

CS 240 Module 3

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Selection

Given an array $A[a \dots n-1]$ and $0 \leq k \leq n-1$ return the k th largest element in A .

0.1 1) Selection-sort Idea:

Scan A k times, deleting max each time.

Cost: $\Theta(kn)$

0.2 2)

Sort A , return $A[n-k]$

Cost: $\Theta(n \log n)$

0.3 3)

Scan the array once, and keep k largest seen so far in the min-heap.

Cost: $\Theta(n \log k)$

Eg: $[6, 5, 3, 8, 7, 4]$, $k=3$

We put in 6, 5 then 3 into the min heap. After we look at the rest of the elements and keep the min heap the size of k and add new elements if an element in the array is larger than the root of the min-heap. Continue through the array and at the end pick the root of the min heap.

0.4 4)

Heapify(A) then call deleteMax k times.

Cost: $\Theta(n + k \log n)$ For median selection ($k = n/2$) then it is the same as sorting so $\Theta(n)$

Partition Algorithm

Given an array $A[0..n-1]$ and $0 \leq k \leq n-1$, find the element at position k of the sorted A .

Observation:

$A = [7, 3, 2, 4, 6, 1]$

Sorted(A) = $[1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7]$

What is the position of $A[3]$ (4) in the sorted A . the answer is the number of elements $< A[3]$ in $A[0..2]$ and $A[4,5]$

Idea: choose one element (pivot) and partition the data into: (items $<$ pivot), pivot, (items $>$ pivot). If position(pivot) == k , done, otherwise, continue either on the left or on the right, depending on the position of the pivot.

WHAT WE WANT TO DO:

Implicit $A = [9, 4, 5, 8, 6, 3, 2]$

Lets pick $A[2]$ as the pivot, swap $A[2]$ and $A[0]$

$A = [5, 4, 9, 8, 6, 3, 2]$

Idea: Find the outermost wrongly positioned pair and swap.

advance i , backup j .

$A = [5, 4, 9, 8, 6, 3, 2]$

$i < j$ so we should swap i

$A = [5, 4, 2, 8, 6, 3, 9]$

Advance i , backup j

$A = [5, 4, 2, 8, 6, 3, 9]$

$i < j$ swap i

$A = [5, 4, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9]$

advance i , backup j

$A = [5, 4, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9]$

$j < i$ stop, swap, $A[0]$ with $A[j]$

$A = [3, 4, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9]$

Return 3.

Quick Select(A,K)

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P = choosePivot(A)
i = partition(P)
if i = k
return A[i]
if i > k:
return QuickSelect(A[0...i-1], k)
if i < k:
return QuickSelect(A[i+1...n-1], k-i-1)
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0.4.1 Cost of Quick Select

Let $T(n)$ be cost of QuickSelect

$T(n) = \Theta(n) +$

$\Theta(1)$, if $n = k$

$T(i)$ if $i > k$

$T(n-i-1)$, if $i < k$

Best Case: $T(n) = \Theta(n)$ if $i = k$

(first chosen pivot is the element at position k , no recursive calls)

Worst Case: $i = 0$ or $i = n-1$

Recursive call has size $n-1$

(if we pick the first element as the pivot, then an array sorted in ascending or descending order will give the worst case runtime.)

$T(n) =$

d if $n = 1$

$T(n-1) + cn$ if $n \geq 2$

$T(n) = cn + c(n-1) + c(n-2) + \dots + c(2) + d$

$= c \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - c + d \in \Theta(n^2)$

What if the partition is balanced

$A[p]$ is always close to median

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T(\frac{n}{2}) + cn & \text{if } n \geq 2 \\ d & \text{if } n = 1 \end{cases}$$

Assume n is a power of 2: 2^x

$$\begin{aligned} T(2^x) &= c \cdot 2^x + c \cdot 2^{x-1} + \dots + c \cdot 2 + d \\ &= c(2^{x+1} - 2) + d \\ &= 2c(n - 1) + d \in \Theta(n) \end{aligned}$$

Average-Case analysis: Average cost over all inputs of size n as function of n .

Observation: behaviour of QuickSelect depends on relative ordering, and not on actual values. $[1,3,5,7]$ will yield the same worst case behaviour as $[4,5,6,7]$.

Assume all keys are unique, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n then there are $n!$ possible orderings on these keys. and each ordering is equally likely

After we pick the pivot, what will the split look like?

L(num of items)	R(num of items)
0	$n-1$
1	$n-2$
...	...
$k-1$	$n-k$
k	$n-k-1$
$k+1$	$n-k-2$
...	...
$n-1$	0

For each choice of pivot (n possible pivots) there are $(n-1)!$ permutations of non-pivot elements, each of the splits is equally likely

After Partition:

$$A = [0 \dots x \dots]$$

Define $T(n,k)$ an average cost for selecting k th item from a size n array.

$$T(n, k) = cn + \frac{1}{n}T(n-1, k-1) + \frac{1}{n}(n-2, k-2) + \dots$$

Put in summation notation.

