

Algorithms and Data Structures

Assignment #1

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P1:

a) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)}$, where $f(n) = 3n$
 $g(n) = n^3$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n}{n^3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{f(n) \in o(g(n))}$$

This implies that $\boxed{g(n) \in \omega(f(n))}$

b) $f(n) = 7n^{0.7} + 2n^{0.2} + 13 \log n$
 $g(n) = \sqrt{n}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \infty$$

Therefore $\boxed{\begin{matrix} f(n) \in \omega(g(n)) \\ g(n) \in \phi(f(n)) \end{matrix}}$

c) $f(n) = \frac{n^2}{\log n}$
 $g(n) = n \log n$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \frac{n^2}{n \log^2 n} = \frac{n}{\log^2 n} = \infty$$

Therefore $f(n) \in \omega(g(n))$
 $g(n) \in o(g(n))$

d) $f(n) = (\log(3n))^3$
 $g(n) = 9 \log(n)$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \infty \Rightarrow f(n) \in \omega(g(n))$
 $g(n) \in o(f(n))$

a) Attached 'selection-sort.c'.

b) How selection sort works is that it searches for the minimum element in an unsorted part of the array and puts it to the ~~to~~ last position of the sorted part. Let us denote $A[1 \dots i]$ to be the sorted part of the array. It includes the ~~minimum~~ ^{smallest} i numbers of the array A in sorted order. ^(loop invariant) Then we are looking for the minimum element in $A[i+1 \dots n]$, where n is the length of the array. When that is finished (say j is the position of the minimum element in $A[j+1 \dots n]$) elements $A[i+1]$ and $A[j]$ are swapped.

Proof by induction:

When we check the first element we have $i=0$

Therefore, we look at minimum element in $A[i+1 \dots n]$, which is the whole array ($A[1 \dots n]$). Therefore, it is guaranteed that the smallest element in A is at the start after the first iteration. (Base case proved).

When we have an index i ($1 \leq i < n$). We search for the minimum element in $A[i+1 \dots n]$ and we already know that there is no element smaller in $A[i+1 \dots n]$ than any element in $A[1 \dots i]$ because of the loop invariant mentioned before. \square

c) Generated sequences are ~~in a file~~ generated with the source file "selection_sort_random.cpp". Random sequences are generated with "rand()" function from the C++ <cstdlib> library. Best cases are generated in a way that the array is already sorted. Worst cases are generated in a way that the array is sorted in a decreasing order. More ~~data~~ comments can be found in the source file. The data and the time which was needed for the execution of selection sort is stored in a text file which is later interpreted and plotted using Matlab.

d) Plot can be found in "plot.pdf" file. Blue is randomized sequences, red is best cases and yellow is worst cases

c) The ^{average,} running time of selection sort is $\Theta(n^2)$.

From the plot we can see that ~~there~~ the blue line makes a parabola of a quadratic equation. This is true for the other two lines as well.

$$g(n) = n^2$$

$$\Theta(g(n)) = \left\{ f(n) \mid \exists c_1, c_2, n_0 > 0, \text{ such that } 0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n), \forall n \geq n_0 \right\}$$

$$c_1 n^2 \leq f(n) \leq c_2 n^2$$

$$c_1 \leq \frac{f(n)}{n^2} \leq c_2$$

In order to have a tight bound, $f(n)$ highest degree has to be 2. Thus, let:

$$f(n) = an^2 + bn + c$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 \leq a + \frac{b}{n} + \frac{c}{n^2} \leq c_2$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$ we get:

$$c_1 \leq a \leq c_2 \quad \square$$

~~Let's~~ $\frac{1}{2}$

The same goes for $O(g(n))$ and $\Omega(g(n))$, only:

- $O(g(n)) = \left\{ f(n) \mid \exists c_1, n_0 > 0 \text{ and } 0 \leq c_1 f(n) \leq c_2 g(n), \forall n \geq n_0 \right\}$
- $\Omega(g(n)) = \left\{ f(n) \mid \exists c_1, n_0 > 0 \text{ and } 0 \leq c_2 g(n) \leq c_1 f(n), \forall n \geq n_0 \right\}$