

# COMP3121 Assignment1

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**1. [20 marks]** You're given an array  $A$  of  $n$  integers, and must answer a series of  $n$  queries, each of the form: "How many elements  $a$  of the array  $A$  satisfy  $L_k \leq a \leq R_k$ ?", where  $L_k$  and  $R_k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq n$ ) are some integers such that  $L_k \leq R_k$ . Design an  $O(n \log n)$  algorithm that answers all of these queries.

**Solution** The  $O(n \log n)$  algorithm is as following:

Given an array  $A$  of  $n$  integers, and sort them in to ascending order. Therefore, perform binary search on Array  $A$  for the indexes of  $L_k$  and  $R_k$ ; the binary search is a divide and conquer algorithm, it will achieve the  $O(n \log n)$  performance.

Since there is no operation required when  $n = 0$ , there is always zero elements  $a$  of the Array satisfy that condition.

Let's assuming  $n > 0$ ;

- **Case a)** When  $L_k$  and  $R_k$  are elements in Array  $A$ ,  $L_k$  and  $R_k$  are retrieved by the binary search on Array  $A$ . The number of elements  $a$  of Array  $A$  satisfy  $L_k \leq a \leq R_k$  is one plus the difference on the indexes of  $L_k$  and  $R_k$ .
- **Case b)** When either of  $L_k$  and  $R_k$  are elements in Array  $A$ ,  $L_k$  and  $R_k$  are never retrieved by the binary search. Hence the  $R_k$  should be terminate on the last index binary search on Array  $A$ , which is less than  $R_k$ . Similarly, the  $L_k$  should be terminate on the last index binary search on Array  $A$ , which is greater than  $L_k$ . The number of elements  $a$  of Array  $A$  satisfy  $L_k \leq a \leq R_k$  is still one plus the difference on the indexes of  $L_k$  and  $R_k$ .

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#!/usr/bin/python3
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import math
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def numOfa(A, L_k, R_k):  
    if len(A) == 0:  
        return 0  
    inLk = binarySearchIndex(A, L_k)  
    inRk = binarySearchIndex(A, R_k)
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    if A[inRk] in A and A[inLk] in A:
        return inRk - inLk + 1
    else:
        return inRk - inLk

def binarySearchIndex(A, target):
    low = 0
    hig = len(A)
    mid = math.floor(hig/2)
    while target != A[mid]:
        if low != mid and A[mid] < target:
            low = mid
        elif hig != mid and A[mid] > target:
            hig = mid
        else:
            break
    mid = math.floor((hig + low)/2)
    return mid

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**2. [20 marks, both (a) and (b) 10 marks each]** You are given an array  $S$  of  $n$  integers and another integer  $x$ .

- (a) Describe an  $O(n \log n)$  algorithm (in the sense of the worst case performance) that determines whether or not there exist two elements in  $S$  whose sum is exactly  $x$ .
- (b) Describe an algorithm that accomplishes the same task, but runs in  $O(n)$  expected (i.e., average) time. Note that brute force does not work here, because it runs in  $O(n^2)$  time.

**Solution (a)**

1. Take a element  $k$  in the array and let  $j$  be the difference of sum  $x$  and element  $k$
2. Then binary sort Array  $S$  is  $O(n \log n)$  and binary search  $j$  in Array  $S$ . It is ideal to skip those  $j$  outside the range of Array  $S$ . Performing this binary search is  $O(n \log n)$
3. If  $j$  is in Array  $S$ , then there exist the sum of two element exactly equal to  $x$  in  $S$ , vice versa.

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#!/usr/bin/python3
import math
def existSum(A, x):
    if len(A) == 0:
        return False
    res = False

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A = sorted(A)
for i in range(0, len(A)):
    t = x - A[i]
    if t < A[0] or t > A[-1]:
        continue
    if binarySearchIndex(A, t) == t:
        res = True
        break
return res

def binarySearchIndex(A, target):
    low = 0
    hig = len(A)
    mid = math.floor(hig/2)
    while target != A[mid]:
        if low != mid and A[mid] < target:
            low = mid
        elif hig != mid and A[mid] > target:
            hig = mid
        else:
            break
    mid = math.floor((hig + low)/2)
    return mid

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(b)

1. Put every element  $k$  of Array  $S$  into Set  $A$ , this performs  $O(n)$
2. Take every element  $k$  in the array and let  $j$  be the difference of sum  $x$  and element  $k$ . Since it is for every element  $k$ , this also takes  $O(n)$
3. Checking  $j$  in Set  $A$  takes  $O(1)$ . If  $j$  is in Array  $S$ , then there exist the sum of two element exactly equal to  $x$  in  $S$ , verse vice.

