

Homework 4

Due Friday, July 23, 2010 at the beginning of class.

Problem 1: Algorithm Analysis

The methods below implement recursive algorithms that return the first index in an array to hold 17, or -1 if no such index exists.

```
int first17_a(int[] array, int i) {
    if(i >= array.length) return -1;
    if(array[i]==17) return 0;
    if(first17_a(array,i+1) == -1) return -1;
    return 1 + first17_a(array,i+1);
}

int first17_b(int[] array, int i) {
    if(i >= array.length) return -1;
    if(array[i]==17) return 0;
    int x = first17_b(array,i+1);
    if(x == -1) return -1;
    return x + 1;
}
```

- (a) What kind of input produces the worst-case running time for first17_a(arr,0)?
- (b) For first17_a, give a recurrence relation, including a base case, describing the worst-case running time, where n is the length of the array. You may use whatever constants you wish for constant-time work.
- (c) Give a tight asymptotic (“big-Oh”) upper bound for the running time of first17_a(arr,0) given your answer to the previous question.
- (d) What kind of input produces the worst case running time for first17_b(arr,0)?
- (e) For first17_b, give a recurrence relation, including a base case, describing the worst-case running time, where n is the length of the array. You may use whatever constants you wish for constant-time work.
- (f) Give a tight asymptotic (“big-Oh”) upper bound for for the running time of first17_b(arr,0) given your answer to the previous question.
- (g) Give a tight asymptotic (“big-Omega”) worst-case lower bound for the problem of finding the first 17 in an array (not a specific algorithm). Briefly justify your answer.

Problem 2: QuickSort Variation

Consider this pseudocode for quicksort, which leaves pivot selection and partitioning to helper functions not shown:

```
// sort positions lo through hi-1 in array using quicksort (no cut-off)
quicksort(int[] array, int lo, int hi) {
    if(lo >= hi-1) return;
    pivot = pickPivot(array,lo,hi);
    pivotIndex = partition(array,lo,hi,pivot);
    quicksort(array,lo,pivotIndex);
    quicksort(array,pivotIndex+1,hi);
}
```

Modify this algorithm to take an additional integer argument enough:

```
// sort at least enough positions of lo through hi-1 in array using quicksort (no cut-off)
```

```
quicksort(int[] array, int lo, int hi, int enough) { ... }
```

We change the definition of correctness to require only that at least the first 'enough' entries (from left-to-right) are sorted and contain the smallest enough values. (If enough \geq hi-lo, then the whole range must be sorted as usual.) While one correct solution is to ignore the enough parameter, come up with a better solution that skips completely unnecessary recursive calls. Assume the initial call to quicksort specifies that 'lo' is 0 and 'hi' is the upper-bound of the array. Watch your off-by-one errors!

Problem 3: Sorting Phone Numbers

The input to this problem consists of a sequence of 7-digit phone numbers written as simple integers (e.g. 5551212 represents the phone number 555-1212). The sequence is provided via an `Iterator<Integer>`. No number appears in the input more than once but there is no other limit on the size of the input. Write precise (preferable Java-like) pseudocode for a method that prints out the phone numbers (as integers) in the list in ascending order. Your solution must not use more than 2MB of memory. (Note: It cannot use any other storage – hard drive, network, etc.) Explain why your solution is under the 2MB limit.