CS 240: Data Structures and Data Management

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Tutorial 3: May 30

1. Give the expected run-time for the randomized insertion sort algorithm below. You can assume that the random(k) operation takes O(1) time and produces an integer in $\{0, 1, ..., k-1\}$ with equal probability, where $k \ge 1$ is an integer.

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Algorithm 1: randomized – insertion – sort(A)
   Input: Array \mathcal{A}
   Output: None (Array A is sorted in-place)
 1 for i from 0 to n-1 do
      j = random(i+1)
 \mathbf{2}
      swap(A[i], A[j])
 3
 4 end
 5 for i from 1 to n-1 do
      j = i - 1
 6
      while (j \ge 0) and (A[j] > A[j+1]) do
 \mathbf{7}
          swap(A[j], A[j+1])
 8
          j = j - 1;
 9
      end
10
11 end
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2. Let $0 < \epsilon < 1$. Suppose that we have an array A of n items such that the first $n - n^{\epsilon}$ items are sorted. Describe an O(n) time algorithm to sort A.

3. Let A and B be two bitstrings of length n (modelled here as arrays where each entry is 0 or 1). A *string-compare* tests whether A is smaller, larger, or the same as B and works as follows:

Algorithm 2: str-cmp(A, B, n)

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1 for (i = 0; i < n; i + +) do

2 | if (A[i] < B[i]) then return "A is smaller"

3 | if (A[i] > B[i]) then return "A is bigger"

4 end

5 return "They are equal"
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Show that the average-case run-time of *str-cmp* is in O(1). You may use without proof that $\sum_{i>0} \frac{i}{2^i} \in O(1)$.