

## Lecture 1 : Introduction

- The course is "algorithms".
- Golden standard for classical algorithms:

To achieve  $O(n)$  time and space.

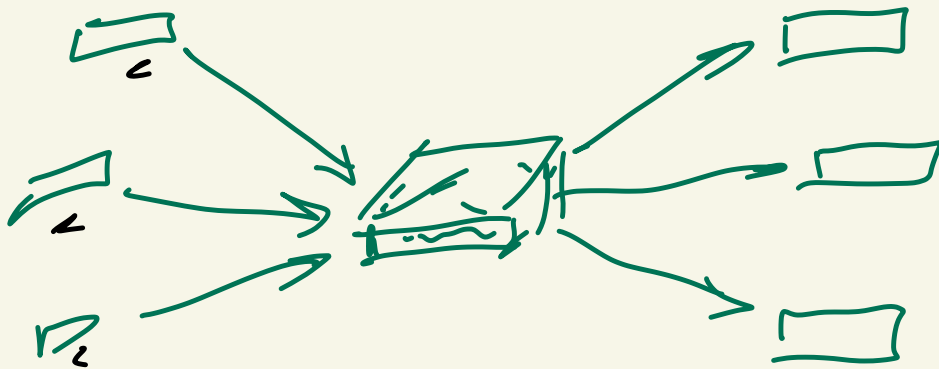
$n$  input size



$$64 \text{ bits} \times n = \underbrace{64n \text{ bits}}_{O(n)}$$

- Massive data: The data we work with has grown much larger than the computer resources we have.
- Algorithms for massive data:
  - To think of algorithms which limits the access to data.
  - These limitations can be either limited time and/or limited space
- Common scenario: limited space:
  - Suppose we have a router with internet traffic passing through it.
  - The router receives information along with a source and IP address, and sends it to the corresponding address.

- Let's say we would like to compute certain statistic with the information passing through the router.



- For example, we would like to know the # of times a certain IP address makes a request.

\* The amount of information passing through the router greatly exceeds its available storage.  
"limited space"

. Therefore, we cannot simply store copies of data, and then compute based on the stored data.

- Many of these tasks are impossible to solve by classical computation/algorithms.

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  - Instead of producing exact answers, we need ways to approximate it.
  - Instead of requiring the approximations to work all the times, we require that they work with high probability of success.

- One way to approximate is to say:

$$\text{true answer} \leq \text{Output} \leq \alpha \times \text{true answer}$$

Here  $\alpha$  is the approximation ratio, and  $\alpha = 1 + \epsilon$ , where  $\epsilon$  is very small.

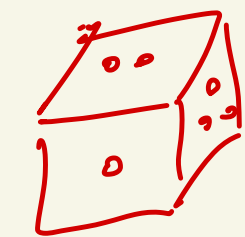
- One way to give confidence of output is to say that

"the approximation ratio  $\alpha$  holds with probability  $1 - \delta$ ."

where  $\delta$  is being a very small.

(the probability is close to 1.)

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Fair dice

$$\underline{X} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{with prob. } 1/6 \\ 2 & \text{---} \\ 3 & \text{---} \\ 4 & \text{---} \\ 5 & \text{---} \\ 6 & \text{---} \end{cases}$$

$$E[X] = \frac{1+2+3+4+5+6}{6} = \frac{21}{6} \approx 3.4$$

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Fair coin

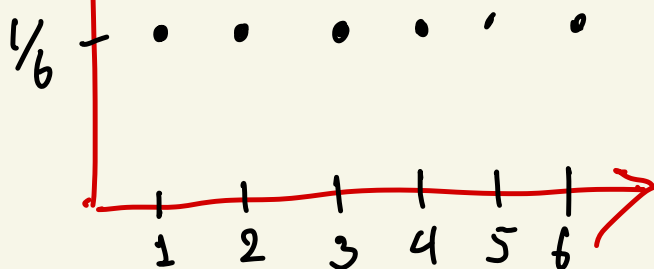
$$Y = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{with prob. } 1/2 \text{ (coin toss)} \\ 10 & \text{with prob. } 1/2 \text{ (odd win)} \end{cases}$$

