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Advanced C Programming

Analysis and Design of Algorithms - part 2

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Overview

- Probability Theory
 - Events, outcomes, sample space, probability distribution
- Average running time for merge sort
 - Example
 - Analysis

Probability theory : review

- Outcome - Result of a random experiment

Example : Tossing a single dice (6 outcomes)

Flipping a coin once (2 outcomes)

Flipping a coin twice (4 outcomes)

$$\text{Probability of any outcome} = \frac{\text{Number of ways it can occur}}{\text{Total number of outcomes}} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Event

- Event includes one or more outcomes

Example : Rolling an even number with a single dice [2, 4, 6]

Getting exactly one head when a coin is tossed twice

(HT, TH)

Probability theory : sample space

Set of all possible outcomes

Example : Tossing a single dice = $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

Flipping a coin once = $\{H, T\}$

Flipping a coin twice = $\{HT, HH, TH, TT\}$

Probability theory : probability distribution

Links each outcome with its probability of occurrence

Example : Flipping coin twice

Number of heads	Probability
0	$\frac{1}{4}$
1	$\frac{2}{4}$
2	$\frac{1}{4}$

Cumulative probability : Probability that the value of a random variable falls within a given range

$$P(X \leq 1) = \text{probability of getting one or zero heads} = P(X=0) + P(X=1) = \frac{3}{4}$$

Probability theory : expected value

X = numerically - valued discrete random variable

S = sample space = distribution function

$E(X)$ = expected value of X = mean or average of x

$$= \sum_{x \in S} x P_r(X = x)$$

Probability theory

Toss a fair coin two times - x is the number of heads that appear

$$\begin{aligned} E(x) &= \sum_{x \in 0, 1, 2} x P_r(X = x) \\ &= x P_r(X = 0) + x P_r(X = 1) + x P_r(X = 2) \\ &= 0 * \frac{1}{4} + 1 * \frac{1}{2} + 2 * \frac{1}{4} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Probability theory : example

Example of runs for a coin toss : $\underbrace{H H}_{\text{Run1}} \underbrace{T T}_{\text{Run2}} \underbrace{H}_{\text{Run3}} \underbrace{T T T T}_{\text{Run4}}$

A fair coin is tossed 3 times, find the expected number of runs

Sample space : $x = 1 \text{ run} \Rightarrow P(X) = \frac{2}{8}$

$x = 2 \text{ runs} \Rightarrow P(X) = \frac{4}{8}$

$x = 3 \text{ runs} \Rightarrow P(X) = \frac{2}{8}$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= 1 * \frac{2}{8} + 2 * \frac{4}{8} + 3 * \frac{2}{8} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} + 1 + \frac{3}{4} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

H H H	0 0 0
H H T	0 0 1
H T H	0 1 0
H T T	0 1 1
T H H	1 0 0
T H T	1 0 1
T T H	1 1 0
T T T	1 1 1

Average running time

- Find the expected running time of algorithm $E(t)$
- S is the sample space of all inputs
- X is an input to the algorithm that $X \in S$
- $t(X)$ = time taken by algorithm on input X
- $P(X)$ is the probability distribution of X

$$E(t) = \sum_{x \in S} t(x) * P_r(X = x)$$

Average running time

- Find the average number of comparisons during merge
- Merge two random sorted sublists
- Number of comparisons $C = p + q - s$