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#!/usr/bin/python3
import math

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def existSum(A, x):
    if len(A) == 0:
        return False
    res = False
    A = sorted(A)
    for i in range(0, len(A)):
        t = x - A[i]
        if t < A[0] or t > A[-1]:

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    continue
if t in A:
    res = True
    break
return res

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**3. [20 marks, both (a) and (b) 10 marks each; if you solve (b) you do not have to solve (a)]** You are at a party attended by  $n$  people (not including yourself), and you suspect that there might be a celebrity present. A celebrity is someone known by everyone, but does not know anyone except themselves. You may assume everyone knows themselves. Your task is to work out if there is a celebrity present, and if so, which of the  $n$  people present is a celebrity. To do so, you can ask a person  $X$  if they know another person  $Y$  (where you choose  $X$  and  $Y$  when asking the question).

(a) Show that your task can always be accomplished by asking no more than  $3n - 3$  such questions, even in the worst case.

(b) Show that your task can always be accomplished by asking no more than  $3n - \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor - 2$  such questions, even in the worst case.

**4. [20 marks, each pair 4 marks]** Read the review material from the class website on asymptotic notation and basic properties of logarithms, pages 38-44 and then determine if  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ ,  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  or  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$  for the following pairs. Justify your answers. You might find the following inequality useful:  
if  $f(n), g(n), c > 0$  then  $f(n) < cg(n)$ ; if and only if  $\log f(n) < \log c + \log g(n)$ .

$f(n)$	$g(n)$
$(\log_2 n)^2$	$\log_2 (n^{\log_2 n}) + 2\log_2 n$
$n^{100}$	$2^{n/100}$
$\sqrt{n}$	$2^{\sqrt{\log_2 n}}$
$n^{1.001}$	$n \log_2 n$
$n^{(1+\sin(\pi n/2))/2n}$	$\sqrt{n}$

**Solution**

(a)  $f(n) = (\log_2 n)^2$ ,  $g(n) = \log_2 (n^{\log_2 n}) + 2 * \log_2 n$

Since  $g(n) = \log_2 (n^{\log_2 n}) + 2 * \log_2 n = \log_2 n * \log_2 n + 2 * \log_2 n = (\log_2 n)^2 + 2 * \log_2 n$

When  $n_0 = 1$ ,  $f(1) = (\log_2 1)^2 = 1$ ,  $g(1) = (\log_2 1)^2 + 2 * \log_2 1 = 0$

let  $c > \frac{1}{3}$  and  $n = 2$ ,  $f(2) - c * g(2) \leq 0 \Rightarrow c \geq \frac{1}{3}$

Therefore  $c \geq \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $n \geq n_0 = 1$ ,  $f(n) = (\log_2 n)^2 < c * g(n) = c * ((\log_2 n)^2 + 2 \log_2 n)$

Hence,  $c \geq \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $n \geq n_0 = 1$ ,  $f(n) = O(g(n))$

(b)  $f(n) = n^{100}$ ,  $g(n) = 2^{\frac{n}{100}}$

When  $c > 0$  and  $n_0 = 1$ ,

$$f(n_0) - c * g(n_0) = n_0^{100} - c * (2^{\frac{n_0}{100}}) = 1^{100} - c * (2^{\frac{1}{100}}) \geq 0,$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 2^{\frac{-1}{100}} \approx 0.9930.924... > 0$$

Therefore, when  $c > 0$  and  $n \geq n_0 = 1$ ,  $0 \leq c * g(n) \leq f(n)$

Hence, when  $c > 0$  and  $n \geq n_0 = 1$ ,  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$

(c)  $f(n) = \sqrt{n}$ ,  $g(n) = 2^{\sqrt{\log_2 n}}$

$$\text{Since } f(n) - g(n) = \sqrt{n} - 2^{\sqrt{\log_2 n}} \geq 0 \Rightarrow n > 16$$

