

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

Note: You may use any of the  $O$ -,  $\Omega$ -, and  $\Theta$ - 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  $\Omega$  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  $\Theta$ -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:

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run := 1
while(run != 0)
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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

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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  $\Omega$ -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  $d_1 = 0$ ).