$$E[Y] = \frac{0 + 10}{2} = 5$$

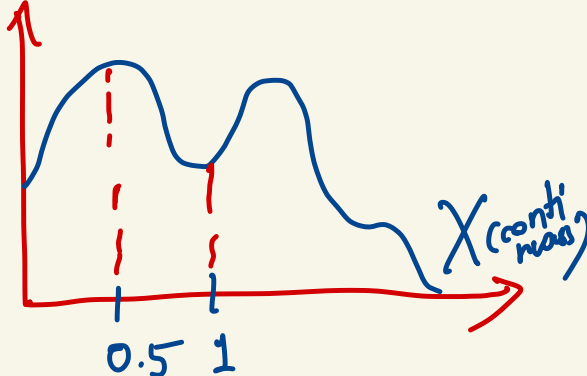
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Probability

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Likelihood



$X$  (discrete)

Probability review: There are a few probability tools we will use in the analysis of algorithms in this class.

In the following, we let  $X$  be a random variable.

-Def 1 (Expectation):

- For a discrete r.v.  $X$ , the expectation of  $X$ ,  $E[X]$  is

$$E[X] = \sum_a a \Pr\{X=a\}$$

Ex.  $E[X] = 1 \cdot \Pr\{X=1\} + 2 \cdot \Pr\{X=2\} + \dots + 6 \cdot \Pr\{X=6\}$

$$= \left(1 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(2 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + \dots + \left(6 \times \frac{1}{6}\right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{6} (1 + 2 + \dots + 6) = \frac{21}{6} = 3.4x$$

- For a continuous r.v.  $X$ , the expectation of  $X$ ,  $E[X]$  is

$$E[X] = \int a \phi(a) da$$

where  $\phi$  is the probability density function of  $X$ .

- Lemma 2 (Linearity of Expectation).

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two r.v.s. Then,

$$\mathbb{E}[X+Y] = \mathbb{E}[X] + \mathbb{E}[Y]$$

- Lemma 3 (Markov's inequality).

Let  $X$  be a non-negative r.v. Then,  $\forall \lambda > 0$

$$\Pr\{X > \lambda\} \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[X]}{\lambda}$$

Ex. for any r.v.  $X > 0$ , we get

$$\Pr\{X > \underbrace{10 \mathbb{E}[X]}_{\lambda}\} \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[X]}{10 \mathbb{E}[X]} = \frac{1}{10}$$

- With 10% confidence, we guarantee that  $X$  will deviate from its expectation by more than a factor of 10.

- Equivalently, with 90% confidence, we guarantee that  $X$  will deviate from its expectation within a factor of 10.

Def 4 (Variance). The variance of a r.v.  $X$ , denoted  $\text{Var}[X]$ , is

$$\text{Var}[X] = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2$$

Lemma 5 (Chebyshev's Inequality).

$$\forall \lambda > 0, \Pr\{|X - \mathbb{E}[X]| > \lambda\} \leq \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{\lambda^2}$$

E.x. by setting  $\lambda^2 = 10 \text{Var}[X] > 0$ ,

we can find that

$$\Pr\{|X - \mathbb{E}[X]| > \underbrace{\pm \sqrt{10 \text{Var}[X]}}_{\lambda}\} \leq \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{10 \text{Var}[X]} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \Pr\{|X - \mathbb{E}[X]| \leq \underbrace{\sqrt{10 \text{Var}[X]}}_{X = \mathbb{E}[X] \pm \sqrt{10 \text{Var}[X]}}\} \leq \frac{9}{10}$$

## An Easy Problem: Counting

- Say that we are maintaining a router that counts the # of packets that has been received.
- Surely to keep track of up to  $n$  different packets, our router should have a memory of at least  $\log_2 n$  bits.
- Suppose  $n$  is very large that  $\log_2 n$  is still a large number.  
(This means we cannot implement the counter)
- We will do better with approximation and randomization (Morris algorithm)

## Morris algorithm (1978)

- An algorithm to approximately compute the value of  $n$  by using  $O(\log \log n)$  bits only.



## Algorithm

1. Set a counter variable  $X$ , initialize  $X$  to 0 ( $X \leftarrow 0$ ).

2. For each new packet, we increment  $X$  <sup>by 1</sup> with probability  $\frac{1}{2^X}$ ; otherwise,  $X$  remains unchanged.

