Assignment No. 5

Assignment Title: Linear time sorting

Part A:

An array A of n elements $(e_1, e_2, ..., e_n)$ and and two integers j and k (1 < j < k < n) are given. For each element e_i in A, we know and $j \le e_i \le k$.

Your **first task** is to write a function that takes the number of elements as input and generates such an array of n elements and returns it.

Hint: You can use in-built random functions (rand() and srand() in *C*) see link

Part B:

Your **second task** is to write a function that takes the randomly generated array from part A and sorts the array in linear time (i.e. in O(n)) and prints the sorted values.

Hint: Check the topics covered in the DAA theory webpage.

Part C: [Bonus]

Consider a situation when there is no constraints on the value of j and k except for j < k, and n < < (k - j). You can assume that the elements of the array A is distributed uniformly randomly. With this assumption, your third task is to sort the array in (expected) linear time using linear amount of memory.

Hint: If you divide the interval k-j into n (nearly) equal sub-intervals, then you can expect that each sub-interval will contain exactly one element of the array, since the elements are distributed uniformly randomly.