

cpt_s 350

Homework 3

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1. Given: An array A of n elements.

Question: Find an algorithm can select both maximal and minimal elements by running at most $1.5n$ comparisons.

A[1]	A[2]	A[3]	A[4]	A[5]	A[6]	A[7]	A[8]	A[9]	A[10]	A[11]	A[12]	...	A[n]
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Solution 1:

If n is less than 32, use quick sort on the array A . Then, pick the maximal and minimal elements directly. The sorting time of quick sort is $n \log n$, which $\log n \leq 1.5$ when n is less than 32.

Solution 2:

Bigger value:	A[1]	A[4]	A[5]	A[7]	A[10]	A[11]	...	A[n-1]
Smeller value:	A[2]	A[3]	A[6]	A[8]	A[9]	A[12]		A[n]

First, We make every two elements a smell group, and do one comparison in each group. we will have $0.5n$ groups, so it's going to run $0.5n$ comparisons. Then, we make two large groups: One to combine the bigger value in each smell group. The other one combine the smeller value. Now, each large group has $0.5n$ elements.

Finally, when we do select number, we only compare to a large group ($0.5n$ comparisons). As a result, we spend $0.5n$ comparisons on separating an array to two

groups, $0.5n$ comparisons on selecting the largest element, and $0.5n$ comparisons on selecting the minimal element, which is totally $1.5n$ comparisons.

2. Compare the average-case complexities of two algorithm.

Consider to the times we select numbers C , we can show the difference between two algorithms S and T . The running time complexities are as follow:

$T_S = C \cdot n$ (Every time we select, we need to run in linear time again.)

$T_T = n \log n + C$ (We sort the array first, and then pick the number directly.)

To compare the two algorithm, we get the following equation:

$n \log n + C \leq C \cdot n$, which means that T_T spend less time than T_S for some C .

From the equation, we can see that, if we want to select more times, T_T is better than T_S . However, if we only select few times, T_S is better than T_T because it spends too much time on sorting.

3. The worst-case complexities for $k=3$ and $k=7$.

$k=3$:

step1: cut an array $A[1, \dots, n]$ into $3/n$ groups: each has 3 numbers.

step2: sort each group which will spend

4. Given: an algorithm called $\text{ilselect}(A, n, i)$.

Question: Find the worst-case and the average-case complexities.

We learn the time complexities of following algorithms, so we can do it directly.

	Best-case	Worst-case	Average-case
Quickselect	$O(1)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n)$

	Best-case	Worst-case	Average-case
Linearselect	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$

First of all, we separate the process of ilselect to three steps:

- (1) Do partition.
- (2) Run quickselect on the low part.
- (3) Run linearselect on the hight part.

low part (r-1)	r	high part (n-r)
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Then, we count the complexities by these steps:

(a) The worst-case complexities:

$$(1) T_{WORST}(n) = O(n)$$

$$(2) T_{WORST}(n) = \min_{1 \leq r \leq n} \{T_{WORST}(r-1)\} = O(r^2)$$

$$(3) T_{WORST}(n) = \min_{1 \leq r \leq n} \{T_{WORST}(n-r)\} = O((n-r)^2)$$

$$T_{WORST}(n) = O(n) + O(r^2) + O((n-r)^2) = O(n^2)$$

(b) The average-case complexities:

$$(1) T_{AVG}(n) = O(n)$$

$$(2) T_{AVG}(n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=1}^n \{T_{AVG}(r-1)\} = O(r)$$

$$(3) T_{AVG}(n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=1}^n \{T_{AVG}(n-r)\} = O(n-r)$$

$$T_{AVG}(n) = O(n) + O(r) + O(n-r))\} = O(n)$$

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