Chapter 5

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Explain the difference between probabilistic analysis & randomized algorithms.
 (概率分析与随机算法)

Present the technique of indicator random variables.
 (用指示(器)随机变量来对算法进行概率分析)

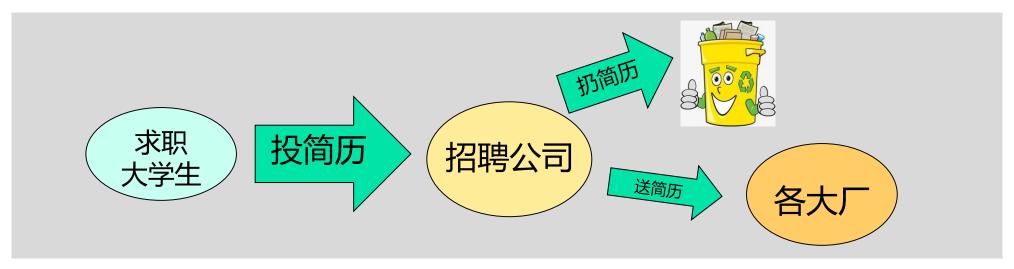
Give another example of a randomized algorithm.
 (一个随机算法实例)

5.1 The hiring problem (雇佣问题, or 助手问题)

Scenario (情景): hire the best office assistant in a month

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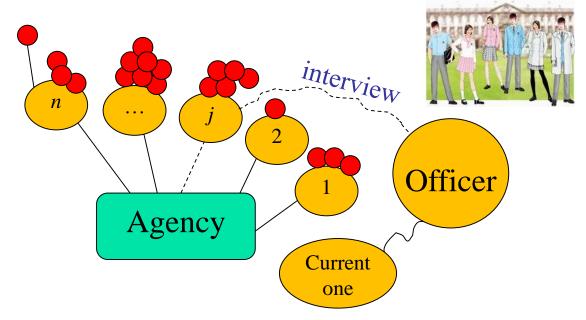
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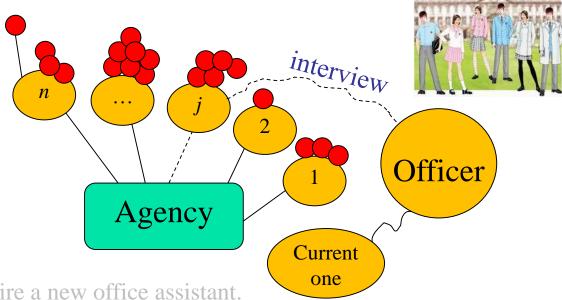


Scenario: hire the best office assistant in a month

- You are using an employment agency to hire a new office assistant. (招聘公司帮你物色办公助理候选人)
- The agency sends you one candidate each day.
 (1, 2, ..., n 表示候选人的编号,红色圆圈数表示候选人的工作能力【如果是程序员,则是AC的题目数】)
- You interview the candidate and must immediately decide whether or not to hire him. But if you hire, you must also fire your current one.

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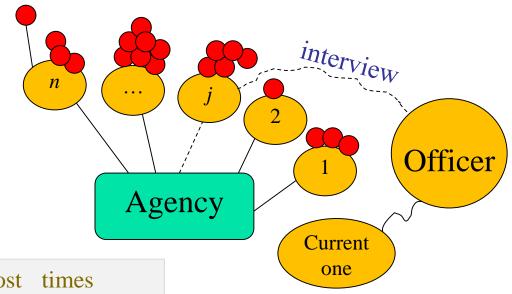


