



# CMPT231

## Lecture 3: ch5-6

### Heaps, Queues, and Quicksort



# James 1:19-21 (NASB)

This you know, my beloved brethren:  
but everyone must be **quick to hear**,  
**slow to speak** and **slow to anger**;

for the **anger of man**  
does not achieve the **righteousness of God**.

Therefore, putting aside all **filthiness**  
and all that remains of **wickedness**,  
in **humility** receive the **word implanted**,  
which is able to **save your souls**.



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# Summary of sorting algorithms

- **Comparison** sorts (ch2, 6, 7):
  - **Insertion** sort:  $\Theta(n^2)$ , easy to program, slow
  - **Merge** sort:  $\Theta(n \lg n)$ , out-of-place copy (slow)
  - **Heap** sort:  $\Theta(n \lg n)$ , in-place, max-heap
  - **Quicksort**:  $\Theta(n^2)$  worst-case,  $\Theta(n \lg n)$  average
    - and small (fast) constant factors
- **Linear**-time non-comparison sorts (ch8):
  - **Counting** sort:  $k$  distinct values:  $\Theta(k)$
  - **Radix** sort:  $d$  digits,  $k$  values:  $\Theta(d(n+k))$
  - **Bucket** sort: uniform distribution:  $\Theta(n)$
- A sort is **stable** if preserves **order** of equal items



# Binary trees

- **Graph**: collection of **nodes** and **edges**
  - Edges may be **directed** or **undirected**
- **Tree**: directed acyclic graph (**DAG**)
  - One node designated **root**
  - **Parent**: immediate neighbour toward **root**
  - **Leaf**: node with no **children**
  - **Degree**: maximum number of **children** per node
  - **Height** of node: max num edges to **leaf** descendant
  - **Depth** of node: num edges to **root**
  - **Level**: all nodes of same **depth**

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# Binary heaps

- **Array** storage for certain types of **binary trees**:
  - Put node  $i$ 's two **children** at  $2i$  and  $2i+1$
  - **Fill** tree left-to-right, one level at a time
  - e.g.: [ 2, 8, 4, 7, 5, 3, 1, 6 ]
- The **max-heap** property: every node's value is  $\leq$  its parent
  - (min-heap:  $\geq$ )
- `max_heapify()` ( $O(\lg n)$ ):
  - move a node  $i$  to satisfy **max-heap property**
- `build_max_heap()` ( $O(n)$ ):
  - turn an unordered array into a max-heap

# max\_heapify() on single node

- **Input:** binary heap  $A$  and node index  $i$ 
  - **Precondition:** left and right sub-trees of  $i$  are each separate **max-heaps**
- **Postcondition:** entire subtree at  $i$  is a **max-heap**
- Algorithm:
  1. Find **largest** of:  $i$ , **left** child of  $i$ , or **right** child of  $i$
  2. If  $i$  is **not** the largest, then:
    - a. **Swap**  $i$  with the largest
    - b. **Recurse** (or iterate) on that subtree



# max\_heapify()

```
def max_heapify( A, i ):
    max = i
    if 2i <= length(A) and A[ 2i ] > A[ max ]:
        # left
        max = 2i
    else if 2i+1 <= length(A) and A[ 2i+1 ] > A[ max ]: # right
        max = 2i+1
    if max != i:
        swap( A[ i ], A[ max ] )
        max_heapify( A, max )

    # recurse
```

- **Try** it on previous heap at  $i=1$
- **Running time?**

# Building a max-heap

- **Input:** array  $A$ , in any order
  - **Postcondition:**  $A$  is a max-heap
- Algorithm:
  1. **Last half** of array is all **leaves**
  2. Run `max_heapify()` on each item in **first half**
    - **Descending** order: **subtrees** are already max-heaps

```
for i = floor( length(A)/2 ) to 1:  
    max_heapify( A, i )
```

**Try** it: [ 5, 2, 7, 4, 8, 1 ]



# Max-heap: complexity

- **Group** iterations of for loop by **height**  $h$  of node:
  - Each call to `max_heapify(i)` takes  $O(h)$
  - **Num of nodes** with height  $h$  is  $\leq \left\lceil \frac{n}{2^{h+1}} \right\rceil$ 
    - Reaches that bound when tree is **full**
- Total **running time**  $T(n)$ : 
$$T(n) = \sum_{h=0}^{\lg n} \left( \frac{n}{2^{h+1}} \right) O(h)$$
$$\leq n \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2^{h+1}} \right) O(h) = n \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2^h} \right) O(h) = O(n)$$
- $\Rightarrow$  Can **build** a max-heap in **linear** time!
  - But it's not quite a **sorting** algorithm....

