
Introduction to Discrete Optimization

Spring 2009

Assignment Sheet 8

Exercise 1

What is the smallest number n such that an algorithm A with running time $1000000 \cdot n^2$ is faster than an algorithm B with a running time of 2^n ?

Exercise 2

Decide which ones of the following statements are true and give a short explanation:

1. $4n^3 + 3n^2 - n - 100 = O(n^3)$
2. $n = O(n^7)$
3. $n^3 - 100n^2 = \Omega(n^4)$
4. $2^n = O(n^2)$
5. $\sqrt{n} = O(n)$
6. $\log(n) = O(\sqrt{n})$

Exercise 3

Consider the following algorithm. The input is a sequence of n integers $a[1], \dots, a[n]$.

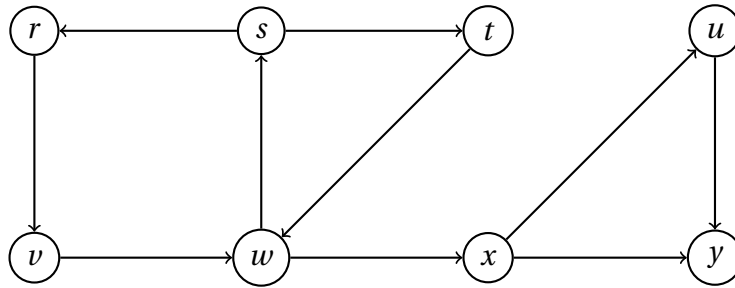
Require:

- 1: **for** $i \leftarrow 1$ to n **do**
 - 2: **for** $j \leftarrow n$ downto $i + 1$ **do**
 - 3: **if** $a[j] < a[j-1]$ **then**
 - 4: exchange $a[j] \leftrightarrow a[j-1]$
 - 5: **end if**
 - 6: **end for**
 - 7: **end for**
 - 8: Output $a[1], \dots, a[n]$.
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Give an asymptotic upper bound on the running time of the algorithm (with explanations).
What is the output of the algorithm?

Exercise 4

Consider the following graph:



Perform the breadth first search algorithm on this graph starting in s . For each node v , give the values $\pi[v]$ and $d[v]$ at the end of the algorithm.

Exercise 5

There are two types of professional wrestlers: "good guys" and "bad guys". Between any pair of professional wrestlers, there may or may not be a rivalry. Suppose we have n professional wrestlers and we have a list of r pairs of wrestlers for which there are rivalries. Give an $O(n + r)$ -time algorithm that determines whether it is possible to designate some of the wrestlers as good guys and the remainder as bad guys such that each rivalry is between a good guy and a bad guy.

If it is possible to perform such a designation, your algorithm should produce it.

Hint: Describe the rivalries as a graph and use an algorithm from the lecture to solve the problem.