4.
$$\left\{ \sqrt{n} \right\} \left\{ \frac{n}{(\lg n)^5} \right\} \left\{ n^2 \right\} \left\{ 7^{\lg n} \right\} \left\{ \frac{n^3}{\lg n}, \frac{n^3}{\ln n}, n^2 \lg n + \frac{n^3}{\lg n} \right\}$$

$$\left\{ n^3, 17n^3 + 391n^2, \sum_{j=0}^n 7n^2 \right\} \left\{ (\lg n)^{\lg n} \right\} \left\{ (\ln n)^{\lg n} \right\} \left\{ (2^3)^n \right\} \left\{ \frac{n!}{2^n} \right\} \left\{ 2^{(3^n)} \right\}$$

5. If you already have the min and max of the first n-2 items, then compare the last 2, then compare the min (respectively max) of these with the current min (max). So adding two elements requires three more comparisons. A working program appears on the course webpages, section Prologue.

6. Claim: for all integers $n \ge 1$, ff(n) returns (fib(n-1), fib(n)).

Proof by induction. Base case. Let n = 1. Then, in ff(1), the if condition is true, so (0,1) is returned, which is (fib(0),fib(1)), so the claim holds in this case.

Inductive case. Assume that the claim holds for a fixed value of $n \ge 1$, say n = t. We want to show that, under this assumption, the claim holds for the next value of n, namely t + 1.

So consider the call ff(t+1). $t = n \ge 1$, so $t+1 \ge 2$, so the if condition is false, so x,y = ff(t+1-1) # = ff(t) executes, followed by return y, y+x. By our inductive hypothesis, the claim holds for n = t, so ff(t) returns (fib(t-1), fib(t), so x,y = fib(t-1), fib(t), so y, y+x is returned, namely <math>fib(t), fib(t) + fib(t-1). But $t \ge 1$, so fib(t) + fib(t-1) = fib(t+1), so the pair returned by ff(t+1) is indeed fib(t), fib(t+1), so the claim holds in this case.

So, by the principle of induction, the claim holds for all integers $n \geq 1$.

7. Define f(n) = 2(n-1). Claim: for all integers $n \ge 1$, L(n) = f(n).

Proof by induction. Base case. Let n = 1. Then L(n) = 0, and f(n) = 0, so the claim holds in this case.

Inductive case. Assume that the claim holds for a fixed value of $n \ge 1$, say n = t. Now we want to show that, under this assumption, the claim holds for the next value of n, namely t + 1.

So consider the execution of ff(t+1). It performs two arithemtic operations (computing n-1 and y+x), and also calls ff(t+1-1)=ff(t), where — by the inductive hypothesis — it performs f(t) = 2(t-1) arithops. So the total number of arithops is 2 + 2(t-1) = 2t = 2(t+1-1) = f(t+1), so the claim holds in this case.

So, by the principle of induction, the claim holds for all integers $n \geq 1$.

8. Arguing as in the previous question, the total number of function calls is in $\Theta(n)$. Within each call, there are a constant number of assignments and arithmetic operations. Each of these takes $\Theta(t)$ time, where t is the number of bits of the numbers involved. We are computing Fibonacci numbers, so fib(n) is in $\Theta(r^n)$, where $r = \sqrt{1+5}/2 = 1.618...$, so t is in $\Theta(\lg(r^n)) = \Theta(n)$, so the total runtime is in $\Theta(n^2)$.

You can check this: time an iterative python program as you double the input value n. Assuming a runtime of $\approx cn^2$, then doubling the input value yields a runtime of $\approx c(2n)^2 = c4n^2$, i.e. four times as long. See the course web pages for some python code that does this.