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Homework 2

Problem 1

Algorithm:

1. Sort the first k elements with merge sort
2. Perform insertion sort on previous $k - 1$ elements based on binary search $k - 1$, because, once the first k elements are sorted, the first element must be in the correct spot.

We ignore one more element per each iteration.

Proof of Correctness by Contradiction:

Assume $\exists a \in A$, where A is the k -sorted array post-sort, s.t. a is not sorted.

Case 1: a is within range of the previous $k - 1$ elements

Either merge sort or insertion sort must have failed.

This is a contradiction, as merge sort and insertion sort do not fail.

Case 2: a is not within k elements of where it started

This is a contradiction, as this means that a was not k -sorted to begin

Therefore, a cannot exist, and the algorithm must work \square

Running-Time Analysis:

Merge sorting the first k elements will take $k \log k$ time

Binary search-based insertion sort for $n - k$ elements will take

$(n - k) \log(k - 1)$ time

In total, the running time is $k \log k + n \log k - k \log(k - 1)$

Therefore, the running time is $O(n \log k)$, as $n \geq k$

Problem 2

Suppose we have a k -sorted array A

For every element $a \in A$ there are k possible placements in n total bins

So the number of possibilities is $\prod_{i=0}^n k = k^n$

If we take the logarithm of this (because of the decision tree), we get:

$$\log(k^n) = n \log(k)$$

So it's $\Omega(n \log(k))$

Problem 3

- a) Suppose we have two subtrees, l and h of a tree T , where l is the lighter subtree, h is the heavier subtree and $w(h) = 2 \times w(l) + 1$. The number of nodes in the tree is n , so there are $n - 3$ nodes beneath the root and its children.

$$\begin{aligned}
w(h) &= 2w(l) + 1 \\
n - 3 &= 2w(l) + 1 + w(l) \\
n - 3 &= 3w(l) + 1 \\
\frac{n-4}{3} &= w(l)
\end{aligned}$$

So this means that $w(l) = \frac{n-4}{3}$ and $w(h) = \frac{2n-8}{3} + 1$

Thus, $h(h) = \log(\frac{2n-8}{3} + 1)$ and $h(l) = \log(\frac{n-4}{3})$

So, we have $O(\log n)$ time to search both subtrees.

Adding the 3 removed nodes only adds a constant factor.

- b) Suppose we have a tree T , s.t. T is the bare minimum tree that maintains the balance property, without the two subtrees being of equal weight.

If we add another node to h , then we would rebuild the subtree all the way up to the root via AVL rotation.

This rotation takes $O(\log(n))$ time due to T having $\log(n)$ levels.

- c) 1 or 2 insertions are required to unbalance a freshly balanced tree.

It is 1 insertion if one subtree is complete, 2 in any other case.

- d) The probability of unbalancing the tree in the worst case scenario is $\frac{1}{n} \log(n)$

The number of nodes we need to add unbalance the tree again after rebalancing is $\sum_{i=0}^{\log(n)} \frac{n}{2^i} = 2n$

So, the worst case cost of unbalancing and rebalancing the tree is $2n \log(n)$.

The cost to insert all nodes that do not lead to a worst case is $n - \log(n)$.

So, the cost of n insertions is $n \log n + (n - \log(n))$, or $O(n \log(n))$.

- e) The amortized cost is $\frac{n \log(n)}{n} = O(\log n)$

Problem 4

Proof by Induction:

Base: \exists only one column

The row is sorted by definition and default, as it's length is 1

So, if we sort vertically, nothing can change.

Inductive Hypothesis:

Assume that for some number of sorted columns $\leq n$, we can maintain horizontal sort after vertically sorting.

Inductive Step:

Add a new column (the $n + 1^{th}$), keeping the rows sorted

Sort the new column; compare the new element at position i to the element that was previously there.

Case 1: Element is the same

Nothing has changed; the row must still be sorted.

Case 2: Position i now holds a greater value

Because the rows up to column n are still sorted, and

the value in position i has only increased, the row must be sorted

Case 3: Position i now holds a smaller value, x

x originated elsewhere in the column

x must belong at position i , proven by contradiction:

Assume x is less than the value in the column next to it, same row

If try to resort x by moving it up in the column, two cases emerge:

Case 1: x is always less than the value in the before it

This is a contradiction, as x doesn't belong in this column,

since the rows were originally sorted

Case 2: We find a new place for x

We must have displaced another element, y s.t. $y < x$

But, because y is less than everything below it,

as we've already sorted the column,

we have a new out-of-place element

Therefore, we have a contradiction \square

Problem 5

Say we have a graph G

We will call HamP on every pair of nodes in G .

If HamP returns true for any pair of nodes and those two nodes are connected, then we have found a Hamiltonian Cycle

This process will take $O(n^2) \in P$

Problem 6

Say we have a graph G

If we call HamP on every of nodes in G , we will either find a Hamiltonian Path or find that there is none.

This algorithm will take $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ or $O(n^2) \in P$