

# Lab01-Algorithm Analysis

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1. *Complexity Analysis.* Please analyze the time and space complexity of Alg. 1 and Alg. 2.

Algorithm 1: QuickSort	Algorithm 2: CocktailSort
<b>Input:</b> An array $A[1, \dots, n]$	<b>Input:</b> An array $A[1, \dots, n]$
<b>Output:</b> $A[1, \dots, n]$ sorted nondecreasingly	<b>Output:</b> $A[1, \dots, n]$ sorted nonincreasingly
<pre> 1 <math>pivot \leftarrow A[n]; i \leftarrow 1;</math> 2 <b>for</b> <math>j \leftarrow 1</math> <b>to</b> <math>n - 1</math> <b>do</b> 3   <b>if</b> <math>A[j] &lt; pivot</math> <b>then</b> 4     swap <math>A[i]</math> and <math>A[j];</math> 5     <math>i \leftarrow i + 1;</math> 6 swap <math>A[i]</math> and <math>A[n];</math> 7 <b>if</b> <math>i &gt; 1</math> <b>then</b>    QuickSort(<math>A[1, \dots, i - 1]</math>); 8 <b>if</b> <math>i &lt; n</math> <b>then</b>    QuickSort(<math>A[i + 1, \dots, n]</math>); </pre>	<pre> 1 <math>i \leftarrow 1; j \leftarrow n; sorted \leftarrow false;</math> 2 <b>while not sorted do</b> 3   <math>sorted \leftarrow true;</math> 4   <b>for</b> <math>k \leftarrow i</math> <b>to</b> <math>j - 1</math> <b>do</b> 5     <b>if</b> <math>A[k] &lt; A[k + 1]</math> <b>then</b> 6       swap <math>A[k]</math> and <math>A[k + 1];</math> 7       <math>sorted \leftarrow false;</math> 8   <math>j \leftarrow j - 1;</math> 9   <b>for</b> <math>k \leftarrow j</math> <b>downto</b> <math>i + 1</math> <b>do</b> 10    <b>if</b> <math>A[k - 1] &lt; A[k]</math> <b>then</b> 11      swap <math>A[k - 1]</math> and <math>A[k];</math> 12      <math>sorted \leftarrow false;</math> 13  <math>i \leftarrow i + 1;</math> </pre>

- (a) Fill in the blanks and **explain** your answers. You need to answer when the best case and the worst case happen.

Algorithm	Time Complexity <sup>1</sup>	Space Complexity
<i>QuickSort</i>	$\Omega(n \log n), O(n \log n), O(n^2)$	$O(\log n)$
<i>CocktailSort</i>	$\Omega(n), O(n^2), O(n^2)$	$O(1)$

<sup>1</sup> The response order is given in *best*, *average*, and *worst*.

## Solution.

For *QuickSort*:

**Best Case:**  $\Omega(n \log n)$

Appears when every time the pivot separates the array into two equally-sized subarrays.

$$T(n) = \sum_{j=1}^{\log n} \frac{n}{2^j} \times 2^j = n \log n$$

**Worst Case:**  $O(n^2)$

Appears when every time the pivot always separates the array into 1 and n-1 sized subarrays. In this situation, quick sort will just modify one element's position in each loop.

$$T(n) = \sum_{j=1}^n j = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

**Average Case:**  $O(n \log n)$

Suppose the ground truth order for an n-element array is  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ , and the probability for each element selected as a pivot is equal. Then we have the following formula:

$$T(n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [T(i) + T(n-i) + n]$$

Thus we can get:

$$nT(n) = n^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T(i)$$

$$(n+1)T(n+1) = (n+1)^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n T(i)$$

$$(n+1)T(n+1) - nT(n) = 2n+1 + 2T(n)$$

After simplification we get:

$$\frac{T(n+1)}{n+2} = \frac{T(n)}{n+1} + \frac{2n+1}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

Obviously we can get the comparison:

$$\frac{T(n)}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+1} \leq \frac{T(n+1)}{n+2} \leq \frac{T(n)}{n+1} + \frac{2}{n+1}$$

From the left side we do inference:

$$\frac{T(n+1)}{n+2} \geq 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{1}{i}$$

The result we get is known as **the harmonic series**. Suppose n is big enough. Thus:

$$\frac{T(n+1)}{n+2} \geq \log(n+1) + \gamma + \epsilon,$$

where  $\gamma$  is the Euler–Mascheroni constant and  $\epsilon \sim \frac{1}{2(n+1)}$  which approaches 0 as n+1 goes to infinity.

Similarly, we get another comparison relation from the right side:

$$\frac{T(n+1)}{n+2} \leq 2\log(n+1) + 2\gamma + 2\epsilon$$

Finally:

$$(n+2)[\log(n+1) + \gamma + \epsilon] \leq T(n+1) \leq 2(n+2)[\log(n+1) + \gamma + \epsilon]$$

Therefore, the average case is  $O(n \log n)$ .

**Space Complexity:**  $O(\log n)$

This is because quick sort algorithm needs to use a stack to record the recursion result. And the stack's height is the same as the recursion tree's height, which is  $\log n$ .

For *CocktailSort*:

**Best Case:**  $\Omega(n)$

Appears when one loop ends, the flag *sorted* is true. This means the array has been sorted in the beginning.

$$T(n) = (n - 1) + (n - 2) = 2n - 3$$

**Worst Case:**  $O(n^2)$

Appears when the array is originally sorted increasingly. In this case, the flag *sorted* is always turned into *false* in each outer loop, until the array is sorted.

$$T(n) = (n - 1) + (n - 2) + (n - 3) + \dots + 1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i = \frac{n(n - 1)}{2}$$

**Average Case:**  $O(n^2)$

We consider a pair  $P = \langle A, B \rangle$ . In *CocktailSort*, the time cost is mainly from the inversion of a pair. We denote  $Prob(A, B)$  as the probability of inversion of A and B.