3. For a query for the # of packets received, return the estimator

$$E = 2^X - 1$$

For analysis of the algorithm, we denote  $X_k$  the value of  $X$  after  $k$  increments;

$E_k = 2^{X_k} - 1$ . Note  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  and

$E_1, \dots, E_n$  are R.V.s,

Extra : induction

Claim 1.  $\mathbb{E}[E_n] = n$ .

Proof. - We use induction on  $n$ .

- Base case ( $n=0$ ):

$$\Rightarrow X_0 = 0$$

$$E_0 = 2^{X_0} - 1 = 2^0 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[E_0] = 0 = n$$

Therefore, the base case is true.

- Inductive step:

- Assume by induction that

$$\mathbb{E}[E_{n-1}] = n-1$$

we will show that  $\mathbb{E}[E_n] = n$ .

- Note that  $\mathbb{E}[E_n] = n$  means

$$\mathbb{E}[E_n] = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (2^i - 1) \times \Pr\{X_n = i\} = n.$$

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$$\Pr\{X_n = i\} = \Pr\{X \text{ is incremented and } X_{n-1} = i-1\} +$$

$$\Pr\{X \text{ is not incremented and } X_{n-1} = i\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{i-1}} \times \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i-1\} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^i}\right) \times \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i\}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[E_n] = \sum_{i=1}^n (2^i - 1) \times \Pr\{X_n = i\}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n (2^i - 1) \left( \frac{1}{2^{i-1}} \cdot \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i-1\} + \left(2 - \frac{1}{2^i}\right) \cdot \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i\} \right)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[2^{X_n}]$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n 2^i \left( \frac{1}{2^{i-1}} \cdot \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i-1\} + \left(2 - \frac{1}{2^i}\right) \cdot \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i\} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( 2 \cdot \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i-1\} + 2^i \cdot \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i\} - \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i\} \right)$$

$$= 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i-1\} + \sum_{i=1}^n 2^i \cdot \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i\} -$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i\}$$

$$= 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i-1\} +$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (2^i \cdot \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i\} - \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i\})$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (2^i - 1) \cdot \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i\}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[E_{n-1}] = \underline{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow = 2 \sum_{i=1} \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i-1\} + n-1$$

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$$= 2 + n - 1$$

$$= n + 1$$

$$E[E_n] = \sum_{i=1} (2^i - 1) \left( \frac{1}{2^{i-1}} \cdot \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i-1\} + \left(2 - \frac{1}{2^i}\right) \cdot \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i\} \right)$$

$$= (n+1) + \sum_{i=1} (-1) \left( \frac{1}{2^{i-1}} \cdot \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i-1\} + \left(2 - \frac{1}{2^i}\right) \cdot \Pr\{X_{n-1} = i\} \right)$$

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(your homework)

$$= n$$



Alternative proof:

- Goal: show  $E[E_n] = n$

$$\Rightarrow E[E_n] = E\left[\underbrace{2^{X_n}}_{\text{r.v.}} + \underbrace{(-1)}_{\text{r.v.}}\right]$$

$$= E\left[2^{X_n}\right] + E[-1] = n+1 - 1 = n$$

$$\sum_{i=0} 2^i \Pr\{X_n = i\}$$

$$= \underbrace{\sum_{i=1} 2^i \Pr\{X_n = i\}}_{n+1}$$

□

Claim 2:  $\text{Var}[E_n] \leq \frac{3n(n+1)}{2} + 1 = O(n^2)$ .

