

# ESO207: Data Structures and Algorithms

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## Assignment 1

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*Q1 Recall from lecture 2, the definition of inversions and number of inversions in an array. It is straightforward to compute the number of inversions in an array in  $O(n^2)$  time. Using divide and conquer approach, as used in merge sort, an  $O(n \log n)$  time algorithm can be designed for this problem*

*(a) Write the pseudo-code for an  $O(n \log n)$  time algorithm for computing the number of inversions in an array.*

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mergeAndCount(A, i, k, j)
    p=i, q=k+1, r=i, inv =0, count =0
     $\phi_1$ 
    while r≤j do
         $\phi_2$ 
        if p≤k and q≤j and A[p]>A[q]
            B[count] = A[q]
            q=q+1, count= count+1, r=r+1, inv=k-p+1, continue
        if p≤k and q≤j and A[p]≤A[q]
            B[count] = A[p]
            p=p+1, count= count+1, r=r+1, continue
        if p≤k and q>j
            B[count] = A[p]
            p=p+1, count=count+1, r=r+1, continue
        if p>k and q≤j
            B[count] = A[q]
            q=q+1, count= count+1, r=r+1, continue
         $\phi_3$ 
    //endwhile
     $\phi_4$ 
    count=0, r=i
    while r<j do
        A[r]=B[count]
        count= count+1, r=r+1
    //endwhile
    return inv

countInv(A, i, j)
    totInv = 0
    if j>i
        k=i+⌊ $\frac{j-i}{2}$ ⌋
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    totInv = totInv + countInv(A,i,k)
    totInv = totInv + countInv(A,k+1,j)
    totInv = totInv + mergeAndCount(A,i,k,j)
    return totInv

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(b) Prove correctness of your algorithm, using loop invariant technique. Your proof may be informal but it should be precise and clear.

The following proof uses the term cross inversion hereafter. **Cross inversions** between the arrays  $A[i,k]$  and  $A[k+1,j]$  is defined as the set of pairs  $(p,q)$  such that  $p \in [i,k]$  and  $q \in [k+1,j]$  and  $A[p] > A[q]$ .

### Objective of MergeAndCount

Input: Array A (pointer),  $i,k,j$  such that  $i \leq k \leq j$  and  $A[i,k]$  and  $A[k+1,j]$  are sorted arrays

Output:

- $A[i,j]$  must be sorted
- $A[i,j]$  should be a permutation of  $A[i,k] \cup A[k+1,j]$
- $inv$  = number of cross inversions between  $A[i,k]$  and  $A[k+1,j]$  that is number of pairs  $(x,y)$  such that  $x \in [i,k]$  and  $y \in [k+1,j]$  and  $A[x] > A[y]$

### Loop Invariants

- (i)  $i \leq p \leq k+1$   
 $k+1 \leq q \leq j+1$   
 $i \leq r \leq j+1$   
 $r = p + q - k - 1$
- (ii)  $inv$  = number of cross inversions between  $A[i,k]$  and  $A[k+1,q]$  (i.e. number of pairs  $(x,y)$  such that  $x \in [i,k]$  and  $y \in [k+1,q-1]$  and  $A[x] > A[y]$ )
- (iii)  $B[i,r-1]$  is sorted
- (iv)  $B[i,r-1]$  is a permutation of  $A[i,p-1] \cup A[k+1,q-1]$
- (v)  $B[i,r-1] \leq A[p]$ ,  $A[q]$  if  $p \leq k$ ,  $q \leq j$   
 $B[i,r-1] \leq A[q]$  if  $p > k$ ,  $q \leq j$   
 $B[i,r-1] \leq A[p]$  if  $p \leq k$ ,  $q > j$

The approach followed for merge-sorting the arrays in the above algorithm, is identical to the one followed in Lecture 4. Hence, we will assume the correctness of Merge sorting in the algorithm and will not repeat the proof (which is given in Lecture 4).

Since the proof for correctness of loop invariants (iii), (iv) and (v) was also done in Lecture 4 (which we will not repeat here), we only need to prove that (i) and (ii) are loop invariants and thereby, prove that the number of cross inversions are rightly counted, as per our objective

### Correctness of Loop Invariants

To prove that the loop invariants (i) and (ii) are correct, we need to prove that

- (A) (i) and (ii) hold at  $\phi_1$  (i.e. before the while loop)
- (B) if  $\phi \wedge \neg c$  holds at  $\phi_2$  (i.e. before the body of the loop),  
then  $\phi$  holds at  $\phi_3$  (i.e. after the body of the loop)  
(Here  $\phi$  is the loop invariant and  $c$  is the guard condition)

**(A)** (i), (ii) must hold at  $\phi_1$

(i) At  $\phi_1$

$$p=i \implies i \leq p \leq k+1$$

$$q=k+1 \implies k+1 \leq q \leq j+1$$

$$r=i \implies i \leq r \leq j+1$$

$$p+q-k-1 = (i)+(k+1)-k-1 = i = r$$

Hence, (i) holds true at  $\phi_1$

(ii) At  $\phi_1$

$$q=k+1 \implies A[k+1,q] \text{ is an empty array}$$

Hence, number of cross inversions between  $A[i,k]$  and  $A[k+1,q-1]$  is trivially, 0.

