

Algorithm Homework 2

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Collecting Toys

There are n types of toys that you wish to collect. Each time you buy a toy, its type is randomly determined from a uniform distribution (i.e., all possible types have equal probabilities). Let $p_{i,j}$ be the probability that just after you have bought your i th toy, you have exactly j toy types in your collection, for $i \geq 1$ and $0 \leq j \leq n$.

- (a) Find a recursive equation of $p_{i,j}$ in terms of $p_{i-1,j}$ and $p_{i-1,j-1}$ for $i \geq 2$ and $1 \leq j \leq n$.
- (b) Describe how the recursion from (a) can be used to calculate $p_{i,j}$.

Solution.

- (a) Recursive equation of $p_{i,j}$: $p_{i,j} = \frac{j}{n}p_{i-1,j} + \frac{n-j+1}{n}p_{i-1,j-1}$.
- (b) First we should initialize the initial probability $p_{i,j} = 0$ s.t. $i < j$ or $i \neq 0$ & $j = 0$ and $p_{0,0} = 1$.
Then we can calculate all probability $p_{i,j}$

Done. ■

Knapsack II

Given n objects and a knapsack, item i weighs $w_i > 0$ kilograms and has value v_i where $n > v_i > 0$. The knapsack has capacity of W kilograms. The numbers n, v_i are integers and w_i, W are real numbers. What is the maximum total value of items that we can fill the knapsack with? Design an efficient algorithm. For comparison, our algorithm runs in $O(n^3)$.

Solution. We can using DP algorithm to minimize the weight on constant value.

- 1) Compute $V = \sum_i^n v_i$ and we know that $V < n \times \max(v_i) < n^2$.
- 2) Define $OPT(i, v)$ is min weights of items selected from $1, \dots, i$ whose total value equal v . And if $1, \dots, i$ can make total value be v , then $OPT(i, v) = 0$.
- 3) Then we have

$$OPT(i, v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ w_i + OPT(i-1, v - v_i) & \text{if } OPT(i-1, v) = 0 \\ \min\{w_i + OPT(i-1, v - v_i), OPT(i-1, v)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

4) We can get all probability $p_{i,j}$.

And the run time is $O(nV) < O(n^3)$ Done. ■

Counting Friends

There are n students and each student i has 2 scores x_i, y_i . Students i, j are friends if and only if $x_i < x_j$ and $y_i > y_j$. How many friends are there? Design an efficient algorithm. For comparison, our algorithm runs in $O(n \log n)$ time.

Solution.

- 1) First we sort based on score x_i . And we now that for all $i > j \rightarrow x_i > x_j$. ($O(n \log n)$)
- 2) Use Divide-and-Conquer to counting inversions of $y_i < y_j$.
 - (1) Divide: separate list two pieces.
 - (2) Conquer: recursively count inversions in each half.
 - (3) Combine: count inversions where y_i and y_j are in different halves(merge and count), and returns sum of three quantities. ($O(n \log n)$)

So total run time is $O(n \log n + n \log n) = O(n \log n)$. Done. ■

XOR Convolution

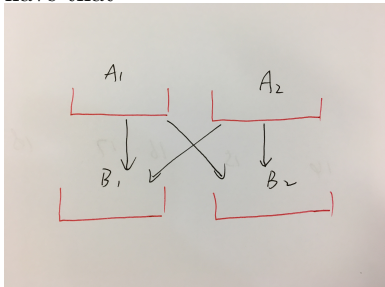
Given two arrays $A = a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}$ and $B = b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1}$, return an array $C = c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}$, where $c_i = \sum_{j \oplus k = i} a_j b_k$. Design an efficient algorithm. For comparison, our algorithm runs in $O(n \log n)$ time.

\oplus is the bitwise XOR operator: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bitwise_operation#XOR

Hint: Define $x^i \cdot x^j = x^{i \oplus j}$, and imitate the Karatsuba algorithm.

Solution.

- 1) We have that $0 \oplus R = R$, $R \oplus R = 0$ and $A \oplus X \oplus A \oplus Y = X \oplus Y$.
- 2) So we can use Divide-and-Conquer to solve this problem.
- 3) Before divide we have $n \times n$ cicle. So we divide the A, B into two parts $(A_1, A_2), (B_1, B_2)$. And we have that



If $j \oplus k = i$, we calculate together so we didn't need $n \times n$. We compute \oplus first. $A_1 - B_2$ and $A_2 - B_1$ is same. And $A_2 - A_2$ we can convert to same as $A_1 - B_2$ because of $A \oplus X \oplus A \oplus Y = X \oplus Y$. So we just need to compute 2 parts $(A_1 - B_1, A_1 - B_2)$. And we recursively do these operation. Combine we just merge same $i = j \oplus k$. So sum all $a_j b_k$.

And the run time is $O(n \log n)$.

Done. ■

DNA Pattern Recognition

There are four possible bases in a DNA sequence: A, G, C, T . Suppose we have two DNA sequences S and P with length n and m where $\sqrt{n} < m < n - \sqrt{n}$. Design an efficient algorithm to find out the minimum number of bases in P that we have to change so that P is a substring of S . For comparison, our algorithm runs in $O(n \log n)$ time.

For instance, $S = AGCTAGGCTCT$, $P = AAGTCTC$. The answer is 2. We can change P to $TAGGCTC$.

Hint: An application of FFT.

Solution. ■

2D Inversions

Given an array of 2D pairs $A = a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}$ where $a_i = (x_i, y_i)$, define $a_i > a_j$ as $x_i > y_j$ and $y_i > y_j$.

- (a) How many half-inversions are there? a_i and a_j are half-inverted if $i < j$, $x_i > x_j$ and $y_i \geq y' > y_j$ where y' is a fixed constant. Design an efficient algorithm. For comparison, our algorithm runs in $O(n \log n)$ time.
- (b) How many cross-inversions are there? a_i and a_j are cross-inverted if $i < i' \leq j$ and $a_i > a_j$ where i' is a fixed constant. Design an efficient algorithm. For comparison, our algorithm runs in $O(n \log n)$ time.
- (c) How many inversions are there? a_i and a_j are inverted if $i < j$ and $a_i > a_j$. Design an efficient algorithm. For comparison, our algorithm runs in $O(n \log^2 n)$ time.

Solution.

- (a) Use Divide-and-Conquer.

- Divide: separate list two pieces.
- Conquer: recursively sort a_i based on x_i and count inversions in each half.
- Combine: count inversions where $x_i > x_j$ and meanwhile satisfy that $y_i \geq y' > y_j$ are in different halves (merge and count), and returns sum of three quantities. ($O(n \log n)$).

The run time of algorithm is same as counting inversions. It's $O(n \log n)$.

- (b) Similar with question (a). But we don't recursively count. We sort, merge and count inversion.

- Divide: separate list two pieces from i' .
- Sort: Sort a_i based on x_i in both two parts. ($O(n \log n)$)
- Count: Merge and count. If $x_i > x_j$ and meanwhile satisfy that $y_i > y_j$ are in different halves, then the number of cross-inversions plus 1. ($O(n)$).

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- (c) Similar with question (a).

- Divide: separate list into two equal pieces.
- Conquer: recursively sort a_i based on x_i count inversions in each half.
- Combine: count inversions where $x_i > x_j$ and meanwhile satisfy that $y_i > y_j$ are in different halves (merge and count), and returns sum of three quantities. ($O(n \log n)$).

The run time of algorithm is same as counting inversions. It's $O(n \log n)$.

Done. ■