

ASSIGNMENT - 3

(Everywhere, $\log n$ means $\log_2 n$)

- 1) To prove: Running time of merge-sort algorithm is $O(n \log n)$ for all n

Pseudocode of Merge-sort

merge(L, R):

result = an array of length $\text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$ ~~len(R)~~
 $[n = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)]$

 $i = 0, j = 0$ For k in $[0, \dots, n-1]$:if $L[i] < R[j]$:

result[k] = L[i]

 $i += 1$

else:

result[k] = R[j]

 $j += 1$

return result

Running time of merge function:First two steps = $O(1)$ [Assignment steps]For loop = $O(n)$ [Loops through each value]

$$\Rightarrow O(n) = O(\text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R))$$

mergesort(A):

n = length of A

if $n \leq 1$:

return A

L = mergesort(A[0 : $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$])

R = mergesort(A[$\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$: n])

return merge(L, R)

Running time of merge sort

~~First three lines $\rightarrow O(1)$ (Assignment steps)~~

Running time of merge sort (Recurrence relation)

$$T(n) = T\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right) + T\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil\right) + O(n)$$

Explanation:

$T\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right)$ = time for sorting left half

$T\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil\right)$ = time for sorting right half

$O(n)$ = time for performing merge function
(merge(L, R) is of $O(\text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R))$
which is equal to $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$
 $\Rightarrow O(n)$)

Our next step is find explicit running time from the recurrence relation.

We split it into 2 cases:

Case 1: n is a power of 2

In this case $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil = \frac{n}{2}$

\Rightarrow Our recurrence relation becomes:

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

(We take $O(n)$ as cn)

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + cn$$

$$T(n) = 2\left(2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + \frac{cn}{2}\right) + cn = 4T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + 2cn$$

$$T(n) = 4\left(2T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + \frac{cn}{4}\right) + 2cn = 8T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + 3cn$$

\vdots

iterating through the relation, we find that

$$T(n) = 2^i T\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) + icn \quad (i \rightarrow \text{iteration variable})$$

\Downarrow

When will this stop?

This stops when we reach to one element case (ie when no further iteration is possible).

Once it reaches the one element case, mergesort ~~is not~~ function returns the array A itself.

In that case, last step is:

$$T(n) = 2^i T(1) + i cn$$

$$\text{ie } 1 = \frac{n}{2^i} \Rightarrow i = \log_2 n$$

(I denote it as simply $\log n$)

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = 2^i T\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) + i cn$$

$$= 2^{\log n} T\left(\frac{n}{2^{\log n}}\right) + (\log n) cn$$

$$T(n) = n T(1) + cn \log n$$

We know that $T(1)$ is a constant, (b) which is the time required to return the same array A (which has one element now)

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = nb + cn \log n$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n) \rightarrow \text{for all } n \text{ which is a power of } 2$$

Case 2: n is not a power of 2

(OR n is any number)

Now, we can prove it by induction hypothesis.

As we already proved it for $n = \text{power of } 2$, we can use that information as base case

~~we~~ take

We need to prove $T(n) = O(n \log n)$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) \leq c n \log n \quad \text{for } n \geq n_0$$

[Here c is just a constant.]

We take $c = 2k$

and $n_0 = 1$]

Induction Hypothesis:

$$T(n) \leq 2k n \log n \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1$$

Base case:

we have already proved in case 1 that

$$T(n) = O(\log n) \quad \text{for powers of 2}$$

\therefore we take base case as $n=2$ (or $4, 8, 16, \dots$)

Induction step:

Assume that the Induction Hypothesis holds true for all $m < n$

Now, we need to prove that it holds true for $m = n$

Proof

$$T(n) = T\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right) + T\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil\right) + kn$$