Therefore, exist  $c_1 = c_2 = 1$  and  $n > n_0 = 16$ ,  $0 \leq c_1 * g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 * g(n)$

Hence,  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$

(d)  $f(n) = n^{1.001}$ ,  $g(n) = n * \log_2 n$

When  $n = 1$ ,

$$g(1) - f(1) = n * \log_2 n - n^{1.001} = \log_2 1 - 1^{1.001} = 0 - 1 = -1 < 0$$

Then when  $n \geq 2$ ,

$$c * g(n) - f(n) = c * (n * \log_2 n) - n^{1.001} > 0 \Rightarrow c > 2^{0.001} \approx 1.00069339...$$

Therefore, when  $c = 2$  and  $n \geq 2$ ,  $c * g(n) \geq f(n)$

Hence,  $f(n) = O(g(n))$

(e)  $f(n) = n^{\frac{1+\sin(\frac{\pi n}{2})}{2n}}$ ,  $g(n) = \sqrt{n}$

If  $f(n)$ ,  $g(n)$ ,  $c > 0$  then  $f(n) < c * g(n)$ ; if and only if  $\log f(n) < \log c + \log g(n)$

When  $c = 1$ ,  $\log c = 0$ ,

$$\log f(n) = \log \sqrt{n},$$

$$\log g(n) = \log \sqrt{(n)^{\frac{1+\sin \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n}}}$$

Then we have

$$\log c + \log g(n) - \log f(n) = \log c + \log \sqrt{(n)^{\frac{1+\sin \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n}}} - \log \sqrt{n} = \log c + (\frac{n+1+\sin \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n}) \log \sqrt{(n)}$$

We need  $\log c + \log g(n) - \log f(n) > 0$ , then we can solve  $n$  with :

$$\log c + \log g(n) - \log f(n) = (\frac{n+1+\sin \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n}) \log \sqrt{(n)} > 0 \Rightarrow n \geq 1$$

Therefore,  $c = 1$ ,  $n > n_0 = 1$ ,  $\log c + \log g(n) - \log f(n) \iff 0 \leq f(n) < c * g(n)$

Hence,  $c = 1$ ,  $n > n_0 = 1$ ,  $f(n) = O(n)$

**5. [20 marks, each recurrence 5 marks]** Determine the asymptotic growth rate of the solutions to the following recurrences. If possible, you can use the Master Theorem, if not, find another way of solving it.

(a)  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n(2 + \sin n)$

(b)  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \sqrt{n} + \log n$

(c)  $T(n) = 8T(n/2) + n^{\log n}$

(d)  $T(n) = T(n-1) + n$

**Solution**

(a)  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n(2 + \sin n)$

As  $a = 2$  and  $b = 2$ , then  $n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 2} = n$

And  $f(n) = n(2 + \sin n)$ , then

$\sin n \in [-1, 1] \Rightarrow 2 + \sin n \in [1, 3] \Rightarrow f(n) = n(2 + \sin n) \in [n, 3n]$

Since  $n^{\log_b a} = n$  and  $f(n) \in [n, 3n]$ ,  $f(n) = n(2 + \sin n) = \Theta(n)$

Condition of case 2 is satisfied; and so :

$$T(n) = \Theta\left(n^{\log_2 2} \log n\right) = \Theta(n \log n)$$

(b)  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \sqrt{n} + \log n$

As  $a = 2$  and  $b = 2$ , then  $n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 2} = n$

When  $n \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $f(n) \in (0, \infty]$ ,  $f(n)$  is a non-decreasing function

Since  $n^{\log_b a} = n$  and  $f(n) = \sqrt{n} + \log n$

$f(n) = \sqrt{n} + \log n$

$O(\Theta(n^{4+\epsilon}))$

(c)  $T(n) = 8T(n/2) + n^{\log n}$

As  $a = 8$  and  $b = 2$ , then  $n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 8} = n^4$

Since  $g(n) = n^{\log_b a} = n^4$  and  $f(n) = n^{\log n}$

$= \Theta(n^{4-\epsilon})$  for any  $\epsilon < 3$

$O(\Theta(n^{4+\epsilon}))$

(d)  $T(n) = T(n-1) + n$

To apply Master Theorem,  $a \geq 1$  and  $b > 1$ .

Since  $b = 1$ , it is not applicable to determine asymptotic growth rate of this recurrences.