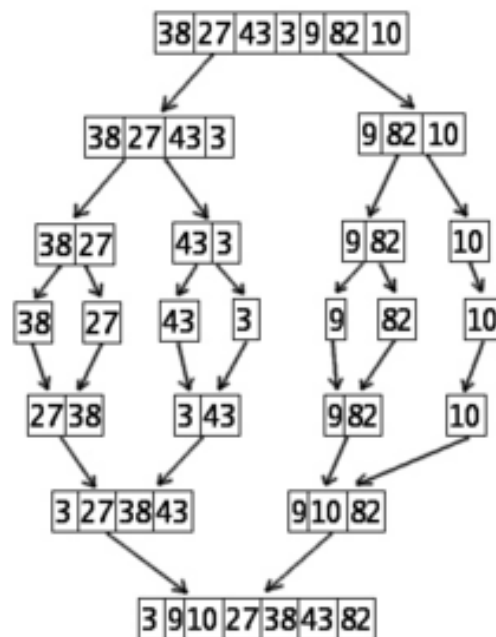


Computer Science 577 Notes

Introduction to Algorithms

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1 Recurrence Relations and Analysis of Algorithms

1.1 Recurrence Relations

1.1.1 Recursive Analysis of Insertion and Merge Sort

Insertion sort: let $M(n)$ be the comparisons required to sort a list of size n

Analysis: note that $M(1) = 0$ and $M(n) = M(n-1) + n$ for $n > 1$

- (i) $M(n) = M(n-1) + n$
- (ii) $M(n) = M(n-2) + n + (n-1) \dots$
- (iii) $M(n) = M(n-k) + n + (n-1) + \dots + (n-k+1)$
- (iv) Let $k = n-1$, $M(n) = M(1) + n(n-1+1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i$
- (v) $M(n) = 0 + n + (n-1)(n-2)/2 \approx n^2/2$

Merge sort: let $M(n)$ be the comparison required to sort a list of size n

Analysis: for simplicity, consider only n such that $n = 2^a$ for some integer a

Note that $M(1) = 0$ and $M(n) = 2M(n/2) + n$ for $n > 1$

- (i) $M(n) = 2M(n/2) + n$
- (ii) $M(n) = 2M(n/4) + n + (n/2)$
- (iii) $M(n) = 2M(n/2^k) + n + (n/2) + \dots + (n/2^{k-1})$
- (iv) Let $k = a$, $2M(1) + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} n/2^i$ (unclarified point)
- (v) Mergesort is $O(n \log n)$

1.1.2 Recursive Linear Selection

Recursive linear selection algorithm: given x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n distinct keys, find x_k (i.e. the k th smallest element) without using sorting

Note: the rank of an element (i.e. the number of keys greater than it) can be found in linear time

Linear selection algorithm is as follows:

- (i) Remove keys of known rank, to make $n = 5(mod 10)$
- (ii) Divide elements into groups of 5, denoted $S[i]$ for i from 1 to $n/5$
- (iii) Recursively find the median of each group, denoted $x[i]$
- (iv) Let M^* be the median of the set $x[i]$ for i from 1 to $n/5$
- (v) Divide keys into groups of keys less than (call this L), equal to, or greater than (call this R) M^*
- (vi) Recursiveley process one of L or R

Analysis: Note that steps 1, 2, and 5 are $O(n)$, so the number of computations for this algorithm, $T(n) = T(n/5) + T(7n/10) + O(n)$

Guessing and proving: supposed that $T(n) = O(n)$, which can be proven via strong induction, i.e. $T(n) < An$ for some constant A for all n

Recall that strong induction relies on proving two claims:

- (i) The statement holds for all $n \geq 1$, $\forall n \leq n_0$ (base case)
- (ii) If the statement holds for all $i < n$, it holds for n

Proof of second part of strong inductive proof:

- (i) Suppose that $T(n) = O(n)$ for $i < n$
- (ii) We seek an A such that $A(n/5) + A(7n/10) + cn \leq An$
- (iii) Thus, $A \geq 10c$ is sufficient for this part

Proof of first part of strong inductive proof: need A such that $n(n-1)/2 \leq An$ for $1 \leq n \leq 10$
So $A \geq 9/10$ is sufficient for this part

