Analysis of Algorithms: Solutions 1

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Let A[1..n] be an array of n distinct numbers. If i < j and A[i] > A[j], then the pair (i, j) is called an *inversion*. For example, the array (2, 3, 8, 6, 1) contains five inversions.

Problem 1

What array with elements from the set $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$ has the most inversions? How many inversions does it have?

The array $\langle n, n-1, ..., 2, 1 \rangle$ has the most inversions. Every pair of elements in this array is an inversion. Since the total number of pairs is $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$, the total number of inversions in this array is also $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$.

Problems 2 and 3

- (2) Give an algorithm that inputs an array and outputs the number of inversions in the array. You may assume that all elements of the array are distinct.
- (3) Estimate the worst-case running time of your algorithm.

$$T(n) \le c_1 + c_2 n + c_3 \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 1\right) + c_4 \frac{n(n-1)}{2} + c_5 \frac{n(n-1)}{2} + c_6$$
 (1)

$$= \left(\frac{c_3}{2} + \frac{c_4}{2} + \frac{c_5}{2}\right)n^2 + \left(c_2 + \frac{c_3}{2} - \frac{c_4}{2} - \frac{c_5}{2}\right)n + \left(c_1 - c_3 + c_6\right) \tag{2}$$

$$= \Theta(n^2) \tag{3}$$