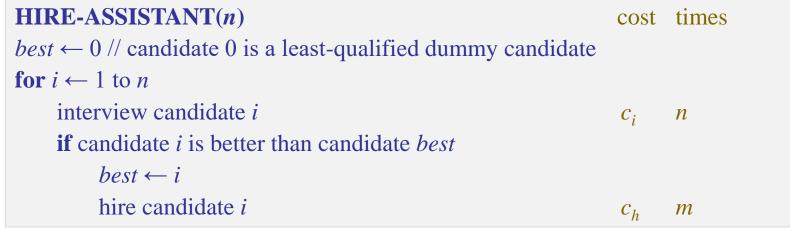


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- The agency sends you one candidate each day.
- You interview the candidate and must immediately decide whether or not to hire him. But if you hire, you must also fire your current one.
- Cost to interview is 1K per candidate (interview fee paid to agency).
- Cost to hire is 10K per candidate, includes: cost to fire current office assistant + hiring fee paid to agency (面试一个候选人支付招聘公司 1K; 临时录用当天面试的候选人需要支付招聘公司 10K)

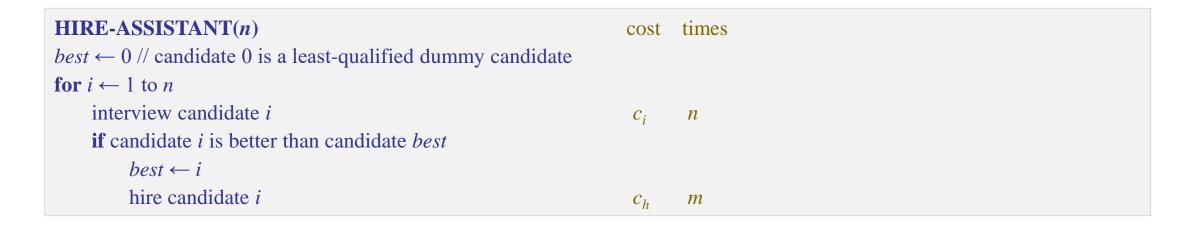
Goal: Determine what the price of this strategy will be?

Scenario: Assumes that the candidates are numbered 1 to *n*. Uses a dummy candidate 0 that is worse than all others, so that the first candidate is always hired.

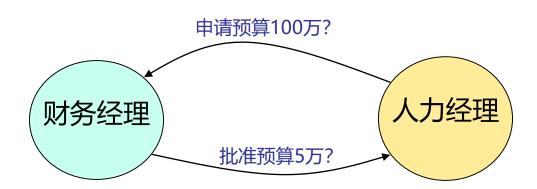




Cost: *n* candidates, we hire *m* of them, cost is $T(n) = nc_i + mc_h$



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分析算法的人享有双重的幸福:

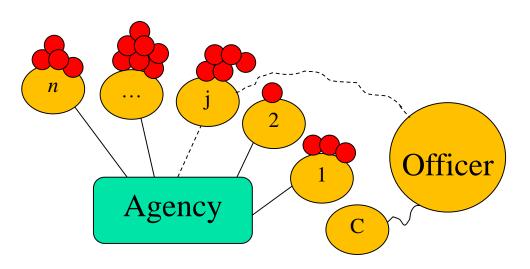
- · 一方面,他们能够体验到优雅数学模式纯粹的美, 这种模式存在于优美的计算过程之中;
- · 另一方面,当他们的理论使得其他工作能够做得 更快、更经济时,他们能够<mark>得到实际的褒奖</mark>。

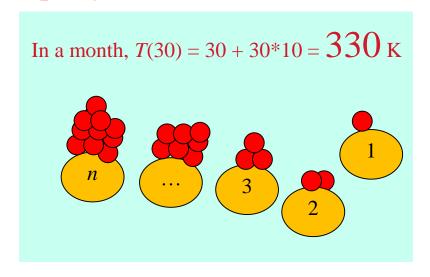
—Donald E. Knuth

5.1.1 Worst-case analysis

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- We focus on analyzing the hiring cost mc_h ? ($c_h >> c_i$)
- mc_h varies with each run of the algorithm: it depends on the order in which we interview the candidates.
- Worst-case analysis
 - We hire all *n* candidates. $T(n) = nc_i + nc_h$? When?
 - The candidates appear in increasing order of qulity.

