For each of the following problems, consider the algorithm below.

**Algorithm 1: SS(A)**

**Input:** Array $A$ of orderable elements  
Let $i = 0$  
while $i < |A|$ do  
  Let $m = i$  
  Let $j = i + 1$  
  while $j < |A|$ do  
    if $A[j] < A[m]$ then  
      $m = j$  
      $j = j + 1$  
    Swap $A[i]$ and $A[m]$  
  $i = i + 1$
return

**Problem 1.**

a) What does Algorithm 1 do? 

b) Describe the worst-case input to Algorithm 1. 

c) What is the worst-case runtime of Algorithm 1? Why? 

d) Describe the best-case input to Algorithm 1. 

e) What is the best-case runtime of Algorithm 1? Why? 

f) What is the average-case runtime of Algorithm 1? Why? 

**Problem 2.** When tackling nested loops in a proof of correctness, it is almost always best to state your loop invariants from the outside in. It is often also useful to trace through the algorithm with an example input to see what is going on. 

a) What do you know about the first $i$ elements of $A$ at the start of an iteration of the outer while loop of Algorithm 1? 

b) What do you know about the remaining $|A| - i$ elements of $A$?
c) Give a useful loop invariant for the outer while loop.

Problem 3.

a) What do you know about \( m \) at the start of an iteration of the inner while loop of Algorithm 1?
b) Does the inner while loop modify the array?
c) Give a useful loop invariant for the inner while loop.

Problem 4.

a) Prove that the outer loop invariant you gave for Algorithm 1 is true before the first iteration of the outer while loop.

b) Assuming that your outer loop invariant is true, prove that the inner loop invariant you gave for Algorithm 1 is true before the first iteration of the inner while loop.

c) Prove that your inner loop invariant is a loop invariant.

d) Prove that your outer loop invariant is a loop invariant using your inner loop invariant.

e) Prove that Algorithm 1 is correct using your outer loop invariant.