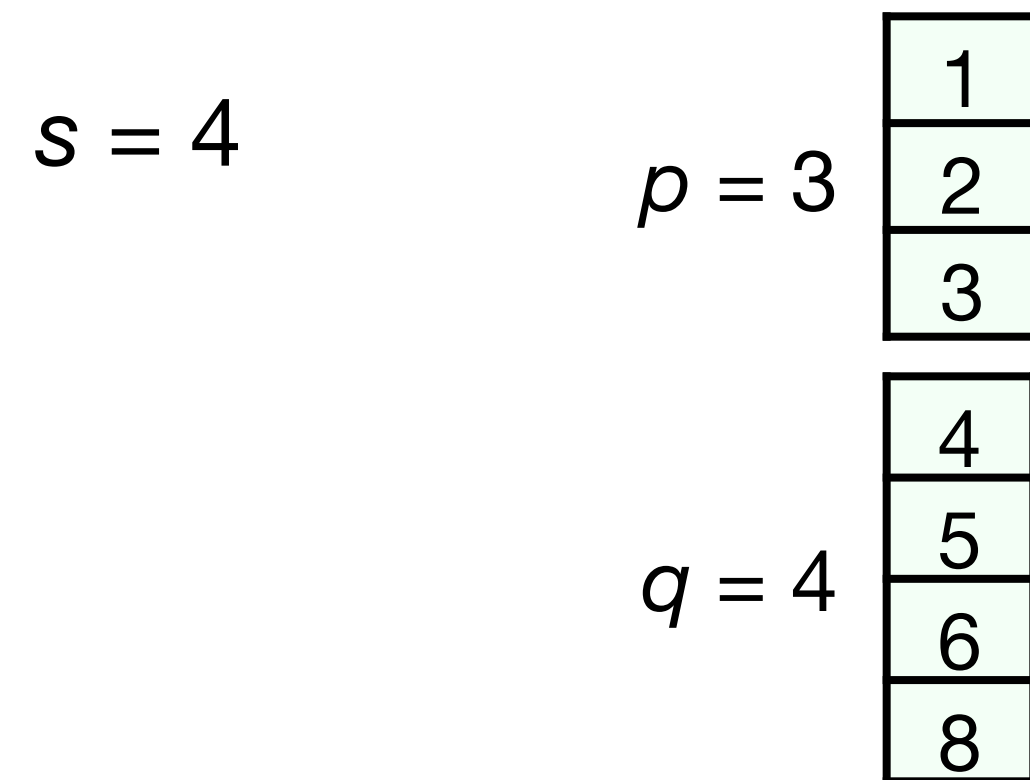
p and q : length of sublists

s = number of elements remaining in one sublist when the other sublist becomes empty (i.e number of largest elements in one subfile)

Find $E(C)$

Average running time - example

Sublist 2 contains 4 largest elements



Number of comparisons = 3

Number of combinations = 1

Average running time - example

Sublist 2 contains 3 largest elements

$s = 3$	$p = 3$	1	1	2
		2	3	3
		4	4	4
$q = 4$		3	2	1
		5	5	5
		6	6	6
		8	8	8

Number of ways we can select 1 element from 1, 2, 3 = 3C_1

Number of comparisons = 4 (The general formula is $p+q-s$)

Number of combinations = 3

Average running time - example

Sublist 2 contains 2 largest elements

$s = 2$	$p = 3$	<div>1</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>1</div>
		<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>4</div>
		<div>5</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>5</div>
$q = 4$		<div>3</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>
		<div>4</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>3</div>
		<div>6</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>6</div>
		<div>8</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>8</div>

Number of ways we can select 2 elements from 1 to 4 = 4C_2

Number of comparisons = $p+q-s = 5$

Number of combinations = ${}^{p+q-3}C_{q-2} = 6$

Average running time - example

Sublist 2 contains 1 largest element

$s = 1$	$p = 3$	<div>1</div> <div>2</div> <div>6</div>	<div>1</div> <div>3</div> <div>6</div>	<div>1</div> <div>4</div> <div>6</div>	<div>1</div> <div>5</div> <div>6</div>	<div>2</div> <div>3</div> <div>6</div>	<div>2</div> <div>4</div> <div>6</div>	<div>2</div> <div>5</div> <div>6</div>	<div>3</div> <div>4</div> <div>6</div>	<div>3</div> <div>5</div> <div>6</div>	<div>4</div> <div>5</div> <div>6</div>
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Number of ways we can select 3 elements from 1 to 5 = 5C_3

Number of comparisons = $p+q-s = 6$

Number of combinations = 10

Average running time - example

Sublist 1 contains 3 largest elements

$$s = 3$$

$p = 3$	5
	6
	8
$q = 4$	1
	2
	3
	4

$$\text{Number of comparisons} = p + q - s = 7 - 3 = 4$$

$$\text{Number of combinations} = {}^3C_0 = 1$$

Average running time - example

Sublist 1 contains 2 largest elements

$s = 3$

$p = 3$	1	2	3	4
	6	6	6	6
	8	8	8	8
$q = 4$	2	1	1	1
	3	3	2	2
	4	4	4	3
	5	5	5	5

Number of comparisons = 5

Number of combinations = 4

Average running time - example

Sublist 2 contains 2 largest elements

$s = 2$

$p = 3$	<div>1</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>5</div>
	<div>8</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>8</div>
$q = 4$	<div>3</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>1</div>
	<div>4</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>2</div>
	<div>5</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>3</div>
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Number of comparisons = 6

Number of combinations = 10

Average running time -analysis

c = number of comparisons for sublists with length p and q

$$\begin{aligned} E(C) = \text{Expected value of } C &= \sum_{s \geq 1} c P_r(C) \\ &= \frac{3 * 1 + 4 * 3 + 5 * 6 + 6 * 10 + 4 * 1 + 5 * 4 + 6 * 10}{1 + 3 + 6 + 10 + 1 + 4 + 10} \\ &= \frac{189}{35} = 5.4 \end{aligned}$$