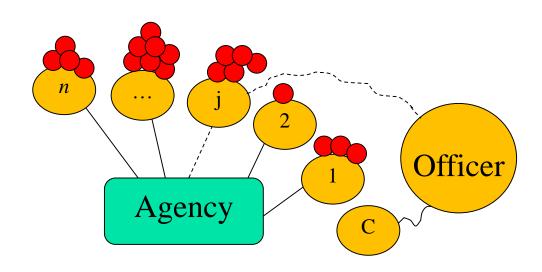


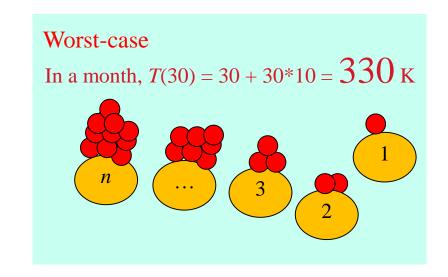


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- Worst-case analysis: We hire all n candidates, $T(n) = nc_i + nc_h$
- Best-case? We hire only one candidate. When?
- Average-case? The expected number of times we hire new office assistant.





5.1.2 Propbabilistic analysis

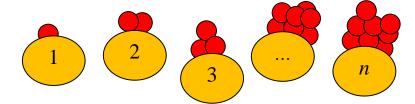
Assume that candidates come in a random order:

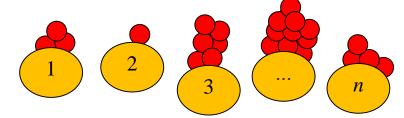
- Assign a rank to each candidate: rank(i) is a unique integer in the range 1 to n. (对每一个候选人分配一个"名次")
- The list $\langle rank(1), ..., rank(n) \rangle$ is a permutation of the candidate numbers $\langle 1, ..., n \rangle$, such as $\langle 5, 2, 1, 28, 9, ..., 11 \rangle$
- The ranks form a uniform random permutation: each of the possible n! permutations appears with equal probability

A[1]	A[2]	A[3]	•••	A[n]
1	2	3		n



A [1]	A[2]	A[3]	•••	A[n]
3	1	6		4





5.1.2 Propbabilistic analysis

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Essential idea of probabilistic analysis: We must use knowledge of, or make assumptions about, the distribution of inputs. (概率分析的本质: 需已知或假定输入的概率分布)

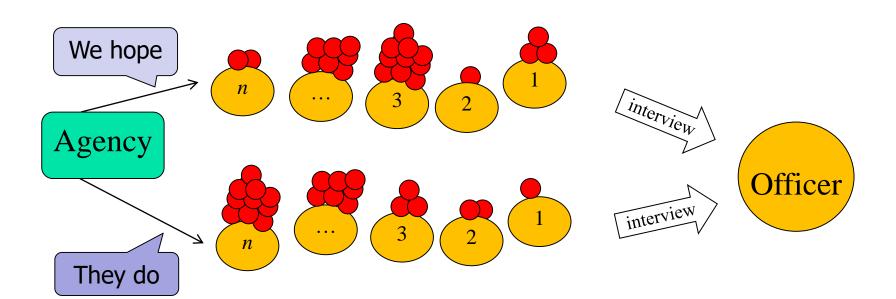
- The expectation is taken over this distribution.

 (依据概率分布来求期望,期望值即是平均 hire 的人数)
- Section 5.2 contains a probabilistic analysis of the hiring problem.

Idea

- ◆ We might not know the distribution of inputs, or we might not be able to model it computationally. (我们不知道输入的分布,也不可能为输入的分布进行可计算的建模)
- ◆ Instead, we use randomization within the algorithm in order to impose a distribution on the inputs.

