

HW - Week 10

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2.1-3) the pseudo-code for this linear search would be as follows

LINEAR-SEARCH(A,v)

For i = 1 **to** A.length

If A[i] == v

Return i

Return NIL

At the beginning of each iteration, since the loop is still going, that means that element v has not been found in the array so far. Therefore, the loop invariant would be that at the start of each iteration, the sub-array $A' = A[1..i-1]$ does not contain v.

Initialization:

v does not exist in the initial empty sub-array.

Maintenance:

At the start of each iteration, $A[1..i-1]$ does not contain v, else we would have returned i; since the algorithm returns i when $A[i]=v$.

Termination:

There are two cases that cause the termination: first, if we observe v in A, we would return i and the loop is terminated; second, if we don't observe v in A and i becomes larger than the length of A, we return NIL and the loop is terminated.

Hence, the loop invariant fulfills the three necessary properties.

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2.1) The answers for each part are provided respectively below:

(a) $T(n) = \Theta(k^2) * n/k = \Theta(k^2 * n/k) = \Theta(nk)$

(b) The merging process is done for two sub-lists at a time, giving the worst case time for finishing all the merges for n/k sub-lists to $\Theta(\lg(n/k))$. Accordingly, the worst case time within each merge process, that is the worst-time to merge two sub-list is

$\Theta(n)$, giving the worst case time for the overall merge to be $\Theta(n \lg(n/k))$.

(c) As provided, merge sort runs in $\Theta(n \lg n)$. Therefore, for $\Theta(nk + n \lg(n/k))$ to be equal to $\Theta(n \lg n)$, we have that

$$n \lg n = nk + n \lg \frac{n}{k} = nk + n \lg n - n \lg k$$

Assuming that $k > \lg n$, we would have $\Theta(nk + n \lg(n/k)) > \Theta(n \lg n)$ since k is growing faster than $\lg n$. Therefore, $\lg n$ would be the upper bound for the value of k . Thus, we can set $k = \lg n$, giving

$$\Theta(nk + n \lg n - n \lg k) = \Theta(n \lg n + n \lg n - n \lg \lg n) = \Theta(2n \lg n - n \lg \lg n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$$

(d) As stated, the running time for merge sort and insertion sort are respectively $\Theta(n \lg n)$ and $\Theta(n^2)$. Therefore, we should find the largest k for which insertion sort runs faster than the merge sort. In practice, it is believed that this value would be obtained by experiment.

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9.3-1) If we divide the n elements into 7 groups, we would find the median for each group, which would be index 4 of the sorted sub-group, and then recursively use the medians as the pivot. Accordingly, the input array around the selected median x is divided into two zones, namely S_1 and S_2 , where the size is at least

$$4\left(\left\lceil \frac{1}{2} \left\lceil \frac{n}{7} \right\rceil \right\rceil - 2\right) \geq \frac{4n}{14} - 8 = \frac{2n}{7} - 8$$

Hence, the size of the sub-problem would be at most $n - (\frac{2n}{7} - 8) = \frac{5n}{7} + 8$.

Accordingly, we can obtain the following recurrence

$$T(n) \leq \begin{cases} O(1) & \text{if } n < n_0 \\ T(\lceil \frac{n}{7} \rceil) + T(\frac{5n}{7} + 8) + O(n) & \text{if } n \geq n_0 \end{cases}$$

Therefore, we can show that the running time is linear by substitution; that is, $T(n) \leq cn$ for a positive c given that $n \geq n_0$.

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq c \lceil \frac{n}{7} \rceil + c \frac{5n}{7} + 8c + an \\ &\leq c \lceil \frac{n}{7} \rceil + c + c \frac{5n}{7} + 8c + an \end{aligned}$$

If we divide the n elements into 3 groups, we would find the median for each group,

which would be index 2 of the sorted sub-group, and then recursively use the medians as the pivot. Accordingly, the input array around the selected median x is divided into two zones, namely $S1$ and $S2$, where the size is at least

$$2\left(\left\lceil \frac{1}{2} \left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil \right\rceil - 2\right) \geq \frac{2n}{6} - 4 = \frac{n}{3} - 4$$

Hence, the size of the sub-problem would be at most $n - \left(\frac{n}{3} - 4\right) = \frac{2n}{3} + 4$.

Accordingly, we can obtain the following recurrence

$$T(n) \leq \begin{cases} O(1) & \text{if } n < n_0 \\ T\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil\right) + T\left(\frac{2n}{3} + 4\right) + O(n) & \text{if } n \geq n_0 \end{cases}$$

Therefore, we try to show that the running time is linear by substitution; that is, $T(n) \leq cn$ for a positive c given that $n \geq n_0$.

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq c\left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil + c\frac{2n}{3} + 4c + an \\ &\leq c\left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil + c + c\frac{2n}{3} + 4c + an \\ &= cn + 5c + an \end{aligned}$$

Which is larger than cn . Hence, no positive value of c would fulfill the condition and therefore, the algorithm does not run in linear time if we use groups of 3.

9.3-7) Find the median in linear time $O(n)$, find the distance for each value from median in linear time $O(n)$, find k^{th} smallest number using SELECT in linear time $O(n)$, and choose values whose distance to the median is less than or equal to k^{th} smallest number in linear time $O(n)$.