

CSC 228-01 Data Structures and Algorithms, Fall 2020
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Assignment 2: Implementation of the Merge List Function (for Merger of Unique Elements) for Singly Linked List and the Time Complexity Analysis

Due by: September 15th, 11.59 PM

In the code given to you for this programming assignment, you can notice in the main function that you will be creating two lists (called `firstIntegerList` and `secondIntegerList`) of the same size (`listSize`) and whose values are in the range $[1 \dots \text{maxValue}]$. Add a member function *mergeList* to the Singly Linked List-based implementation of the List ADT. The member function takes as input a List object (representing the second integer list) as parameter and appends it to the List object (representing the first integer list) on which the function will be called. You should append only those elements (from the second integer list) that are not already in the first integer list. Feel free to create additional member functions to facilitate this.

For example: if the `firstIntegerList` is 11 --> 22 --> 44 --> 55 --> 78 --> 89 and the `secondIntegerList` is 22 --> 56 --> 89 --> 77 --> 32 --> 55, then the contents of the `firstIntegerList` (after the merger) should be : 11 --> 22 --> 44 --> 55 --> 78 --> 89 --> 56 --> 77 --> 32.

The main function has the timers setup to merge the two lists and print the merging time in milliseconds. You should run the code for the following combinations of values for the two variables and tabulate the results.

`maxValue`: 1000, 10000, 100000
`listSize`: 1000, 10000, 100000

Plot bar charts (in Excel) of the logarithm values of the run time (since the run time values will be of different ranges for the above combinations of values, we will take the natural logarithm, to the base e , in Excel and use these values to plot) as follows:

- (1) `maxValue` in X-axis and the `listSize` in Y-axis
- (2) `listSize` in X-axis and the `maxValue` in Y-axis

Submission (in Canvas):

(45 pts) Submit your complete C++ code as a separate file.

(55 pts) Submit a single report (PDF file) that has the following:

- (a - 20 pts) Explain the logic/algorithm that you incorporated to your code to accomplish the merger of only unique elements: i.e., to merge an element (from the `secondIntegerList`) to the `firstIntegerList` only if the element is not already in the latter. Provide a pseudo code for the entire merge list function (including the logic for merger of unique elements) and analyze its time complexity as a function of the list size, n .
- (b - 11 pts) Tabulate the actual values of the run time (in milliseconds) for the combinations of `maxValue` and `listSize` given.
- (c - 12 pts) Present Excel bar charts (using the two ways prescribed) for the run time (plotted in logarithm of the milliseconds observed)
- (d - 12 pts) From the bar charts, infer whether (on a relative basis) there is a significant increase in the run time with increase in `listSize` (for a given `maxValue`) or there is a significant increase in the run time with increase in `maxValue` (for a given `listSize`)?