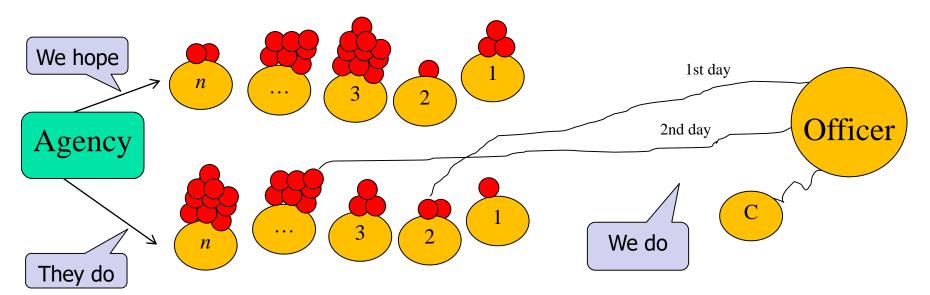
 (在算法中通过对输入进行随机化处理,从而为输入施加一种分布)



For the hiring problem, change the scenario:

- ◆ The employment agency sends us a list of all *n* candidates in advance. (猎头公司预先提供 *n* 个候选人列表)
- ◆ On each day, we randomly choose a candidate from the list to interview. (每天,我们随机选取一人进行面试)
- Instead of relying on the candidates being presented to us in a random order, we take control of the process and enforce a random order. (Chap 5.3)

(无须担心候选人是否被随机提供, 我们通过随机运算预处理可以控制候选人的随机顺序)



What makes an algorithms randomized: An algorithm is randomized if its behavior is determined in part by values produced by a *random-number generator*.

(算法随机化:由随机数产生器生成数值.....)

- RANDOM(a, b) returns an integer r, where $a \le r \le b$ and each of the b-a+1 possible values of r is equally likely.
- In practice, RANDOM is implemented by a pseudorandom-number generator, which is a deterministic method returning numbers that "look" random and pass statistical tests.

(RANDOM实际上由一个确定的算法〔伪随机产生器〕产生,其结果表面上看上去像是随机数)

Random number generator(随机数产生器)

- Most random number generators generate a sequence of integers by the following recurrence
- X_0 = a given integer (seed), $X_{i+1} = aX_i \mod M$
- For example, for $X_0 = 1$, a = 5, M = 13, we have $X_1 = 5*1\%13 = 5$, $X_2 = 5*5\%13 = 12$, $X_3 = 5*12\%13 = 8$, $X_4 = 5*8\%13 = 1$, ...

Each integer in the sequence lies in the range [0, M-1].

A probabilistic analysis of the hiring problem

5.2 Indicator random variables(指示随机变量)







Given a sample space and an event A, we define the indicator random variable:

$$I\{A\} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A \text{ occur,} \\ 0 & \text{if } A \text{ does not occur.} \end{cases}$$

Lemma

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For an event, let X_A = I\{A\}. Then E[X_A] = Pr\{A\}.

Proof Letting \sim A be the complement of A, we have
E[X_A] = E[I\{A\}]
= 1.Pr\{A\} + 0.Pr\{\sim A\} \quad \{\text{definition of expected value}\}
= Pr\{A\}.
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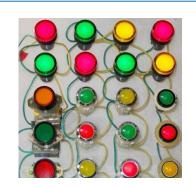
Simple example: Determine the expected number of heads when we flip a fair coin one time. (投一次硬币,正面向上的期望〔平均数〕)

- Sample space is $\{H, T\}$
- $Pr\{H\} = Pr\{T\} = 1/2$
- Define indicator random variable $X_H = I\{H\}$. X_H counts the number of heads in one flip.
- Since $Pr\{H\} = 1/2$, lemma says that $E[X_H] = 1/2$.

Lemma

For an event A, let $X_A = I\{A\}$. Then $E[X_A] = Pr\{A\}$.





Slightly more complicated example: Determine the expected number of heads when in n coin flips. (投 n 次硬币,正面向上的期望〔平均数〕)

Let X be a random variable for the number of heads in n flips. (令随机变量 X 表示投 n 次硬币正面向上的数)

$$E[X] = \sum_{k=0}^{n} k \cdot \Pr\{X = k\}$$

例:硬币正面向上为1,反面向上为0,投三个硬币(或一个硬币投三次), 则有8种情况:

000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111 为正面

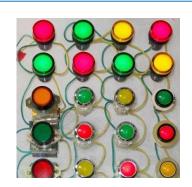


正面向上的平均次数: E[X] = 0*1/8 + 1*3/8 + 2*3/8 + 3*1/8 = 3/2

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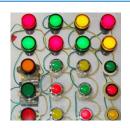
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 A slightly more complicated? Yes!