Average running time -analysis

$$E(C) = \sum_{s \geq 1} c P_r(C = c)$$

where c = number of comparisons for a given value s

$$= \frac{\sum_{s=1}^p (p+q-s)^{p+q-(s+1)} C_{p-s} + \sum_{s=1}^q (p+q-s)^{p+q-(s+1)} C_{q-s}}{\sum_{s=1}^p p^{p+q-(s+1)} C_{p-s} + \sum_{s=1}^q q^{p+q-(s+1)} C_{q-s}}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{s=1}^p \left(\frac{(p+q-s)(p+q-s-1)!}{(p-s)!(q-1)!} \right) + \sum_{s=1}^q \left(\frac{(p+q-s)(p+q-s-1)!}{(q-s)!(p-1)!} \right)}{\sum_{s=1}^p p^{p+q-(s+1)} C_{p-s} + \sum_{s=1}^q q^{p+q-(s+1)} C_{q-s}}$$

Average running time -analysis

$$= \frac{\sum_{s=1}^p \left(\frac{q(p+q-s)!}{(p-s)! q!} \right) + \sum_{s=1}^q \left(\frac{p(p+q-s)!}{(q-s)! p!} \right)}{\sum_{s=1}^p p+q-(s+1)C_{p-s} + \sum_{s=1}^q p+q-(s+1)C_{q-s}}$$

Substitute $k = p-s$, $r = q-1$, $l = q-s$, $m = p-1$

$$= \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} q^{k+r+1} C_k + \sum_{l=0}^{q-1} p^{l+m+1} C_l}{\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} k+r C_k + \sum_{l=0}^{q-1} l+m C_l}$$

Average running time -analysis

Using the identity $\sum_{0 \leq k \leq n} r^k C_k = \binom{r+n+1}{n}$

$$= \frac{q \binom{r+p+1}{p-1} + p \binom{m+q+1}{q-1}}{\binom{r+p}{p-1} + \binom{m+q}{q-1}}$$

Simplifying this gives $\frac{(p+q) \left[\frac{1}{q+1} + \frac{1}{p+1} \right]}{\left[\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p} \right]} = \frac{p^2q + pq^2 + 2pq}{(p+1)(q+1)}$

Merge sort algorithm average running time -analysis

$$E(C) = \frac{p^2q + pq^2 + 2pq}{(p+1)(q+1)} = \frac{pq}{q+1} + \frac{pq}{p+1}$$

$E(c)$ is the expected number of comparisons in the merge operation

p and q are length of sublists

Assume $p = q = \frac{n}{2}$

Recurrence relation : $T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \left[\frac{\frac{n^2}{4}}{1+\frac{n}{2}} + \frac{\frac{n^2}{4}}{1+\frac{n}{2}}\right]$

Merge sort algorithm average running time -analysis

$$T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + \left[\frac{\frac{n^2}{4}}{2+\frac{n}{2}}\right]$$

$$T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + \left[\frac{\frac{n^2}{16}}{2+\frac{n}{4}}\right]$$

$$T(n) = 2\left[2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + \frac{\frac{n^2}{4}}{2+\frac{n}{2}}\right] + \frac{n^2}{2+n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 4\left[2T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + \frac{\frac{n^2}{4}}{8+n}\right] + \frac{n^2}{4+n} + \frac{n^2}{2+n} \\ &= 2^3T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + \frac{n^2}{2^3+n} + \frac{n^2}{2^2+n} + \frac{n^2}{2^1+n} \end{aligned}$$

Merge sort algorithm average running time -analysis

Let $2^k = n$

$$= nT\left(\frac{n}{n}\right) + \sum_{k=1}^{\lg n} \frac{n^2}{2^k + n}$$

$$= nT(1) + \sum_{k=1}^{\lg n} \frac{n^2}{2^k + n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\lg n} \frac{n^2}{2^k + n} \leq \int_1^{\lg n + 1} \frac{n^2}{2^x + n} dx$$

Merge sort algorithm average running time -analysis

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\lg n} \frac{n^2}{2^x + n} dx &= n \left[x - \frac{\log(n+2^x)}{\log 2} \right]_0^{\lg n} + C \\ &= n \left[\lg n - \frac{\log(n+2^{\lg n})}{\log 2} - 0 + \frac{\log(n+2^0)}{\log 2} \right] \\ &= n \left[\lg n - \frac{\log n + \lg n \log 2}{\log 2} - 0 + \frac{\log(n+1)}{\log 2} \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\lg n} \frac{n^2}{2^k + n} \leq n [\lg n]$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) \leq n + n \lg n$$

$$T(n) = O(n \lg n)$$

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