

Quick Sort

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First let's take a look at a version of the Quick Sort Algorithm:

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Data:  $A, i, j$ 
QS( $A, i, j$ );
if  $i > j$  then
    | return;
end
k=partition( $A, i, j$ );
QS( $A, i, k - 1$ );
QS( $A, k + 1, j$ );
```

Algorithm 1: One Version of Quick Sort Algorithm

In the algorithm, input A is an array with random permutation of size n . All the entries are with distinctive value.

Apparently, the major part of the QS algorithm is the partition part, now let's look at a version of the partition algorithm.

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partition( $A, lo, hi$ );
p = A[hi];
i = lo-1;
for  $i=lo$  to  $hi$  do
    | if  $A[j] \leq p$  then
        | i++;
        | swap( $A[i], A[j]$ );
    | end
end
swap( $A[i+1], A[hi]$ );
return  $i+1$ 
```

Algorithm 2: A Version of Partition

Define V_n as the number of calls to QS, hence we have:

$$V_0 = 1, V_1 = 3$$

$$V_n = 1 + V_{k-1} + V_{n-k}$$

Let a subset of $[b]$ values in $[n]$ be observed in all $n!$ permutations, then the number of possibilities is:

$$\binom{n}{b}(n-b)!$$

Because first, we choose b terms from n , which is $\binom{n}{b}$. And then the $(n-b)$ numbers are permuted.

Define t as the number of terms on the right side not moved; p as the value of the pivot (is p means this?).

Then we have:

$$\frac{1}{t!} \cdot \frac{1}{(n-p-t)!} \cdot \frac{1}{\binom{n-p}{t}} = \frac{1}{(n-p)!}$$

(I forgot what is the above function means)

Next, let's compute the value of $E[V_n]$:

$$\begin{aligned} E[V_n] &= v_n \\ &= 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n P[K=k](v_{k-1} + v_{n-k}) \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n v_{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^n v_{n-k} \right) \\ &= 1 + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} v_j \\ nv_n &= n + 2 \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} v_j \\ (n+1)v_{n+1} &= n+1 + 2 \sum_{j=0}^n v_j \end{aligned}$$

Subtract the above two equations, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} (n+1)v_{n+1} - nv_n &= 1 + 2v_n \\ (n+1)v_{n+1} &= 1 + (n+2)v_n \\ \frac{v_{n+1}}{n+2} &= \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} + \frac{v_n}{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

Let $u_n = \frac{v_n}{n+1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
u_{n+1} &= \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} + u_n \\
u_{n+1} &= \frac{3}{2} + \sum_{i=2}^{n+1} \frac{1}{i(i+1)} \\
&= \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{i+2} \\
&= 2 - \frac{1}{n+2} \\
\frac{v_{n+1}}{n+2} &= 2 - \frac{1}{n+2} \\
v_{n+1} &= 2(n+2) - 1 \\
&= 2n+3 \\
v_n &= 2(n-1) + 3 \\
&= 2n+1
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we get:

$$E[V_n] = 2n+1$$

Now, let's look at another version of the QS algorithm, which doesn't compare the value of i and j at the beginning.

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QS(A, i, j);
if i < k - 1 then
  | QS(A, i, k - 1)
end
if j > k + 1 then
  | QS(A, k + 1, j)
end

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Algorithm 3: Another Version of the Quick Sort Algorithm

Again, we calculate the expected value of V_n : Number of calls to the QS function:

Same as before, assume $v_n = E[V_n]$:

First, we have:

$$v_0 = 0 \quad v_1 = 0 \quad v_2 = 1$$

Same as before, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{v_{n+1}}{n+2} &= u_{n+1} \\
&= u_n + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} \\
&= u_2 + \sum_{k=3}^{n+1} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \\
&= u_2 = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{n+2}
\end{aligned}$$

Because $u_2 = \frac{v_2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$, so

$$\begin{aligned}
u_{n+1} &= \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{n+2} \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{2n+1}{n+2}
\end{aligned}$$

hence:

$$v_n = \frac{2n+1}{3}$$

Next, let's consider the number of term comparisons.

Define C_n as the number of term comparisons. The term comparison operations all occurs in the partition function. Define

$$X_{ij} \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y_i \text{ and } y_j \text{ are compared} \\ 0 & \text{if o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Then we have:

$$P[X_{ij} = 1] = \frac{2}{j-i+1}$$

Since at least one of y_i or y_j to be chosen as the pivot to make them compared.

Then we have:

$$C_n = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} x_{ij}$$

So:

$$E[C_n] = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n \frac{2}{j-i+1}$$

Let $k = j - i + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=2}^{n-i+1} \frac{2}{k} \\ &= \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-k+1} \frac{2}{k} \\ &= \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{n-k+1} 1 \\ &= \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{n+1-k}{k} \\ &= (n+1) \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k} - \sum_{k=2}^n 1 \\ &= (n+1)(H_n - 1) - n + 1 \\ &= 2((n+1)H_n - 2n) \\ &= 2(n+1)H_n - 4n \end{aligned}$$

Another Method:

$$\sum_{r=1}^n H_r = \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^r \frac{1}{k} = (n+1)H_n - n$$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=2}^{n-i+1} &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (H_{n-i+1} - 1) \\ &= -2n + \sum_{i=1}^n H_{n-i+1} \\ &= -2n + 2 \sum_{r=1}^n H_r \\ &= 2(n+1)H_n - 4n \end{aligned}$$