for loop will execute almost the exact same number of times; however, only the even  $i$  terms will be taken into account. As such, we have that the second loop will execute

$$\sum_{i=0}^N N - 2i$$

times. Assuming the worst case scenario, we can say that the comparison in the if statement of both loops will return true every iteration. As a result, the swap function will be executed on every iteration. We don't actually know the execution time of the swap function, so we can assign it the value  $\mathcal{S}_t$ . Combining both of the sums we already have and multiplying them by the swap time yields

$$\mathcal{S}_t \sum_{i=0}^N 2N - 4i - 1.$$

The only other operations in the while loop are constant time, so we will ignore those.

We now need to express the number of times the while loop executes as a sum. We know that every time the loop executes, we increment  $i$  and decrement  $j$ . As a result, we know that the loop will only execute  $\lceil \frac{N}{2} \rceil$  times. We also know that our  $i$  starts at 1. Combining the sums together gives us

$$\mathcal{S}_t \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil \frac{N}{2} \rceil} \sum_{i=0}^N 2N - 4i - 1.$$

Of course, we don't want to have a sum of sums. Through algebraic manipulation, we have that

$$\sum_{i=0}^N 2N - 4i - 1 = -(1 - n),$$

so we are now dealing with

$$\mathcal{S}_t \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil \frac{N}{2} \rceil} -(1 - N).$$

We have two cases to deal with now: when  $N$  is even and when  $N$  is odd. If  $N$  is even, then we are dealing with

$$\mathcal{S}_t \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{N}{2}} -(1 - N).$$

This can be simplified to

$$\frac{1}{2}(N - 1)N = \frac{N^2 - N}{2}$$

which is  $O(N^2)$ . If  $N$  is odd, then we have

$$\mathcal{S}_t \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{N+1}{2}} -(1 - N),$$

which is equivalent to

$$\frac{N^2 - 1}{2},$$

and that is still  $O(N^2)$ .