Instead, we'll use indicator random variables

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- For i = 1, ..., n, define $X_i = I\{\text{the } i\text{th flip results in event } H\}$
- Then, $X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$
- Lemma says that $E[X_i] = Pr\{H\} = 1/2 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, ..., n$
- Expected number of heads is

$$E[X] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} E[X_i] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} 1/2 = n/2$$

Average-case: The expected number of times we hire new office assistant.

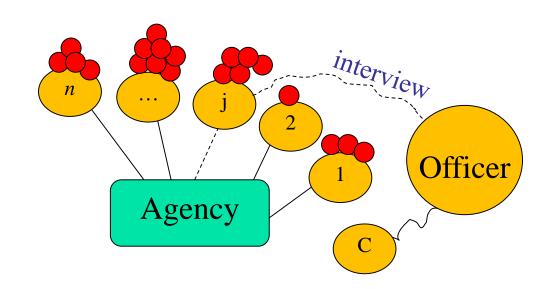
Assume that the candidates arrive in a random order.

Let X be a random variable that equals the number of times we hire new office assistant. (令随机变量 X 表示雇用新助手的人数)

Use a probabilistic analysis

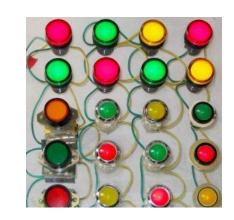
Then
$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} i \Pr\{X = i\}$$

The calculation would be cumbersome (计算烦琐)



Assume that the candidates arrive in a random order.

random variable X = the number of times we hire new office assistant (随机变量 X 表示雇用新助手的人数)



Use indicator random variables

- Define indicator random variables $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$, where $X_i = I\{\text{candidate } i \text{ is hired}\}$
- Useful properties:

$$X = X_1 + X_2 + ... + X_n$$

Lemma => $E[X_i] = Pr\{candidate i \text{ is hired}\}.$

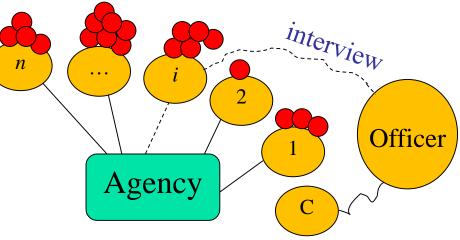
We need to compute Pr{candidate *i* is hired}?

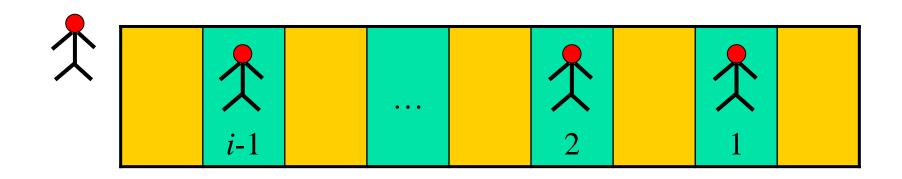
Pr{candidate *i* is hired}?

- *i* is hired \Leftrightarrow *i* is better than each of candidates 1, 2, ..., *i*-1.
- Assumption that the candidates arrive in random order => any one of these candidates is equally likely to be the best one.