(By induction,

$$T\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right) \leq 2k \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \log \left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right)$$

$$\& T\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil\right) \leq 2k \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \log \left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil\right)$$

$$a) \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil, \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor < n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow T(n) &\leq 2k \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \log \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + 2k \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \log \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + kn \\ &\leq 2k \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \log \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + 2k \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \log \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + kn \\ &\leq 2k \left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \right) \log \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + kn \\ &\leq 2kn \log \left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \right) + kn \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\text{As } \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil = n \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) \leq 2kn \log \left(\frac{2n}{3} \right) + kn$$

$$\left[\text{As } \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq 2n/3 \text{ for all } n \geq 2 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) \leq 2kn \log n + kn (1 - 2 \log (3/2))$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) \leq 2kn \log n$$

$$\left[\text{As } 1 - 2 \log (3/2) < 0 \right]$$

ie our hypothesis holds true for $m = n$

\Rightarrow Our hypothesis is correct

\Rightarrow By IH, we prove that

$$\underline{\underline{T(n) = O(n \log n) \text{ for any } n}}$$

2) Consider a modification of the deterministic version of the quick sort algorithm where we choose the element at index $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ as our pivot :

PSEUDOCODE :

Quicksort(A) :

if $\text{len}(A) \leq 1$:

return A

pivot = element at index $A \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$

Partition A into :

L (less than pivot) and

R (greater than pivot)

Replace A with [L, pivot, R]

Quicksort(L)

Quicksort(R)

Recurrence Relation for Quicksort

$$T(n) = T(|L|) + T(|R|) + \Theta(n)$$

Explanation :

$T(|L|) \rightarrow$ Time for sorting L part

$T(|R|) \rightarrow$ Time for sorting R part

$\Theta(n) \rightarrow$ Time for partitioning A into [L, pivot, R]

(Other ~~steps~~ steps are assignment steps that take constant time (independent of n))

Also ,

$$T(0) = T(1) = O(1)$$

(If 0 or 1 elements in the array, we simply return the array \rightarrow constant time)

Now, we need a sequence that would cause the version of quicksort to run in $\Omega(n^2)$ time

Consider the situation when pivot = max(A) for all recursive calls

That means, we will have

$n-1$ items in L

1 item in pivot (maximum of A)

0 items in R

\Rightarrow Recurrence relation becomes:

$$T(n) = T(0) + T(n-1) + \Theta(n)$$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + \Theta(n)$$

[As $T(0) = \Theta(1)$ and can be included in $\Theta(n)$]

Solving the above recurrence relation

(iterative method)

$$T(n) = T(n-2) + 2\Theta(n)$$

$$T(n) = T(n-3) + 3\Theta(n)$$

\vdots

thus stops at

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

$$\text{ie } T(n) = T(0) + n\Theta(n)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$

Therefore, such a sequence will have
complexity $\Omega(n^2)$ [specifically, $\Theta(n^2)$]

Example of such a sequence

We need

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{pivot} = \max(A) \\ \text{element at } \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor = \max(A) \end{array} \right\} \text{for all recursive calls}$$

(Note: We consider our index from 0 to $n-1$)

[4, 6, 8, 10, 9, 7, 5]
0 1 2 3 4 5 6

call - 1

$L = [4, 6, 8, 9, 7, 5]$
0 1 2 3 4 5

pivot = [10]

call - 2

$L = [4, 6, 8, 7, 5]$
0 1 2 3 4

pivot = [9]

call - 3

$L = [4, 6, 7, 5]$
0 1 2 3

pivot = [8]

call - 4

$L = [4, 6, 5]$
0 1 2

pivot = [7]

call - 5

$L = [4, 6]$
0 1

pivot = [6]

call - 6

$L = [4]$

pivot = [5]

(In each case, circled element is the element at $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ and is the pivot for the next call)

(In all cases $R = \text{null}$)

~~We observe that~~

In fact, in all cases when pivot (element at $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$) is equal to $\max(A)$ for each call, complexity is $\Omega(n^2)$

Alternatively

we can choose sequences whose pivot (element at $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$) is equal to $\min(A)$ for each call.