Essentially, in the best case  $Prob(A[k], A[k+1]) = 0$  and in the worst case  $Prob(A[k], A[k+1]) = 1$ .

Therefore, we assume that  $Prob(A[k], A[k+1]) = 0.5$  in the average case.

Thus, In each outer loop, the times of inversion will be the half of that in the worst case. Based on this, we get:

$$T(n) = \frac{1}{2}[(n - 1) + (n - 2) + (n - 3) + \dots + 1] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i = \frac{n(n - 1)}{4}$$

Finally, the average case is  $O(n^2)$ .

**Space Complexity:**  $O(1)$

The extra space is for the variables  $i, j, sorted$ , thus the space complexity is  $O(1)$ .  $\square$

- (b) For Alg. 1, how to modify the algorithm to achieve the same expected performance as the **average** case when the **worst** case happens?

### Solution.

The worst case is caused by the bad choice of pivot. During the worst case, the array is sorted originally, which made QuickSort fails to divide and conquer. Therefore, to improve the worst case, we can use a new way to choose an efficient pivot.

Naturally, this way can be **random choice** or **median number choice**.

However, the former method can not perfectly improve the worst case.

For **random choice**, there still exists the probability that each choice is the worst one, leading to the failure of improvements, though this algorithm is exactly designed for adding some unstability.

For **median number choice**, we can achieve a linear time complexity  $O(n)$  when running this algorithm. This algorithm is also called **Median of Medians**. For this algorithm is slightly complex, I may refer to Wikipedia, and this is [the link of the total process](#).

The algorithm has the form  $select(array, left, right, k)$ . Note that this returns the index of the  $k$ 'th largest number after rearranging the list, rather than the actual value of the  $k$ 'th largest number.

In our new improved algorithm, we utilize the advanced algorithm .

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**Algorithm 3:** QuickSortImproved

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**Input:** An array  $A[1, \dots, n]$

**Output:**  $A[1, \dots, n]$  sorted nondecreasingly

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1  $n_{pivot} = select(A, left = 1, right = n, k = \lfloor \frac{1+n}{2} \rfloor)$  ;
2  $pivot \leftarrow A[n_{pivot}]$ ;
3 swap  $A[n]$  and  $A[n_{pivot}]$ ;
4  $i \leftarrow 1$ ;
5 for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n - 1$  do
6   if  $A[j] < pivot$  then
7     swap  $A[i]$  and  $A[j]$ ;
8      $i \leftarrow i + 1$ ;
9 swap  $A[i]$  and  $A[n]$ ;
10 if  $i > 1$  then QuickSort( $A[1, \dots, i - 1]$ );
11 if  $i < n$  then QuickSort( $A[i + 1, \dots, n]$ );
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2. *Growth Analysis*. Rank the following functions by order of growth with brief explanations: that is, find an arrangement  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{15}$  of the functions  $g_1 = \Omega(g_2), g_2 = \Omega(g_3), \dots, g_{14} = \Omega(g_{15})$ . Partition your list into equivalence classes such that functions  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  are in the same class if and only if  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ . Use symbols “=” and “ $\prec$ ” to order these functions appropriately. Here  $\log n$  stands for  $\ln n$ .

1	$n$	$\log n$	$\log(\log n)$	$n \log n$
$\log_4 n$	$2^n$	$4^n$	$2^{\log n}$	$2^{2^n}$
$\log(n!)$	$n!$	$(2n)!$	$n^{1/2}$	$n^2$

**Solution.**

$$1 \prec \log(\log n) \prec \log_4 n = \log n \prec n^{\frac{1}{2}} \prec n = 2^{\log n} \prec \log(n!) \prec n \log n \prec n^2 \prec 2^n \prec 4^n \prec n! \prec (2n)! \prec 2^{2^n}$$

**Explain:**

(1)

$$2^{\log n} = 2^{\log_2 n \cdot \log 2} = n 2^{\log 2}$$

Thus:

$$n = 2^{\log n} \prec n \log n$$

(2)

$$4^n = 2^{2n} \prec 2^{2^n}$$

(3)

$$\frac{(2n+2)!}{(2n)!} = (2n+2)(2n+1)$$

$$\frac{2^{2^{n+1}}}{2^{2^n}} = 2^{2^n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+2)(2n+1)}{2^{2^n}} = 0$$

Thus:

$$(2n)! \prec 2^{2^n}$$

(4)

For  $n$  and  $\log(n!)$ , turn them into  $e^n$  and  $n!$ .

Because  $e^n \prec n!$ , we get  $n \prec \log(n!)$ .

For  $n \log n$  and  $\log(n!)$ , turn them into  $n^n$  and  $n!$ .

Because  $n! \prec n^n$ , we get  $\log(n!) \prec n \log n$ .

For  $2^{\log n}$  and  $\log(n!)$ , turn them into  $\log n$  and  $\log_2(\log(n!)) = \log_2 e \cdot \log(\log(n!))$ .

Because  $n \prec \log(n!)$ , we get  $2^{\log n} \prec \log(n!)$ .

Finally, we get:

$$2^{\log n} \prec \log(n!) \prec n \log n$$

(5)

$$\log_4 n = \log_n \cdot \log_4 e$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_4 n}{\log n} = \log_4 e$$

Thus:

$$\log_4 n = \log n$$

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