# Heap sort

- **Algorithm:**
  1. Make array a **max-heap**
  2. **Repeat**, working **backwards** from end of array:
    - **Swap** root with last leaf of heap
    - **Shrink** heap by 1 and **re-apply** `max_heapify()`
- **Loop invariant:**
  - **First** portion of array is still a **max-heap**
  - **Last** portion of array is **sorted** (largest items)
- **Complexity:**  $T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$ 
  - $\Theta(n)$  calls to `max_heapify()` ( $\Theta(\lg n)$ )



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# Priority queue

- We can use **binary heaps** to make a **priority queue**:
  - Set of **items** with attached **priorities**
- **Interface** (set of operations) for priority queue:
  - `insert(A, item, pri)`: **add** an item
  - `find_max(A)`: **get** item with **highest** priority
  - `pop_max(A)`: same but also **delete** the item
  - `set_pri(A, item, pri)`: **change** (increase) priority of item
- **Initialise** queue by building a **max-heap**:
  - `find_max()` is easy: just return **A[1]**
  - `pop_max()` also easy: remove **A[1]** and



# Insert into queue

- `set_pri()`: start at `i` and **bubble** up to proper place:

```
A[ i ] = pri
while i > 1 and A[ i/2 ] < A[ i ]:
```

`swap( A[ i/2 ], A[ i ] ) i = i/2`

- **Complexity**: num iterations =  $\Theta(\lg n)$
- `insert()`: make **new** node, then set its **priority**:

```
A.size++
A[ size ] = item
set_pri( A, A.size, pri )
```

- **Complexity**: same as `set_pri()`:  $\Theta(\lg n)$
- For speed, often **pre-allocate** `A` as fixed-length array

# Priority queue operations

- **Build** queue (with max-heap):  $\Theta(n)$
- **Fetch** highest priority item:  $\Theta(1)$
- Fetch and **remove** highest priority item:  $\Theta(\lg n)$
- **Change** priority of an item:  $\Theta(\lg n)$
- **Insert** new item:  $\Theta(\lg n)$



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# Randomised algorithms

- **Vegas**-style: always **correct**, fast on **average**
  - But still slow in **worst-case**
- **Monte Carlo**: always **fast**
  - But not always **correct**!
  - **Approximate**: margin of **error**  $\epsilon$
  - **Stochastic**: **probability**  $P$  of being correct
  - Estimate improves with more **computation** time (iterations)



# Quicksort

- **Divide**: partition  $A[lo .. hi]$  such that:
  - $\max(A[lo .. piv-1]) \leq A[piv] \leq \min(A[piv+1 .. hi])$
  - Not always **balanced**; this is the “magic sauce”
- **Conquer**: recurse on each part:
  - $\text{quicksort}(A, lo, piv-1)$  and  $\text{quicksort}(A, piv+1, hi)$
  - No **combine** / merge step needed
- **In-place** sort (only uses swaps) (unlike merge sort)
- **Worst** case still  $\Theta(n^2)$ , but
  - **Average** case is  $\Theta(n \lg n)$ , with small constants
- One of the **best** sorts for **arbitrary** inputs
  - When we can only use **comparisons**

# Partitioning (Lomuto)

- One option: pick **last** item as the **pivot**
- **Walk** through array from left to right:
  - Throw items **smaller** than pivot to **left** part of array
  - Items **larger** than pivot stay in **right** part of array
- Lastly, **swap** pivot in-between two parts

```
def partition( A, lo, hi ):
    piv = A[ hi ]

    # Lomuto partition
    split = lo

    # Where to send items <= piv
    for cur = lo to hi-1:
        if A[ cur ] <= piv:
            # Send small items away
```



# Quicksort: complexity

- **Worst** case: every partition is maximally **uneven**:
  - **Pivot** is either **largest** or **smallest** in subarray
  - $T(n) = T(n-1) + T(0) + \Theta(n) = \Theta(n^2)$
  - Example **inputs** that do this?
- **Best** case: every partition is exactly **half**:
  - $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$
  - Example **inputs** that give this?
- What about **average** case, assuming **random** input?

# Average case complexity

- **Intuition**: on average, get splits **in-between** best and worst
  - If say, average split is **90%** vs **10%**, then:
  - $T(n) = T(0.90n) + T(*0.10n) + *\Theta(n)$
  - Still results in  **$O(n \lg n)$**
- If assume splits **alternate** between best and worst:
  - Only adds  **$O(n)$**  work to each of  **$O(\lg n)$**  levels
  - Still  **$O(n \lg n)$** ! (But maybe larger constants)

# Quicksort with constant splits

- (p.178 #7.2-5): All splits are  $v$  vs  $1-v$ , with  $0 < v < 1/2$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  what is min/max **depth** of leaf in recursion tree?
- **Min depth**: follow smaller ( $v$ ) side of each split
  - How many splits  $m$  until reach **leaf** (1 item array)?  $\alpha^m n = 1 \Rightarrow m = -\frac{\log(n)}{\log(\alpha)}$
- **Max depth**: same with  $1-v$  side:  $-\frac{\log(n)}{\log(1-\alpha)}$
- Both are  $\Theta(\log n)$
- $\Rightarrow$  with **constant-ratio** splits, complexity still  $\Theta(n \lg n)$



