

Data structures and Algorithms

Basic definitions and notations

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First example

Find the longest subsequence of a given sequence of numbers

- Given a sequence $s = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$
- a subsequence is $s(i, j) = \langle a_i, \dots, a_j \rangle$, $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$
- weight $w(s(i, j)) =$

$$\sum_{k=i}^j a_k$$

- Problem : find the subsequence having largest weight

Example

- sequence : -2, 11, -4, 13, -5, 2
- The largest weight subsequence is 11, -4, 13 having weight 20

Direct algorithm

- Scan all possible subsequences $\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n^2+n}{2}$
- Compute and keep the largest weight subsequence
- C++ code :

```
int maxSum = 0;
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){
    for(int j = i; j < n; j++){
        int sum = 0;
        for(int k = i; k <= j; k++){
            sum += a[k];
            if(maxSum < sum)
                maxSum = sum;
        }
    }
}
```

- Analyzing the complexity by counting the number of basic operations
- $\frac{n^3}{6} + \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{3}$

Direct algorithm

Faster algorithm

- Observation : $\sum_{k=i}^j a[k] = a[j] + \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} a[k]$
- C++ code :

```
int maxSum = 0;
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){
    int sum = 0;
    for(int j = i; j < n; j++){
        sum += a[j];
        if(maxSum < sum)
            maxSum = sum;
    }
}
```

- Complexity : $\frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{2}$

Recursive algorithm

- Divide the sequence into 2 subsequences at the middle $s = s_1 :: s_2$
- The largest subsequence might
 - be in s_1 or
 - be in s_2 or
 - start at some position of s_1 and end at some position of s_2
- C++ code :

```
int maxLeft(int i, int j){
    int maxSum = -1000000;
    int sum = 0;
    for(int k = j; k >= i; k--){
        sum = sum + a[k];
        if(maxSum < sum) maxSum = sum;
    }
    return maxSum;
}
```

```
int maxRight(int i, int j){
    int maxSum = -1000000;
    int sum = 0;
    for(int k = i; k <= j; k++){
        sum = sum + a[k];
        if(maxSum < sum) maxSum = sum;
    }
    return maxSum;
}
```

```
int maxSub(int i, int j){
    if(i == j) return a[i];
    int mid = (i+j)/2;
    int mL = maxSub(i, mid);
    int mR = maxSub(mid+1, j);
    int mM = maxLeft(i, mid) + maxRight(mid+1, j);
    int maxSum = mL;
    if(maxSum < mR) maxSum = mR;
    if(maxSum < mM) maxSum = mM;
    return maxSum;
}
```

- Count the number of addition ("+") operation $T(n)$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(\frac{n}{2}) + T(\frac{n}{2}) + n & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

- By induction : $T(n) = n \log n$

General principle

- Division : divide the initial problem into smaller similar problems (subproblems)
- Storing solutions to subproblems : store the solution to subproblems into memory
- Aggregation : establish the solution to the initial problem by aggregating solutions to subproblems stored in the memory

Largest subsequence

- Division :
 - Let s_i be the weight of the largest subsequence of a_1, \dots, a_i ending at a_i
- Aggregation :
 - $s_1 = a_1$
 - $s_i = \max\{s_{i-1} + a_i, a_i\}, \forall i = 2, \dots, n$
 - Solution to the original problem is $\max\{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$
- Number of basic operations is n (best algorithm)

Comparison between algorithms

| # operations | $n = 10$ | time | $n = 100$ | time |
|--------------|----------|---------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| $\log n$ | 3.32 | 3.3×10^{-8} sec. | 6.64 | 6×10^{-8} sec. |
| $n \log n$ | 33.2 | 3.3×10^{-7} sec. | 664 | 6.6×10^{-6} sec. |
| n^2 | 100 | 10^{-6} sec. | 10000 | 10^{-4} sec. |
| n^3 | 10^3 | 10^{-5} sec. | 10^6 | 10^{-2} sec. |

| # operations | $n = 10^4$ | time | $n = 10^6$ | time |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| $\log n$ | 13.3 | 10^{-6} sec. | 19.9 | $< 10^{-5}$ sec. |
| $n \log n$ | 1.33×10^5 | $\times 10^{-3}$ sec. | 1.99×10^7 | 2×10^{-1} sec. |
| n^2 | 10^8 | 1 sec. | 10^{12} | 2.77 hours |
| n^3 | 10^{12} | 2.7 hours | 10^{18} | 115 days |

