On question 11 and 12 under Linear sorting fundamentals, what does the question mean by comparing "entire" elements with one another? Is it asking if the algorithm compares the object (not just the object's key) against the other objects?

Quote: "T or F:  
A linear-time sort does not compare entire elements with one another."

Subject: Re: Algorithms General Discussion  
Posted by lusth on Wed, 27 Jan 2016 21:57:45 GMT  
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I mean the entire key.

Subject: Number 72 and 73 Potential Method  
Posted by Wood McGowan on Thu, 28 Jan 2016 01:26:24 GMT  
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Can someone explain to me how to find the Potential Function for these questions? I remember (amortized cost = actual cost + phiD(i) - phiD(i-1) but I do not know how to apply this here. I have no idea why the smiley faces appeared in my question. Question 72, 73, and 74

Also, for question number 2. What is the full distinction between "case" and "situation". If the input list to Bubble Sort is already sorted, would this be best case or best situation? I would think that would be situation.

Subject: Re: Number 72 and 73 Potential Method  
Posted by amsainju on Thu, 28 Jan 2016 02:04:06 GMT  
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In question 72,  
for A,  
actual cost = 1  
and its given after an operation n incerease by 1. so, n+1

Also, for B,  
actual cost = 2n+1  
and after an operation n decrease to 0.
we can use hit and trail method using the options.
lets consider option a) $\phi = n$

In case of A,
we know,
amortized cost = actual cost + $\phi D(i) - \phi D(i-1)$
$\phi D_A(i)$ = current state of A
$\phi D_A(i-1)$ = previous state of A

So,
amortized cost_A = actual cost_A + $\phi D_A(i) - \phi D_A(i-1)$
= 1 + (n+1) - n  Since, after an operation n increase by 1,
= 2 so if before the operation the state of A was n
= constantie ($\phi D_A(i-1) = n$) then $\phi D_A(i) = n+1$ (current state)
= shows amortized bound of theta(1)

In case of B,
$\phi D_B(i)$ = current state of B = 0
$\phi D_B(i-1)$ = previous state of B = n

amortized cost_B = actual cost_B + $\phi D_B(i) - \phi D_B(i-1)$
= 2n+1 + 0 - n
= n+1
= linear
= does not show amortized bound of theta(1)

Since both A & B should show amortized bound of theta(1) $\phi = n$ is not correct.

now,
lets consider option b) $\phi = 2n$

In case of A,
amortized cost_A = actual cost_A + $\phi D_A(i) - \phi D_A(i-1)$
= 1 + 2*(n+1) - 2*n
= 1 + 2n + 2 - 2n
= 3 (constant)
= shows amortized bound of theta(1)

In case of B,
remember $\phi = 2n$
amortized cost_B = actual cost_B + $\phi D_B(i) - \phi D_B(i-1)$
= 2n+1 + 2 * 0 - 2n
= 2n + 1 - 2n
= 1 (constant)
= shows amortized bound of theta(1)

Therefore, the solution is $\phi = 2n$.

you can imply same principle to 73 and 74
73 is mistake. In 73, real cost for A should be 3n+1 and real cost of B should be (3/2)n + 1
Wood McGowan wrote on Wed, 27 January 2016 19:26 I have no idea why the smiley faces appeared in my question.

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Questions in "The classes of NP complete problems" #s 102 - 105 ask if NP problems solvable in x time are NP or P. Are they either as long as they are O(polynomial)?