## 22C:44 Homework 1

Due in class on Tuesday, Sept 5, 2000

Each problem is worth 10 points.

- 1. One problem with the BubbleSort function presented in class is that it's running time  $\Theta(n^2)$  even when the input is a sorted sequence of n numbers. Here is an attempt to fix that problem. An inversion of a sequence  $A = a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$  is a pair of integers  $(i, j), 1 \le i < j \le n$  for which  $a_i > a_j$ . Thus an inversion is a pair of numbers in the sequence that are out of order and the total number of inversions of a sequence represents the amount of "disorder" in that sequence.
  - (a) [2 points] Show that, with each swap BubbleSort decreases the total number of inversions of the input sequence by 1.
  - (b) [1 point] Even if there are very few swaps to be made, in order to discover the swaps, BubbleSort makes lots of comparisons. For the sequence 1, 2, 4, 3, 5 how many swaps does BubbleSort make and how may comparisons does it make? By "comparisons" I mean comparisons between pairs of elements in the sequence.
  - (c) [2 points] Now consider the following BetterBubbleSort

For the sequence 1, 2, 4, 3, 5 how many swaps does BetterBubbleSort make? How may comparisons does it make?

- (d) [2 points] Show that the running time of BetterBubbleSort is O(nI) where n is the number of elements in the input sequence and I is the total number of inversions of the input sequence.
- (e) [1 point] True or False: The running time of BetterBubbleSort is  $\Theta(nI)$ , where n and I are as in part (d).
- (f) [2 points] Your friend claims that the running time of BetterBubbleSort is  $\Theta(n+I)$ . Show that this claim is false. Again n and I are as in part (d).
- 2. Partition the following set of 15 functions into equivalence classes such that f(n) and g(n) are in the same equivalence class iff  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ .

Then arrange the equivalence classes into a sequence

$$C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots$$

such that for any  $f(n) \in C_i$  and  $g(n) \in C_{i+1}$  f(n) = O(g(n)).

- 3. Prove or disprove the following:
  - (a)  $f(n) + g(n) = \Theta(\min(f(n), g(n)))$
  - (b)  $f(n) = \Theta(f(n/2))$
  - (c)  $\sqrt{n} \lg n = \Omega(n)$
  - (d)  $n^2/\lg^2(n) = O(n/\lg(n))$
- 4. The Fibonacci sequence is defined as:  $F_1 = 1$ ,  $F_2 = 1$  and  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$  for all integers n > 2. So the first few elements of this sequence are

$$1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, \dots$$

Here is a recursive function that computes  $F_n$  given n.

- (a) [2 points] Let A(n) denote the total number of additions performed by the above function in calculating Fibonacci(n). Clearly, A(1) = A(2) = 0 and A(3) = 1. Setup a recurrence relation for A(n) for all integers n > 2.
- (b) [2 points] Show that

$$A(n) = \frac{\phi^n - \hat{\phi}^n}{\sqrt{5}} - 1.$$

Here  $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$  is the golden ratio and  $\hat{\phi} = (1 - \sqrt{5})/2$  is called the conjugate of the golden ratio.

(**Hint:** First read up the material on Fibonacci numbers on pages 36-37 in your textbook. Then write down the first few elements in the sequence  $A(1), A(2), A(3), \ldots$  and derive a connection between A(n) and  $F_n$ .)

- (c) [2 points] Express A(n) as  $\Theta(f(n))$  for some f(n). Make f(n) as simple as possible.
- (d) [4 points] Rewrite Fibonacci(n) so that it is as efficient as possible. Analyse the running time of this function.