# Quicksort with median split

- **Best** case splits happen when **pivot** is **median**:
  - Half of items **smaller**, half of items **larger**
  - Not same as **average** when distribution is **skewed**
- **Median** (rank finding) algorithm in  $O(n)$ : see **ch9**
  - **Partitioning** also takes only  $O(n)$ , so
  - **Quicksort**  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n) = O(n \lg n)$   
(always!)
- But, in practise:
  - **Extra** work, splits are usually **already** good
  - Benchmarks **slower** than **merge sort**

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# Randomised Quicksort

- With **random** input, get nice  $\Theta(n \lg n)$  behaviour
- But **presorted** input gives **worst** case behaviour
  - Much **real-world** data is at least partially presorted
  - Choice of **last** element (**hi**) as pivot
- Great candidate for **randomised** algorithm:
  - **Before** partitioning, **swap** **hi** with a random item
- Still **possible** to get worst-case behaviour, but **unlikely**
  - **Vegas**-style: always **correct**, and usually **fast**

```
def rand_partition( A, lo, hi ):
    swap( A[ hi ], A[ random( lo, hi ) ] )
    partition( A, lo, hi )
```



# R-Quicksort: complexity

- Assume all items **distinct**
- Name items according to **true** order:  $\{z_i\}_{i=1}^n$
- Analyse complexity by counting **comparisons** performed
  - **Worst** case: compare all pairs  $(z_i, z_j) : \Theta(n^2)$
- No comparison can happen **multiple** times, because
  - Comparisons are only done against **pivots**, and
  - Each **pivot** is used only **once** and not **revisited**
- So what is the **probability** of a pair  $(z_i, z_j)$  being compared?

# R-Quicksort: pair comparison

- A pair  $(z_i, z_j)$  is **compared** only if:
  - Either  $z_i$  or  $z_j$  is chosen as a **pivot** **before** any other item ordered **in-between** them:  
$$\{z_i, z_{i+1}, \dots, z_{j-1}, z_j\}$$
- Otherwise  $z_i$  and  $z_j$  would be on **opposite** sides of a split, and would **never** be compared
- **Probability** of this happening:  $2 \left( \frac{1}{j - i + 1} \right)$

# R-Quicksort: total comparisons

**Sum** over all pairs  $(z_i, z_j)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \frac{2}{j-i+1} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n-i} \frac{2}{k+1} \text{ (let } k=j-i\text{)} \\ & < \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2}{k} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} O(\ln n) \text{ (harmonic series)} \\ &= O(n \lg n) \end{aligned}$$



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# Randomised mat-mul check

- Recall **matrix multiply**: naive  $\Theta(n^3)$ , Strassen  $\Theta(n^{2.81})$ 
  - Best-known: Coppersmith-Winograd,  $\Theta(n^{2.376})$
- What if we have 3  $n \times n$  matrices  $A, B, C$ :
  - **Check** if  $A * B = C$ , faster than full multiply?
- **Frievald**'s **matrix-multiply checker** in  $\Theta(n^2)$ :
  - If  $A * B = C$ , always returns True (0% **false-negatives**)
  - If  $A * B \neq C$ , returns False  $> 50\%$  of the time
- If returns **True**, run it  $k$  times:
  - **False-positive** rate  $< 2^{-k}$ , in time  $O(kn^2)$



# Frievald's algorithm

- Make a random **boolean** vector  $\vec{r} = \{r_i\}_1^n$ :
  - $P(r_i = 1) = 0.5$  for all  $i$ , independently
  - i.e., flip a fair coin  $n$  times
- **Return value**: check if  $A \cdot (B \cdot \vec{r}) = C \cdot \vec{r}$ 
  - Each **multiply** is only a  $(n \times n)$  matrix by a  $(n \times 1)$  vector
  - $\Rightarrow$  total time still only  $\Theta(n^2)$
- Example of a **Monte-Carlo** style algorithm
- If  $A * B = C$ , this always returns **True**
- If  $A * B \neq C$ , want  $P(A \cdot (B \cdot \vec{r}) \neq C \cdot \vec{r}) > 0.5$



# Frievald: false-positive rate

- Let  $D = AB - C$ : by assumption,  $D \neq 0$ , so choose  $d_{ij} \neq 0$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  Want to **show**  $P(D\vec{r} = 0) \leq 0.5$
- $D\vec{r}$  is 0 **iff** all its elts are 0, so
 
$$P(D\vec{r} = 0) \leq P((D\vec{r})_i = 0)$$
- This is a **dot product**:  $(D\vec{r})_i = \sum_{k=1}^n d_{ik}r_k = d_{ij}r_j + y$
- **Two** possibilities: if  $y = 0$ :  $P((D\vec{r})_i = 0) = P(d_{ij}r_j = 0) = P(r_j = 0) = 0.5$
- If  $y \neq 0$ , then  $P((D\vec{r})_i = 0) = P(r_j = 1 \text{ and } d_{ij} = -y) \leq P(r_j = 1) = 0.5$
- **In either** case,  $P((D\vec{r})_i = 0) \leq 0.5$

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