(若候选人随机到来,则每一个候选人为最佳人选的概率相等)

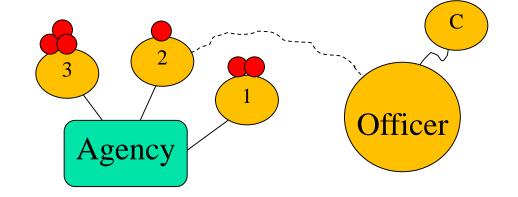
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viewed: viewing, Pr of hired

已面试: 待面试, 待面试人被雇佣的概率

 $0:\{1,2,3\}, 1$

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1:{2, 3}, 1/3*1
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$$\{1, 2\}:3, 1/3*1$$

第一天面试的人的资历可能是1or2or3,每种情况的Pr是1/3;

若是第一种情况, 第二天面试的人被雇佣的Pr是1, 则条件概率 Pr=1/3*1;

其他情况相似。

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$$E[X] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} E[X_i] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} 1/i = \ln n$$

Harmonic series

For positive integers n, the nth harmonic number is

$$H_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k}$$

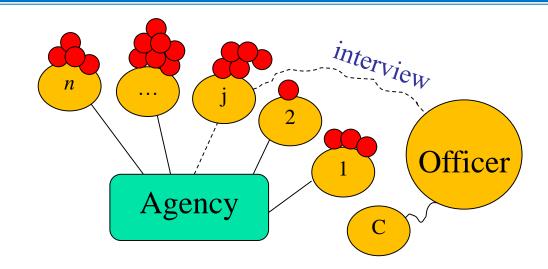
$$= \ln n + O(1). \tag{A.7}$$

Thus, the expected hiring cost is ----- $nc_i + (\ln n)c_h$, which is much better than the worst-case cost of --- $nc_i + nc_h$.

$$(nc_i + mc_h)$$
: 30+3.4*10 = 64 vs 30+30*10 = 330 (ln30 = 3.4...)

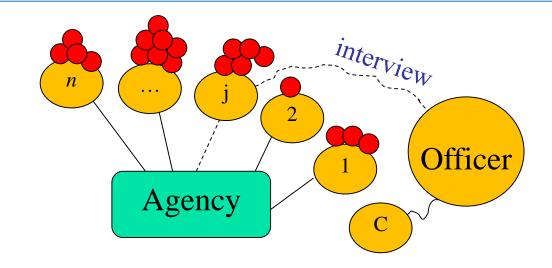
lnn vs n

For the hiring problem, the algorithm is deterministic.



- For any given input, the number of times we hire a new office assistant will always be the same. (给定输入,则雇用的人数确定)
- The number of times we hire a new office assistant depends only on the input. (雇用的人数〔资源消费〕依赖于输入)
 - Some rank orderings will always produce a high hiring cost. Example: <1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6>, where each is hired.
 - Some will always produce a low hiring cost. Example: <6, *, *, *, *, *, *, where only the first is hired.
 - Some may be in between.

Instead of always interviewing the candidates in the order presented, we first randomly permuted input.



- The randomization is now in the algorithm, not in the input distribution. (在算法中先进行随机化处理,与输入分布无关)
- Given a particular input, we can no longer say what its hiring cost will be. Each time we run the algorithm, we can get a different hiring cost. (算法的运行时间与输入无关)
- No particular input always elicits worst-case behavior. (算法的最坏运算时间不取决于特定的输入)
- Bad behavior occurs only if we get "unlucky" numbers from the random-number generator. (只有当随机数产生器产生很不幸运的数时,算法的运算时间最坏)

Algorithm for randimized hiring problem

RANDOMIZED-HIRE-ASSISTANT(*n*)

Randomly permute the list of candidates HIRE-ASSISTANT(*n*)

□ Lemma

The expected hiring cost of RANDOMIZED-HIRE-ASSISTANT is $nc_i + (\ln n)c_h$ *Proof*

After permuting the input array, we have a situation identical to the probabilistic analysis of deterministic HIRE-ASSISTANT.

(对输入矩阵进行随机置换后,情况同HIRE-ASSISTANT相同)

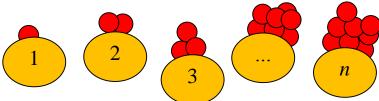
Goal: Produce a uniform random permutation (each of the *n*! permutations is equally likely to be produced),

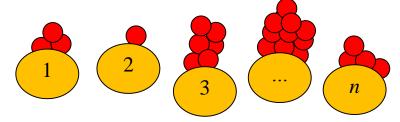
that is, for A = <1, 2, 3, ..., n>,

the numbers of permutation of A is $P_n^n = n!$, each of that is equally likely to be produced.

