Algorithms and Data Structures 2 Recap Lectures 7-8

Dr Michele Sevegnani

School of Computing Science University of Glasgow

michele.sevegnani@glasgow.ac.uk

Topics we covered so far

QUICKSORT

- Properties
- Alternative partitioning schemes
- HEAPSORT
 - Properties
- Lower bounds for comparison sorts
 - Decision tree model

Question 1

Memory requirements of MERGE-SORT

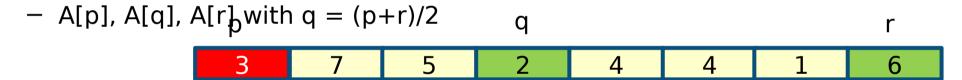
- Not in-place as MERGE requires O(n) memory
 - Needed to store auxiliary arrays L and R

```
MERGE(A,p,q,r)
  n_1 := q - p + 1
  n_2 := r - q
  copy A[p..q] to L[0..n_1]
  copy A[q+1..r] to R[0..n_2]
  for k = p to r
    if L[i] \leq R[i]
      A[k] := L[i]
      i := i + 1
    else
```

Question 2

Median of three pivoting scheme

 Instead of selecting the right-most element as pivot we sample between three values



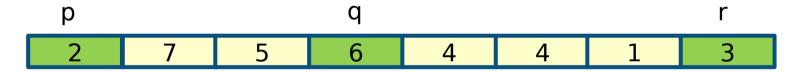
- Median of 3, 2, 6 is the middle element of the sorted sequence 2,3,6: 3
 - Left-most element in this case

- Typically, we swap values around while computing the median
- At the end, the pivot is in position A[r] and the rest of the algorithm is defined as in standard QUICKSORT
- Example with swaps



- If A[q] < A[p] SWAP(A[p], A[q])
- Swap 6 with 2

- Typically, we swap values around while computing the median
- At the end, the pivot is in position A[r] and the rest of the algorithm is defined as in standard QUICKSORT
- Example with swaps

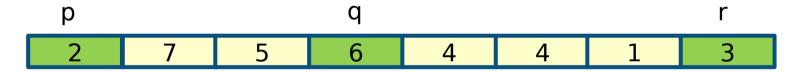


- If A[r] < A[p] SWAP(A[p], A[r])
- No swap

ADS 2, 2021

6

- Typically, we swap values around while computing the median
- At the end, the pivot is in position A[r] and the rest of the algorithm is defined as in standard QUICKSORT
- Example with swaps



- If A[q] < A[r] SWAP(A[q], A[r])
- No swap

- Typically, we swap values around while computing the median
- At the end, the pivot is in position A[r] and the rest of the algorithm is defined as in standard QUICKSORT
- Example with swaps



A[r] is the pivot

Question 3

Exam format

- Similar as 2019 format
 - 5 questions with sub questions for a total of 60 marks
- Open book, online assessment
- Time allowed: 3 hours