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Definition

Informally, an algorithm is any well-defined computational procedure that takes a set of values, as **input**, and produces a set of values, as **output**

- Input
- Output
- Precision
- Finiteness
- Uniqueness
- Generality

Complexity

Criteria for evaluating the complexity of an algorithm

- Memory
- CPU time

Definition

The size of input is defined to be the number of necessary bits for representing it

Definition

The basic operations are the operations which can be performed in a bounded time, and do not depend on the size of the input

We evaluate the complexity of an algorithm in term of the number of basic operations it performs

- Worst-case time complexity :
 - The longest execution time the algorithm takes given any input of size n
 - Used to compare the efficiency of algorithms
- Average-case time complexity : execution time the algorithm takes on a random input
- Best-case time complexity : The smallest execution time the algorithm takes given any input of size n

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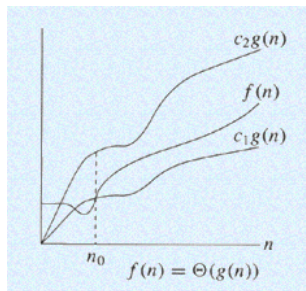
Big-Oh notation

Given a function $g(n)$, we denote :

- $\Theta(g(n)) = \{f(n) : \exists c_1, c_2, n_0 \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq c_1g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2g(n), \forall n \geq n_0\}$

Example :

- $10n^2 - 3n = \Theta(n^2)$



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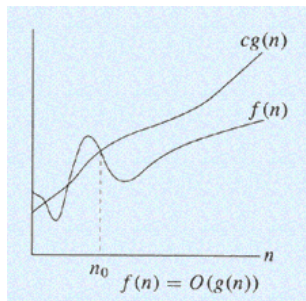
Big-Oh notation

Given a function $g(n)$, we denote :

- $\mathcal{O}(g(n)) = \{f(n) : \exists c, n_0 > 0 \text{ s.t. } f(n) \leq cg(n), \forall n \geq n_0\}$

Example :

- $2n^2 = \mathcal{O}(n^3)$



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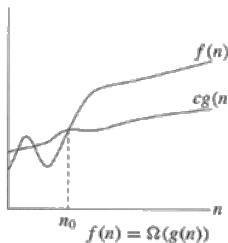
Big-Oh notation

Given a function $g(n)$, we denote :

- $\Omega(g(n)) = \{f(n) : \exists c, n_0 > 0 \text{ s.t. } cg(n) \leq f(n), \forall n \geq n_0\}$

Example :

- $5n^2 = \Omega(n)$



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Big-Oh notation

- When we say "the time complexity is $\mathcal{O}(f(n))$ " : the time complexity in the worst case is $\mathcal{O}(f(n))$
- When we say "the time complexity is $\Omega(f(n))$ " : the time complexity in the best case is $\Omega(f(n))$

Little-o notation

Given a function $g(n)$, we denote :

- $o(g(n)) = \{f(n) : \forall \text{ constant } c > 0, \exists n_0 > 0 \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq f(n) < cg(n), \forall n \geq n_0\}$

Example :

- $5n^2 = o(n^3)$

Little-o notation

Given a function $g(n)$, we denote :

- $\omega(g(n)) = \{f(n) : \forall \text{ constant } c > 0, \exists n_0 > 0 \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq cg(n) < f(n), \forall n \geq n_0\}$

Example :

- $5n^2 = \omega(n^{1.5})$

Big-Oh notation

- $$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} < \infty \Rightarrow f(n) = \mathcal{O}(g(n))$$

