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Exercise sheet 5

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Exercise 5.1 *Heapsort (1 point).*

Given the array [3, 6, 5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 7], we want to sort it in ascending order using Heapsort.

- Draw the tree interpretation of the array as a heap, before any call of RestoreHeapCondition.
- In the lecture you have learned a method to construct a heap from an unsorted array (see also pages 35–36 in the script). Draw the resulting max heap if this method is applied to the above array.
- Sort the above array in ascending order with heapsort, beginning with the heap that you obtained in (b). Draw the array after each intermediate step in which a key is moved to its final position.

Exercise 5.2 *Sorting algorithms (1 point).*

Below you see four sequences of snapshots, each obtained during the execution of one of the following algorithms: InsertionSort, SelectionSort, QuickSort, MergeSort, and BubbleSort. For each sequence, write down the corresponding algorithm.

3	6	5	1	2	4	8	7
3	6	5	1	2	4	8	7
3	5	6	1	2	4	8	7

3	6	5	1	2	4	8	7
3	5	1	2	4	6	7	8
3	1	2	4	5	6	7	8

3	6	5	1	2	4	8	7
3	6	1	5	2	4	7	8
1	3	5	6	2	4	7	8

3	6	5	1	2	4	8	7
1	6	5	3	2	4	8	7
1	2	5	3	6	4	8	7

Exercise 5.3 *Counting Operations in Loops II.*

For the following code fragments count how many times the function f is called. Report the number of calls as nested sum, and then simplify your expression in Θ -notation and prove your result.

Hint: Note that in order to justify your Θ -notation you are required to show two parts: an upper bound on your nested sum as well as a lower bound.

a) Consider the snippet:

Algorithm 1

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for  $j = 1, \dots, n$  do
   $k \leftarrow 1$ 
  while  $k \leq j$  do
     $m \leftarrow 1$ 
    while  $m \leq j$  do
       $f()$ 
       $m \leftarrow 2 \cdot m$ 
     $k \leftarrow 2 \cdot k$ 

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b) Consider the snippet:

Algorithm 2

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for  $j = 1, \dots, n$  do
  for  $l = 1, \dots, 100$  do
     $k \leftarrow 1$ 
    while  $k^2 \leq j$  do
       $f()$ 
       $f()$ 
       $k \leftarrow k + 1$ 

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Exercise 5.4 *Bubble sort invariant.*

Consider the pseudocode of the bubble sort algorithm on an integer array $A[1, \dots, n]$:

Algorithm 3 BUBBLESORT(A)

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for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  do
  for  $1 \leq j \leq n - i$  do
    if  $A[j] > A[j + 1]$  then
       $t \leftarrow A[j]$ 
       $A[j] \leftarrow A[j + 1]$ 
       $A[j + 1] \leftarrow t$ 
return  $A$ 
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- a) Formulate an invariant $\text{INV}(i)$ that holds at the end of the i -th iteration of the outer for-loop.
- b) Using the invariant from part (a), prove the correctness of the algorithm. Specifically, prove the following three assertions:
- (i) $\text{INV}(1)$ holds.
 - (ii) If $\text{INV}(i)$ holds, then $\text{INV}(i + 1)$ holds (for all $1 \leq i < n$).
 - (iii) $\text{INV}(n)$ implies that $\text{BUBBLESORT}(A)$ correctly sorts the array A .

Exercise 5.5 *Guessing the parity of a number (1 point).*

Alice and Bob are playing a game where Alice chooses a secret integer $x \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and Bob has to guess the parity of x , i.e., Bob has to guess whether x is even or odd. Note that n is a fixed number that Alice and Bob agree on before starting the game. Bob is allowed to ask Alice comparison questions of the form

“Is x greater than y ?”

for some $y \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Bob is not allowed to ask other forms of questions.

The following is an example of how the game could start:

- Alice and Bob agree on $n = 1000$.
- Alice secretly chooses $x = 541$.
- Bob asks: “Is x greater than 50?”
 - Alice answers “yes”.
- Bob asks: “Is x greater than 659?”
 - Alice answers “no”.

We emphasize that Bob does not have to guess the exact value of x . He only needs to find the parity of x , and he wishes to achieve this by asking as few questions as possible.

- a) Assume that $n = 3$. Devise a strategy of questions for Bob and draw its decision tree
- b) Now n is arbitrary. Bob has asked i comparison questions and Alice answered these questions. Let $\mathcal{X}_i \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$ be the collection of all numbers that are consistent with Alice’s answers¹. Show that \mathcal{X}_i is a contiguous subset of $\{1, \dots, n\}$, i.e., there exist $a, b \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that

$$\mathcal{X}_i = \{y \in \{1, \dots, n\} : a \leq y \leq b\}.$$

¹Consider the example above with $x = 541$. After Bob’s two questions, the set \mathcal{X}_2 contains $x = 541$ but also contains numbers such as 51, 141, 513 and 659.

Hint: You can prove this by induction on the number of questions i .

- c) Show that in any strategy of questions that Bob can follow, Bob cannot reliably guess the parity of x without reliably guessing the number x itself.

Hint: Show that after i questions, Bob cannot reliably guess the parity of x unless \mathcal{X}_i contains a single number.

- d) Show that in any strategy of questions that Bob can follow, the number of questions that are required to reliably guess the parity of x is at least $\lceil \log_2(n) \rceil$ in the worst case.