Also,  $inv = 0$

Hence, (ii) holds true at  $\phi_1$

**(B)** Let  $p=p_0$ ,  $q=q_0$ ,  $r=r_0$ ,  $inv=inv_0$  and  $count=c_0$  at  $\phi_2$ .

Assume that (i), (ii) and  $r_0$  hold true at  $\phi_2$ .

(i) By our assumption at  $\phi_2$ ,

$$i \leq p_0 \leq k+1$$

$$i \leq r_0 \leq j+1$$

$$k+1 \leq q_0 \leq j+1$$

$$r_0 = p_0 + q_0 - k - 1$$

Since  $p_0 \leq k$  and  $q_0 \leq j$  by our assumption at  $\phi_2$ ,

$$\implies p_0 + 1 \leq k+1, q_0 + 1 \leq j+1.$$

But at  $\phi_3$ , either  $p = p_0 + 1$  or  $q = q_0 + 1$

Hence, at  $\phi_3$ ,  $i \leq p \leq k+1, k+1 \leq q \leq j+1$  hold true.

Since  $r_0 \leq j$  is true (loop guard)

$$\text{so } r_0 + 1 \leq j+1$$

But at  $\phi_3$ ,  $r = r_0 + 1$ ,

$$\implies i \leq r \leq j+1$$

From our assumption,  $r_0 = p_0 + q_0 - k - 1$ . At  $\phi_3$ ,  $r = r_0 + 1$  and one of the two is true: either  $p = p_0 + 1$  or  $q = q_0 + 1$

Hence, if  $p = p_0 + 1$ , then  $r_0 + 1 = (p_0 + 1) + q_0 - k - 1 \implies r = p + q - k - 1$

if  $q = q_0 + 1$ , then  $r_0 + 1 = p_0 + (q_0 + 1) - k - 1 \implies r = p + q - k - 1$

**Hence, (i) holds at  $\phi_3$**

(ii) By our assumption at  $\phi_2$ ,  $inv_0$  = number of cross inversions between  $A[i,k]$  and  $A[k+1,q_0-1]$

If second or third if condition is implemented,  
no additional inversion is found.

Hence, at  $\phi_3$ ,  $q=q_0$  and  $inv = inv_0$ ,

$\implies inv = \text{number of cross inversions between } A[i,k] \text{ and } A[k+1,q-1]$  (as follows from our assumption)

If fourth if condition is implemented

then by the if condition,  $p_0 = k+1 \implies r_0 \geq k+1$ .

But since  $A[i,r_0]$  is sorted,

so no additional inversions which involve  $q_0$  exist.

$inv_0 = \text{number of cross inversions between } A[i,k] \text{ and } A[k+1,q_0]$ .

At  $\phi_3$ ,  $q = q_0 + 1$ ,

It follows that  $inv = \text{number of cross inversions between } A[i,k] \text{ and } A[k+1,q-1]$

If first if statement is implemented,

then  $A[p_0] > A[q_0]$ .

But since  $A[i,k]$  is sorted,

$\implies A[x] > A[q_0] \forall x \in [p_0, k]$ .

Hence, number of cross inversions involving  $q_0 = k - p_0 + 1$ .

So,  $inv_0 + k - p_0 + 1 = \text{number of cross inversions between } A[i,k] \text{ and } A[k+1,q_0]$

But at  $\phi_3$ , since  $q=q_0+1$  and  $inv=inv_0+k-p_0+1$ ,

$\implies inv = \text{number of cross inversions between } A[i,k] \text{ and } A[k+1,q-1]$

**Hence, (ii) holds at  $\phi_3$ .**

Since both (A) and (B) have been proven, we have proven that (i) and (ii) are correct valid loop invariants.

### Correctness of MergeAndCount

Since all the loop invariants are correct, they must hold at  $\phi_4$ .

$\implies i \leq r \leq j+1$

But also at  $\phi_4$ ,  $r > j$  (as the while loop is exited)

Hence, it follows that  $r=j+1$ .

Also, since  $p \leq k+1$  and  $q \leq j+1$  (from loop invariant (i)) and since  $r=j+1 = p+q-k-1$ , it follows that  $p=k+1$  and  $q=j+1$ .

Hence, by applying the loop invariants (ii), we get  $inv = \text{number of cross inversions between } A[i,k] \text{ and } A[k+1,q-1]$

but since  $q=j+1$ , we have  $inv = \text{number of cross inversions between } A[i,k] \text{ and } A[k+1,j]$ .

The proof that mergeAndSort correctly sorts is already done in Lecture 4.

Since all our objectives have been satisfied by the function mergeAndCount, we have proven the correctness of mergeAndCount function.

### Correctness of countInv

Since  $i \leq k \leq j$ , our recursion is proper.

For a single element array, the function countInv returns 0, which is precisely the number of inversions in a singleton array. Now, we assume that the function returns the correct number of inversions for an array  $A[i,i+n-1]$  and it follows hence, that the array returns the correct number of inversions for the array  $A[i,i+n]$ . Therefore, by induction and the correctness of mergeAndCount, the correctness of countInv follows.