

Exercises (Sorting)

Exercise 1. Consider sorting an array `a[]` containing the following strings:

E A S Y Q U T I O N

a. (*Selection Sort*) What is `a[]` when `i = 3` and after the exchange on line 10?

```
1  public static void sort(Comparable[] a) {
2      int n = a.length;
3      for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
4          int min = i;
5          for (int j = i + 1; j < n; j++) {
6              if (less(a[j], a[min])) {
7                  min = j;
8              }
9          }
10         exchange(a, i, min);
11     }
12 }
```

b. (*Insertion Sort*) What is `a[]` when `i = 4` and the inner loop (lines 4 – 6) is complete?

```
1  public static void sort(Comparable[] a) {
2      int n = a.length;
3      for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {
4          for (int j = i; j > 0 && less(a[j], a[j - 1]); j--) {
5              exchange(a, j, j - 1);
6          }
7      }
8  }
```

c. (*Shell Sort*) What is `a[]` after a 4-sort, ie, after the first iteration of the second while loop (lines 7 – 14)?

```
1  public static void sort(Comparable[] a) {
2      int n = a.length;
3      int k = 1;
4      while (k < n / 3) {
5          k = 3 * k + 1;
6      }
7      while (k >= 1) {
8          for (int i = k; i < n; i++) {
9              for (int j = i; j >= k && less(a[j], a[j - k]); j -= k) {
10                  exchange(a, j, j - k);
11              }
12          }
13          k /= 3;
14      }
15  }
```

Exercise 2. Consider sorting an array `a[]` containing the following strings:

E A S Y Q U T I O N

What is `a[]` when the function call `merge(a, aux, 0, 2, 4)` returns?

```

public static void sort(Comparable[] a) {
    Comparable[] aux = new Comparable[a.length];
    sort(a, aux, 0, a.length - 1);
}

private static void sort(Comparable[] a, Comparable[] aux, int lo, int hi) {
    if (hi <= lo) {
        return;
    }
    int mid = lo + (hi - lo) / 2;
    sort(a, aux, lo, mid);
    sort(a, aux, mid + 1, hi);
    merge(a, aux, lo, mid, hi);
}

private static void merge(Comparable[] a, Comparable[] aux, int lo, int mid, int hi) {
    for (int k = lo; k <= hi; k++) {
        aux[k] = a[k];
    }
    int i = lo, j = mid + 1;
    for (int k = lo; k <= hi; k++) {
        if (i > mid) {
            a[k] = aux[j++];
        } else if (j > hi) {
            a[k] = aux[i++];
        } else if (less(aux[j], aux[i])) {
            a[k] = aux[j++];
        } else {
            a[k] = aux[i++];
        }
    }
}

```

Exercise 3. Consider partitioning an array `a[]` containing the following keys, by calling the `partition()` function (shown below) from quick sort, as `partition(a, 0, a.length - 1)`:

P A R T I O N E X M L

```

private static int partition(Comparable[] a, int lo, int hi) {
    int i = lo;
    int j = hi + 1;
    Comparable v = a[lo];
    while (true) {
        while (less(a[++i], v)) {
            if (i == hi) {
                break;
            }
        }
        while (less(v, a[--j])) {
            if (j == lo) {
                break;
            }
        }
        if (i >= j) {
            break;
        }
        exchange(a, i, j);
    }
    exchange(a, lo, j);
    return j;
}

```

- What is the value of the pivot element `v`?
- What is the value returned by the function call, ie, what is the destination index of the pivot?
- What is the state of the array after the call?

Exercise 4. Insert the following keys in that order into a max-heap:

E A S Y Q U T I O N

- What is the state of the array `pq` representing the resulting tree?
- What is the height of the tree (the root is at height zero)?

Exercise 5. Suppose that a letter in the input means *insert the letter* into an initially empty min-PQ and an asterisk (*) means *remove the minimum* from the priority queue. What is left in the priority queue after the following input is processed?

P R I O * R * * I * T * Y * * * Q U E * * * U E *

Exercise 6. Consider an array a of n (> 1) integers.

- Provide an algorithm for computing the mode (value that occurs most frequently) of the array. For example, the mode of the array $a = \{1, 3, 1, 1, 5, 5, 3\}$ is 1.
- What is the running time $T(n)$ of your algorithm?

SOLUTIONS

Solution 1.

a. A E I N Q U T S O Y

b. A E Q S Y U T I O N

c. E A S I O N T Y Q U

Solution 2. A E Q S Y U T I O N

Solution 3.

a. P

b. 7

c. E A L M I O N P X T R

Solution 4.

a. - Y S U O Q E T A I N

b. 3

Solution 5. u

Solution 6.

a.

```
public static int mode(int[] a) {
    int mode = a[0];
    int freq = 0;
    int maxFreq = 1;
    Arrays.sort(a);
    for (int i = 1; i < a.length; i++) {
        if (a[i] == a[i - 1]) {
            freq += 1;
        } else {
            if (freq > maxFreq) {
                maxFreq = freq;
                mode = a[i];
            }
            freq = 0;
        }
    }
    return mode;
}
```

b. $T(n) = n \log n$