	A[1]	A[2]	A[3]	•••	A[n]		かちもロ もてエレ
	1	2	3		n		随机打乱
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+T+1 *h4P	A[1]	A[2]	A[3]	•••	A[n]
打乱数组	3	1	6		4





Applications:







- ✓ 洗牌程序
- \checkmark 随机打乱 n 个数,构造测试数据
- ✓ 数据预处理, 防止 "不好"的输入(比如在OJ上做题时, 极端的"不好"数据导致程序超时, 可以尝试先把输入随机置换)

(1) Permute-by-sorting

The method is not very good

- Assume the given array A contains the element 1 through n.
- Assign each element A[i] a random priority P[i], then sort the elements of A according to these priorities. Example
 - If initial array is A = <1, 2, 3, 4>, choose random priorities P = <36, 3, 97, 19>, then produce an array B = <2, 4, 1, 3>

ind	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
A value	1	2	3	4



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PERMUTE-BY-SORTING(A)

n = length[A] $for(i = 1; i \le n; i++)$ $P[i] = RANDOM(1, n^3)$ sort A, using P as sort keys return A

We use a range of 1 to n^3 in RANDOM to make it likely that all the priorities in P are unique.(Exercise 5.3-5)

(2) RANDOMIZE-IN-PLACE

The method is better

RANDOMIZE-IN-PLACE(A, n)

$$for(i = 1; i \le n; i++)$$

$$swap(A[i], A[RANDOM(i, n)])$$

Idea:

1	2	3	 n
A(1)	A(2)	A(3)	 A(n)
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1	2	3	•••	i_1	•••	n
$A(i_1)$	A(2)	A(3)	•••	A(1)		A(n)

1	2	3		i_2		n
$A(i_1)$	$A(i_2)$	A(3)	•••	A(2)	••	A(n)

- In iteration i, choose A[i] randomly from A[i ... n].
- Will never alter A[i] after iteration i. (第 i 次迭代后不再改变 A[i])

Merit:

- It runs in linear time without requiring sorting (O(n)).
- It needs fewer random bits (n random numbers in the range 1 to n rather than the range 1 to n^3) (仅需更小范围的随机数产生器)
- No auxiliary array is required. (不需要辅助空间)

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1	2	3	•••	i_2	 n
$A(i_1)$	$A(i_2)$	A(3)		A(2)	 A(n)

*** Correctness:

• Given a set of n elements, a k-permutation is a sequence containing k of the n elements. There are n!/(n-k)! possible k-permutations? (给定 n 个元素,从其中任取 k 个元素进行排列,则有 n!/(n-k)! 种不同的 k-排列,或 k-置换?)

$$P_n^k = C_n^k \cdot P_k^k = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \cdot k! = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

□ Lemma

RANDOMIZE-IN-PLACE computes a uniform random permutation.

Proof Use a loop invariant:

The method is better

(2) RANDOMIZE-IN-PLACE

RANDOMIZE-IN-PLACE(A, n)

for(
$$i = 1$$
; $i \le n$; $i++$)
swap($A[i]$, $A[RANDOM(i, n)]$)

1	2	3	 n
A(1)	A(2)	A(3)	 A(n)

1	2	3	•••	i_1	•••	n
$A(i_1)$	A(2)	A(3)	•••	A(1)	•••	A(n)

1	2	3	•••	i_2	•••	n
$A(i_1)$	$A(i_2)$	A(3)	•••	A(2)	•••	A(n)

□ Lemma

RANDOMIZE-IN-PLACE computes a uniform random permutation.

$$1/P_n^k = 1/\frac{n!}{(n-k)!} = \frac{(n-k)!}{n!}$$

Proof Use a loop invariant:

Loop invariant: Just prior to the ith iteration of the for loop, for each possible (i-1)-permutation, subarray A[1...i-1] contains this (i-1)-permutation with probability (n-i+1)!/n! ? (第 i 次迭代之前,对 (i-1)-置换,任意一个(i-1)-置换A[1...i-1]的概率为(n-i+1)!/n! ?)