In this case, L will have 0 elements and R will have $n-1$ elements and therefore, it will still be $\Omega(n^2)$

eg of such a sequence: $[7, 5, 3, 1, 2, 4, 6]$

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can be explained in a similar manner

- 3) In assignment 2 → question 6, ~~we~~ I already provided a method to remove duplicates from an array A in time $O(n \log n)$, which is done in an efficient manner.

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4) We have an array A ($\text{len}(A) = n$) with integer values in range $[0, n^2 - 1]$.

Method

We can use a modification of the popular Radix sort here

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How to ~~rad~~ modify Radix sort?

Running time of Radix sort is $O(d(b+n))$

d = no. of digits

b = base of the numbers

In our case,

d = no. of digits

= no. of digits of largest number possible

= no. of digits of $n^2 - 1$

$d \leq$ no. of digits of n^2

i.e. $d \leq \log_b(n^2)$ or $d \leq 2\log_b(n)$

i.e. d can be maximum $2\log_b n$

(eg. if $n = 100$, ~~d can be~~

integers can range from 0 to $100^2 - 1$

0 to ~~10000~~ 9999

d can be maximum $2\log_{10}(100) = 4$

⇒ Running time becomes $O(2\log_b(n)(b+n))$

But we need a running time $O(n)$

\therefore We choose $b = n$

\Rightarrow Running time is $O(2 \log_n(n) (n+n))$

$$O(2(2n))$$

$$O(n)$$

Python implementation

```
def countsort(arr, n, exp):
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```
    output = [0] * n
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    count = [0] * n
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```
    for i in range(n):
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        count[(arr[i] // exp) % n] += 1
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```
    for i in range(1, n):
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        count[i] += count[i-1]
```

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    for i in range(n-1, -1, -1):
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        output[count[(arr[i] // exp) % n] - 1] = arr[i]
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        count[(arr[i] // exp) % n] -= 1
```

```
    for i in range(n):
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```
        arr[i] = output[i]
```

```
def sort(arr, n):
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    countsort(arr, n, 1)
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    countsort(arr, n, n)
```

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Tutling code

```
arr = [1, 35, 14, 26, 11, 8]
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n = len(arr)
```

```
print("Given array : ", arr)
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```
sort(arr, n)
```

