CS 2104 Problem Solving in Computer Science

This assignment may be done individually, or by a pair of students. Prepare your answers to the following questions <u>in a</u> <u>plain ASCII text file</u>. Submissions in any other format will not be graded. Submit your file to the Curator system by the posted deadline for this assignment. If you worked in a pair, only one of you should make a submission, but the file should contain the names and PIDs of both students. No late submissions will be accepted.

You will submit your answers to the Curator System (www.cs.vt.edu/curator) under the heading OOC08.

For each question, design an algorithm that satisfies the stated requirements. Express your answer using the pseudo-code notation covered in the course notes on Algorithms. Use descriptive names for your variables, and include comments as necessary. Note: if you do not use the pseudo-code notation form the course notes, we will not grade your submission.

1. [70 points] Suppose you are given a list of N values, each of which is either a 0 or a 1, initially arranged in random value. You need to modify the values in the list so that it consists of a sequence of 0s (possibly empty) followed by a sequence of 1s (also possibly empty), with the same number of both as were originally in the list. For example:

0111010010 → 0000011111 1000111000 → 0000001111

 $000000000 \rightarrow 000000000$

Now this problem could be solved by any of the common sorting algorithms, but the special nature of the values in the list makes it possible to devise a particularly efficient solution. (Here, efficiency would refer partly to how many times you need to reset a value in the list, and partly to how many times you would have to change list position variables in your algorithm.)

Design an efficient solution by completing the following algorithm:

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#
   Sort bi-valued list.
#
                         # variable for list size
number N
list number A
                         # variable for the list of values
get N
                         # N = number of values in the list
get A
                         # get values for the list
      This part is up to you; you may use as many variables as you like,
   #
      and whatever seems to you to be the best algorithm (as described in
   #
   #
      the comments above. Note that part of the score will depend on how
   #
      Efficient your solution is.
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halt # done!

2. [30 points] Consider an isomorph of the problem given above. Suppose that a collection of N disks are laid out on the ground in a row. Each disk is black on one side and white on the other, but the disks were simply placed randomly. You and a friend are assigned the task of manipulating the disks so that there is a sequence of white-side-up disks (possibly empty), followed by a sequence of black-side-up disks (also possibly empty), with the same number of white-side-up and black-side-up disks as there were to begin with. Write a paragraph describing how you would do this, with the goal of minimizing the amount of work you and your friend must do.