- $$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} > 0 \Rightarrow f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

- $$0 < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} < \infty \Rightarrow f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$$

- $$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 0 \Rightarrow f(n) = o(g(n))$$

- $$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \infty \Rightarrow f(n) = \omega(g(n))$$

Big-Oh notation

- $\mathcal{O}(\lg n) = \mathcal{O}(\ln n)$
- $\lg^a n = o(n^b)$ where a, b are constant
- $n! = o(n^n)$
- $n! = \omega(2^n)$
- $\log n! = \Theta(n \log n)$

Example

$A = \log_3(n^2)$ vs. $B = \log_2(n^3)$

- $A = 2\log_3 n = 2\ln n / \ln 3$ where we denote $\ln x = \log_e(x)$
- $B = 3\log_2 n = 3\ln n / \ln 2$
- $\frac{A}{B} = \text{constant} \Rightarrow A = \Theta(B)$

Example

$A = n^{\lg 4}$ vs. $B = 3^{\lg n}$ where we denote $\lg x = \log_2 x$

- $B = 3^{\lg n} = n^{\lg 3}$ ($\log_b a = \log_a b$)
- $\frac{A}{B} = n^{\lg(4/3)} \rightarrow \infty$
- $A = \omega(b)$

Big-Oh notation

Example

$A = \lg^2 n$ vs. $B = n^{1/2}$ where we denote $\lg x = \log_2 x$



$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A}{B} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lg^2 n}{n^{1/2}} = 0$$

• $\Rightarrow A = o(B)$

Properties

- $f(n) = \Theta(g(n)) \wedge g(n) = \Theta(h(n)) \Rightarrow f(n) = \Theta(h(n))$
- $f(n) = \mathcal{O}(g(n)) \wedge g(n) = \mathcal{O}(h(n)) \Rightarrow f(n) = \mathcal{O}(h(n))$
- $f(n) = \Omega(g(n)) \wedge g(n) = \Omega(h(n)) \Rightarrow f(n) = \Omega(h(n))$
- $f(n) = o(g(n)) \wedge g(n) = o(h(n)) \Rightarrow f(n) = o(h(n))$
- $f(n) = \omega(g(n)) \wedge g(n) = \omega(h(n)) \Rightarrow f(n) = \omega(h(n))$
- $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ iff $g(n) = \Theta(f(n))$
- $f(n) = \mathcal{O}(g(n))$ iff $g(n) = \Omega(f(n))$
- $f(n) = o(g(n))$ iff $g(n) = \omega(f(n))$

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Variables declaration :

- **integer** x, y ;
- **real** u, v ;
- **boolean** a, b ;
- **char** c, d ;
- **datatype** x ;

Assignment instruction :

- $x = \text{expression} ;$
- $x \leftarrow \text{expression} ;$
- $x \leftarrow x + 3 ;$

Condition instruction

```
if condition then  
    instructions ;  
else  
    instructions ;  
endif ;
```

Pseudo code

Loop

```
while condition do  
    instructions;  
endwhile ;
```

```
repeat    instructions;  
until condition ;
```

```
for  $i = n_1$  to  $n_2$  [step d]  
    instructions;  
endfor
```

Case instruction

Case

```
condition 1 : statement 1 ;  
condition 2 : statement 2 ;  
...  
condition n : statement n ;
```

endcase

Functions and Procedures

Function name(parameters)

begin

 instructions ;

return value ;

end

Procedure name(parameters)

begin

 instructions ;

end

Pseudo code

Example : Find the maximal value of an array $A(1 : n)$

Function $\text{max}(A(1 : n))$

begin

datatype x ;

integer i ;

$x = A[1]$;

for $i = 2$ to n **do**

if $x < A[i]$ **then**

$x = A[i]$;

endif

endfor

return x ;

end

Algorithm 1: $\text{max}(A)$

```
 $n \leftarrow A.length;$   
 $x \leftarrow A[1];$   
foreach  $i \in 2..n$  do  
    if  $x < A[i]$  then  
         $x \leftarrow A[i];$   
return  $x;$ 
```

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Experiments studies

- Write a program implementing the algorithm
- Execute the program on a machine with different input sizes
- Measure the actual execution times
- Plot the results

Shortcomings of experiments studies

- Need to implement the algorithm, sometime difficult
- Results may not indicate the running time of other input not experimented
- To compare two algorithms, it is required to use the same hardware and software environments.