Conclusion: $A = \max\{9/2, 10c\}$ will suffice to show that $T(n) = O(n)$

1.1.3 Recursive Quadratic Closest-Pair

Recursive quadratic algorithm: find closest pair of points

- i (Supposing that $n = 2^k$) into 2 equal groups, denoted L and R
- ii Recursively find the closest pair in L and R
- iii Report closest pair from testing elements of L against elements of R
- iv Report best pair out of those from steps (ii) and (iii)

Analysis: $T(n) = 2(T(n/2)) + O(n^2)$ for $n = 2^k \geq 4$, $T(2) = 1$
The $O(n^2)$ in the recursive case comes from step (iii)

Consider the recursion tree, which is full binary tree: at the first level, the problem size is $n, n/2, n/4, \dots$ at the first, second, third, etc. levels. Thus, the number of computations required is n^2 at the first level, $2(n/2)^2 = n^2/2$ at the second level, $2(n/4)^2 = n^2/4$ at the third, etc.

Thus, the maximum number of computations is $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n^2/2^k = 2n^2$, thus $T(n) = O(n^2)$

1.1.4 Divide and Conquer Recurrences

Master theorem: if $T(n) = aT(n/b) + O(n^d)$ for some constants $a > 0, b > 1$, and $d \geq 0$, then:

- (i) $T(n) = O(n^d)$ if $d > \log_b a$
- (ii) $T(n) = O(n^d \log n)$ if $d = \log_b a$
- (iii) $T(n) = O(n^{\log_b a})$ if $d < \log_b a$

Proof: consider the recursion tree for such a problem

Notice that a is the branching factor of the problem. At the i th level (starting at index 0), there are a^i subproblems of size n/b^i . which means the computation that must be done at that level is $a^i O((n/b^i)^d)$

The number of levels in the recursion tree is $k = \log_b n$

As such: $T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^k a^i O((n/b^i)^d) = O(n^d) \sum_{i=0}^k (a/b^d)^i$. Now consider the cases

- (i) If $d > \log_b a$, then $a/b^d < 1$
 $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (a/b^d)^i < \infty$ (i.e. series converges)
 $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (a/b^d)^i = O(1)$, so $T(n) = O(n^d)$

- (ii) If $d = \log_b a$, then $a/b^d = 1$
 $\sum_{i=0}^k (a/b^d)^i = \sum_{i=0}^k 1 = k+1$, since $k = \log_b n = \log n / \log b = O(\log n)$
Therefore, $T(n) = O(n^d \log n)$
- (iii) If $d < \log_b a$, then $a/b^d > 1$
 $\sum_{i=0}^k (a/b^d)^i = O((a/b^d)^k)$, so $T(n) = O(n^d)O(a^k)/b^{dk}$
Since $k = \log_b n$, $n = b^k$, $T(n) = O(n^d)O(a^k)/n^d = O(a^k)$
 $a^k = a^{\log_b n} = n^{\log_b a}$, so $T(n) = O(n^{\log_b a})$

1.2 Asymptotics

Notation for asymptotics:

- (i) f and g are real value functions on $x \geq 0$. $f(x), g(x) \geq 0$ for sufficiently large x
Sufficiently large: $\exists x_0 > 0$ such that $f(x) \geq 0$ when $x \geq x_0$
- (ii) $f = O(g)$ means that for some $c > 0$ and $x_0 > 0$, $f(x) \leq cg(x)$ for all $x \geq x_0$
- (iii) $f = \Omega(g)$ means that for some $c > 0$ and $x_0 \geq 0$, $f(x) \geq cg(x)$ for all $x \geq x_0$
This is equivalent to saying that $g = O(f)$
- (iv) $f = \Theta(g)$ means that $f = O(g)$ and $f = \Omega(g)$

Demonstrating that $f = O(g)$ can be done algebraically, or via L'Hopital's rule

Additional definitions:

- (i) $f = o(g)$ means $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)/g(x) = 0$
- (ii) $f \sim g$ means $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)/g(x) = 1$

Polynomial growth: f is polynomially bounded if $f(x) = O(x^k)$ for some $k > 0$, (efficiently computable)

Exponential growth: f is exponential growth if $f(x) = O(\alpha^x)$ for some $\alpha > 1$

A Review of Basic Mathematical Concepts

A.1 Review of Properties of Logarithms

Change of base: $\log_a x = \log_b x / \log_b a$

Basic properties:

- (i) $\log_a(uv) = \log_a u + \log_a v$
- (ii) $\log_a(u/v) = \log_a u - \log_a v$
- (iii) $\log_a u^n = n \log_a u$