The method is better

(2) RANDOMIZE-IN-PLACE

RANDOMIZE-IN-PLACE(A, n)

$$for(i = 1; i \le n; i++)$$

$$swap(A[i], A[RANDOM(i, n)])$$

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□ *Lemma* RANDOMIZE-IN-PLACE computes a uniform random permutation.

Proof Use a loop invariant:

Loop invariant: A[1 ... i-1] contains each (i-1)-permutation with probability (n-i+1)!/n!.

• Initialization: Just before first iteration, i=1. Loop invariant says for each possible 0-permutation, subarray A[1...0] contains this 0-permutation with probability n!/n!=1. A[1...0] is an empty subarray, and a 0-permutation has no elements. So, A[1...0] contains any 0-permutation with probability 1. (空集包含空置换的概率为1)

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- Lemma RANDOMIZE-IN-PLACE computes a uniform random permutation.

 Proof Loop invariant: $Pr\{A[1 ... i-1] \text{ contains each } (i-1)\text{-permutation}\} = (n-i+1)!/n!$.
- Maintenance: Assume that prior to the *i*th iteration, $Pr\{A[1 ... i-1] \text{ contains each } (i-1)-\text{permutation}\} = (n-i+1)!/n!$, we will show that after the ith iteration, Pr(A[1 ... i] contains each i-permutation) = (n-i)!/n!.

(第 i 次迭代前,设(i-1)-置换 A[1...i-1] 中,任一置换发生的概率为 (n-i+1)!/n! ,则需证明在第i 次迭代后,任一i-置换 的概率为(n-i)!/n!)

Consider a particular *i*-permutation $R=\langle x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_i \rangle$. It consists of an (i-1)-permutation $R'=\langle x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{i-1} \rangle$, followed by x_i . (考虑一个特别的 i-置换 R, 其前 i-1 个元素组成 (i-1)-置换 R', 最后一个元素为 x_i).......

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Maintenance: ...

i-permutation $R = \langle x_1, x_2, ..., x_i \rangle = \langle x_1, x_2, ..., x_i \rangle \cup x_i = R' \cup x_i$.

Let E_1 be the event that the algorithm actually puts R' into A[1 ... i-1]. By the loop invariant, $Pr\{E_1\} = (n-i+1)!/n!$.

Let E_2 be the event that the *i*th iteration puts x_i into A[i].

We get the *i*-Permutation R in A[1 ... i] if and only if both E_1 and E_2 occur => the probability that the algorithm produces R in A[1 ... i] is $Pr\{E_2 \cap E_1\} = ?$...

(令事件 E_1 表示算法实际输出 (i-1)-置换R'为A[1...i-1],根据循环不变量, $\Pr\{E_1\}=(n-i+1)!/n!$,令事件 E_2 表示第 i 次 迭代后输出 A[i] 为 x_i ,则当且仅当 E_1 和 E_2 同时发生时我们得到 i-置换 R 为A[1...i],其概率为 $\Pr\{E_2 \cap E_1\}=?$)...

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Maintenance:

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i	<i>i</i> +1	•••	n
$A(j_i)$	$A(j_{i+1})$	•••	$A(j_n)$

$$Pr\{E_2 \cap E_1\} = Pr\{E_2 | E_1\} Pr\{E_1\}$$
.

The algorithm choose x_i randomly from the n-i+1 possibilities in $A[i ... n] => \Pr\{E_2|E_1\} = 1/(n$ -i+1)? Thus,

$$\Pr\{E_2 \cap E_1\} = \Pr\{E_2 \mid E_1\} \Pr\{E_1\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n-i+1} \cdot \frac{(n-i+1)!}{n!} = \frac{(n-i)!}{n!}$$

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• Termination:

At termination, i = n+1, it is true prior to the *i*th iteration, so we conclude that A[i ... n] is a given *n*-permutation with probability (n-n)!/n! = 1/n!.