Asymptotic algorithm analysis

- Use high-level description of the algorithm (pseudo code)
- Determine the running time of an algorithm as a function of the input size
- Express this function with Big-Oh notation

Analysis of algorithms

- Sequential structure : P and Q are two segments of the algorithm (the sequence $P; Q$)
 - $\text{Time}(P; Q) = \text{Time}(P) + \text{Time}(Q)$ or
 - $\text{Time}(P; Q) = \Theta(\max(\text{Time}(P), \text{Time}(Q)))$
- **for** loop : **for** $i = 1$ to m **do** $P(i)$
 - $t(i)$ is the time complexity of $P(i)$
 - time complexity of the **for** loop is $\sum_{i=1}^m t(i)$

while (repeat) loop

- Specify a function of variables of the loop such that this function reduces during the loop
- To evaluate the running time, we analyze how the function reduces during the loop

Analysis of algorithms

Example : binary search

Function BinarySearch($T[1..n]$, x)

begin

$i \leftarrow 1$; $j \leftarrow n$;

while $i < j$ **do**

$k \leftarrow (i + j)/2$;

case

$x < T[k]$: $j \leftarrow k - 1$;

$x = T[k]$: $i \leftarrow k$; $j \leftarrow k$; exit;

$x > T[k]$: $i \leftarrow k + 1$;

endcase

endwhile

end

Analysis of algorithms

Example : binary search

Denote

- $d = j - i + 1$ (number of elements of the array to be investigated)
- i^*, j^*, d^* respectively the values of i, j, d after a loop

We have

- If $x < T[k]$ then $i^* = i, j^* = (i + j)/2 - 1, d^* = j^* - i^* + 1 \leq d/2$
- If $x > T[k]$ then $j^* = j, i^* = (i + j)/2 + 1, d^* = j^* - i^* + 1 \leq d/2$
- If $x = T[k]$ then $d^* = 1$

Hence, the number of iterations of the loop is $\lceil \log n \rceil$

Analysis of algorithms

Primitive operations

```
Function Fib( $n$ )  
begin  
     $i \leftarrow 0; j \leftarrow 1;$   
    for  $k = 2$  to  $n$  do  
        begin  
             $j \leftarrow j + i;$   
             $i \leftarrow j - i;$   
        end  
    return  $j;$   
end
```

Primitive operation is $j \leftarrow j + i$, hence, the running time is $\mathcal{O}(n)$

Analysis of algorithms

Primitive operations (be careful !!)

Procedure PigeonholeSorting($T[1..n]$)

begin

for $i = 1$ **to** n **do**

$\text{inc}(U[T[i]]);$

$i \leftarrow 0;$

for $k = 1$ **to** s **do**

while $U[k] > 0$ **do**

$i \leftarrow i + 1;$

$T[i] \leftarrow k;$

$U[k] \leftarrow U[k] - 1;$

endwhile

endfor

end

Number of primitive operations is $\sum_{k=1}^s U[k] = n$. Hence running time is $\Theta(n)$ (But not correct !)

Primitive operations (be careful !!)

- Consider the case $T[i] = i^2, \forall i = 1, \dots, n$

$$U[k] = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } k = q^2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $s = n^2$, the running time is $\Theta(n^2)$ not $\Theta(n)$
- Reason** : The primitive operation is not well-chosen. Many null-loop where $U[k] = 0$
- If the primitive operation is the checking instruction $U[k] > 0$, then the running time is $\Theta(n + s) = \Theta(n^2)$