

MATH 2112 / CSCI 2112
Assignment # 9
Due Wednesday, November 22, 2006

Note: You may use any of the O -, Ω -, and Θ - results derived or stated in class.
Section 9.2: # 41, 45

Section 9.4: # 31, 40

(Hint: For problem 31, the fact $\log x = O(\sqrt{x})$ might be useful for the Ω part)

1. Show (using the definition of O -) that if $f(x) = O(h(x))$ and $g(x) = O(h(x))$, then $f(x) + g(x) = O(h(x))$.
(Hint: Use the triangle inequality)
2. Find functions f , g , and h such that $f(x) = \Omega(h(x))$ and $g(x) = \Omega(h(x))$, but $f(x) + g(x) \neq \Omega(h(x))$.

3. Factoring by trial division.

The Prime Number Theorem states that $\pi(x)$, the number of primes up to x , has order $\Theta(x/\ln x)$. Let N be a positive integer with n binary digits (so $n = \lfloor \lg N \rfloor + 1$). The trial division factoring algorithm finds a divisor of N by dividing N by every prime up to \sqrt{N} . If any prime divides N evenly, the algorithm returns the factor. Otherwise, the algorithm returns “prime”. Find a Θ -estimate for the worst case complexity (worst case number of division operations required) of the algorithm in terms of n .

4. Primality Testing.

Recall Fermat’s Little Theorem, which states that if p is prime, then for any a , $2 \leq a \leq p - 1$, we have $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$. The contrapositive implies that for all a with $2 \leq a \leq p - 1$, if $a^{p-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$, then p is composite. Therefore, it is possible to test whether a number N is composite by evaluating $2^{N-1} \pmod{N}$. If this is not equal to 1, then N must be composite (and has failed the test with base 2). A number N that passes the test for some base is called a *pseudo-prime*. A composite number N that passes the test for every base is called a *Carmichael Number*.

If we use the double-and-add method to compute powers, find an O -estimate for the number of multiplications required to test an odd positive integer N , which has n binary digits.

5. Bubble Sort.

The Bubble Sort algorithm takes a list of n sortable elements, $\{a[1], a[2], \dots, a[n]\}$, and compares consecutive elements, swapping them if necessary. The algorithm terminates when there is a pass where no elements are swapped. Here’s the pseudo-code:

Input: Positive integer n , Sortable List $\{a[1], a[2], \dots, a[n]\}$.

Algorithm:

```
run := 1
while(run != 0)
```

```

count := 0
for i from 1 to n-1
  if a[i] <= a[i+1] then
  else
    count := count + 1 // counts how many switches made in this pass
    temp := a[i]
    a[i] := a[i+1]
    a[i+1] := temp // swaps a[i] and a[i+1]
  end if
next i

if count == 0 then
  run := 0
else
end if
end while

```

Output: Sorted List $\{a[1], a[2], \dots, a[n]\}$

- (a) How many comparisons are made in each for loop?
- (b) Let n be a positive integer. How many comparisons must be made to sort the list $\{2, 3, 4, \dots, n, 1\}$? (Don't forget to prove your answer)
- (c) Explain why your answer in part b above gives a Ω -estimate for the worst-case complexity of Bubble Sort.

6. Quick Sort.

The Quick Sort algorithm is a divide-and-conquer algorithm similar to Merge Sort. Given a list of n sortable elements, we pick an element (possibly at random) to be the “pivot”, and create three sublists: *pivot-less*, *pivot-equal*, and *pivot-greater*. Then we compare each element to the pivot and place all those less than the pivot in the pivot-less list, those equal to the pivot in the pivot-equal list, and those greater than the pivot in the pivot-greater list. We then repeat the algorithm in each of the pivot-less and pivot-greater sublists, until we end up with lists of zero or one element. The lists are then concatenated.

- (a) How many comparisons are needed to create the three sublists?
- (b) Assume that at each stage, the pivot is unique (so the pivot-equal list has only one element) and the pivot-less and pivot-greater lists have equal size. Let c_n be the number of comparisons needed to sort a list of n elements in this case. Find a recurrence relation for c_n .
- (c) Use the recurrence relation in part b above to show that $c_n = O(n \lg n)$.
- (d) Assume that you are very unlucky and at each stage the pivot is unique and the pivot-less list is empty. Let d_n be the number of comparisons needed to sort a list of n elements in this case. Find a recurrence relation for d_n .
- (e) Find an explicit formula for d_n (Use $d_1 = 0$).