```
print("Sorted array : ", arr)
```

OUTPUT

Given array : [1, 35, 14, 26, 11, 8]

Sorted array : [1, 8, 11, 14, 26, 35]

Explanation

→ sort function

1: `countsort(arr, n, 1)` sorts arr based on
Most significant digit (MSD).

Then,

2: `countsort(arr, n, n)` sorts arr based on
Least significant digit (LSD)

⇒ Array gets sorted after the above two
calls

(Note: Note that if $b = n$,

no. of digits d can be maximum

$$= 2 \log_2(n) = 2$$

(proved earlier)

Therefore, we need 2 calls for 2 digits
of the number)

→ count sort function

We have three 'for' loops:

- 1: After implementation of first for loop, $\text{count}[i]$ stores the no. of occurrences of the digit i at MSD or LSD
- 2: After 2nd for loop, $\text{count}[i]$ is updated so that it now stores the position of the digit i in the sorted (output) array
- 3: Now we have the position of each digit in the output. Using that position, we build the output array from arr

Running time of sort

$T(n)$ = time for 2 calls of count sort

For each call of count sort, there are three for loops ($O(n)$)

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = 2(O(n)) = \underline{\underline{O(n)}}$$

Example for illustration

array = [1, 35, 14, 26, 11, 8]

$n = 6$

Range : 0 to 35)

array = [1, 35, 14, 26, 11, 8]

⇓ base 6

[01, 55, 22, 42, 15, 12]

After countsort (arr, n, 1) :

sorts based on digit — ☒

[01, 22, 42, 12, 55, 15]

(base 6)

After countsort (arr, n, n) :

sorts based on digit ☒ —

[01, 12, 15, 22, 42, 55]

(base 6)

⇓ base 10

Final result :

[1, 8, 11, 14, 26, 35]

Conclusion

By using $b=n$ in the ~~Radix~~ Radix sort algorithm, we can build an algorithm that sorts an array A of n integers in the range $[0, n^2-1]$ in $O(n)$ time

5) Quick sort - Pseudo code

Quick sort (A) :

if $\text{len}(A) \leq 1$:

return A

pivot = element at index q

Partition A into :

L (less than pivot) and

R (greater than pivot)

Replace A with $[L, \text{pivot}, R]$

Quick sort (L)

Quick sort (R)

Recurrence Relation

L \rightarrow has q elements $[0 \text{ to } q-1]$

R \rightarrow has $n-q-1$ elements $[q+1 \text{ to } n-1]$

pivot \rightarrow has 1 element $[q]$

- Partitioning is $\Theta(n)$ because we should go through each element and check if they are greater than or less than pivot.
- other steps are simple $O(1)$ steps

$T(n) = T(q) + T(n-q-1) + \Theta(n)$		
\downarrow	\downarrow	\downarrow
sorting L	sorting R	Partitioning

(sorting pivot is $T(1) = O(1)$)

Best case running time = $\min T(n)$

(denoted by $T_b(n)$)

$$T_b(n) = \min_{1 \leq q \leq n-1} (T(q) + T(n-q-1)) + \Theta(n)$$

We guess that $T(n) \geq cn \log n$ for some const c

$$\Rightarrow T(n) \geq \min_{1 \leq q \leq n-1} (cq \log q + c(n-q-1) \log(n-q-1)) + \Theta(n)$$

↳ equation (1)

→ Finding $\min_{1 \leq q \leq n-1} (cq \log q + c(n-q-1) \log(n-q-1))$

$$f(q) = cq \log q + c(n-q-1) \log(n-q-1)$$

$$\frac{f(q)}{\ln 2} = \frac{cq \ln q + c(n-q-1) \ln(n-q-1)}{\ln 2}$$

$$f'(q) = \frac{c \ln q + c - c \ln(n-q-1)}{\ln 2} - c$$

$$f'(q) = \frac{c [\ln q - \ln(n-q-1)]}{\ln 2}$$

$$f'(q) = 0 \quad \text{occurs at} \quad q = \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f''(q) = \frac{c}{\ln 2} \left(\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{n-q-1} \right)$$

Clearly,

$$f''(q) > 0 \quad \text{at} \quad q = \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$\Rightarrow q = \frac{n-1}{2}$ is a minimum of $f(q)$

Discussion

But case \Leftrightarrow ~~min~~ minimum $T(n) \Leftrightarrow$ at $q = \frac{n-1}{2}$

ie But case occurs at even distribution among L and R

$$f\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) = c \left[\frac{n-1}{2} \log\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + \left(n - \frac{(n-1)}{2} - 1\right) \log\left(n - \frac{(n-1)}{2} - 1\right) \right]$$

$$\boxed{f\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) = c(n-1) \log\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)} \rightarrow \text{min of } f(q)$$

\rightarrow Substituting the above value in equation (1)

$$\Rightarrow T(n) \geq c(n-1) \log\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + \theta(n)$$

$$= c(n-1) \log(n-1) - c(n-1) \log_2 2 + \theta(n)$$

$$= c(n-1) \log(n-1) - c(n-1) + \theta(n)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{as}}{=} cn \log(n-1) - c \log(n-1) - c(n-1) + \theta(n)$$

$$\geq cn \log\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) - c \log(n-1) - c(n-1) + \theta(n)$$

$$(\text{as } n \geq 2)$$

$$= cn \log n - (2cn + c \log(n-1) - c) + \theta(n)$$

$$\boxed{T(n) \geq cn \log n}$$

(We can pick $c =$ small constants so that $\theta(n)$ dominates $2cn - c \log(n-1) - c$)

\Rightarrow quicksort's best case running time is

$$\Omega(n \log n)$$