Proof: - Note that

$$\text{Var}[E_n] = \text{Var}[2^{x_n} - 1] = \text{Var}[2^{x_n}].$$

$$- \text{Var}[2^{x_n}] = \mathbb{E}[(2^{x_n})^2] - \underbrace{(\mathbb{E}[2^{x_n}])^2}_{\geq 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}[2^{x_n}] \leq \mathbb{E}[(2^{x_n})^2].$$

$$- \mathbb{E}[2^{2x_n}] = \sum_{i=0} 2^{2i} \cdot \Pr\{x_n = i\}$$

$$= \sum_{i=0} 2^{2i} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2^{i-1}} \cdot \Pr\{x_{n-1} = i-1\} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^i}\right) \cdot \Pr\{x_{n-1} = i\} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0} \left( 2^{i+1} \cdot \Pr\{x_{n-1} = i-1\} + (2^{2i} - 2^i) \cdot \Pr\{x_{n-1} = i\} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0} 2^{i+1} \cdot \Pr\{x_{n-1} = i-1\} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=0} 2^{2i} \cdot \Pr\{x_{n-1} = i\}}_{\mathbb{E}[2^{2x_{n-1}}]}$$

$$- \underbrace{\sum_{i=0} 2^i \cdot \Pr\{x_{n-1} = i\}}_{\mathbb{E}[2^{x_{n-1}}]}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[2^{2x_{n-1}}] + 4 \sum_{i=0} 2^{i-1} \cdot \Pr\{x_{n-1} = i-1\}$$

$$- \underbrace{\sum_{i=0} 2^i \cdot \Pr\{x_{n-1} = i\}}_{\mathbb{E}[2^{x_{n-1}}]}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[2^{2^{x_{n-1}}}] + 4 \mathbb{E}[2^{x_{n-1}}] - \underbrace{\sum_{i=0} 2^i \Pr\{x_{n-1} = i\}}_{\mathbb{E}[2^{x_{n-1}}]}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[2^{2^{x_{n-1}}}] + 3 \mathbb{E}[2^{x_{n-1}}]$$

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$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}[E_n] \leq \mathbb{E}[2^{2^{x_n}}] = \mathbb{E}[2^{2^{x_{n-1}}}] + 3 \mathbb{E}[2^{x_{n-1}}]$$


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∴ So by induction and noting that

$$\mathbb{E}[2^{2^{x_0}}] = \mathbb{E}[2^{2^{(0)}}] = \mathbb{E}[2^0] = 1,$$

it follows that

$$\mathbb{E}[2^{2^{x_n}}] = 3 \mathbb{E}[2^{x_{n-1}}] + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[2^{2^{x_{n-1}}}]}$$

$$3 \mathbb{E}[2^{x_{n-2}}] + \mathbb{E}[2^{2^{x_{n-2}}}]$$

$$3 \mathbb{E}[2^{x_{n-3}}] + \mathbb{E}[2^{2^{x_{n-3}}}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[2^{2^{x_n}}] = 3 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mathbb{E}[2^{x_i}] + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[2^{2x_n}] = 3 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[2^{x_i}]}_{i+1} + 1$$

$$= 3 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i+1 + 1$$

$$= 3 \left( \underbrace{1+2+3+\dots+n}_{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \right) + 1$$

$$= 3 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1$$

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$$\text{var}[E_n] \leq \mathbb{E}[2^{2x_n}] = 3 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1$$

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- From Claim 1,  $\mathbb{E}[E_n] = n$ .

- From Claim 2,  $\text{var}[E_n] \leq \frac{3n(n+1)}{2} + 1$ .

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Recall: Chebyshev's Inequality,

$$\forall \lambda > 0, \Pr\{|x - \mathbb{E}[x]| > \lambda\} \leq \frac{\text{var}[x]}{\lambda^2}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \forall \lambda > 0, \Pr\{|E_n - \mathbb{E}[E_n]| > \lambda\} \leq \frac{\text{var}[E_n]}{\lambda^2}$$

Suppose we want  $\leq 10\%$  failure probability.

$$\Rightarrow \Pr\{|E_n - \mathbb{E}[E_n]| > \lambda\} \leq 10\%.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{var}[E_n]}{\lambda^2} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 = 10 \text{var}[E_n] = 10 \times \left( \frac{3n(n+1)}{2} + 1 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \sqrt{10 \Theta(n^2)}$$

$$\approx (3.3) \Theta(n) = \Theta(n)$$

$$\Rightarrow E_n = \mathbb{E}[E_n] \pm \lambda = n \pm \Theta(n)$$

with probability 90%.

-To get a better result, we use a general technique in order to maintain the mean (expectation) and reduce the variance, which is to run multiple instances of Morris's algorithm independently and take the average.

Morris + Algorithm:

1. Run  $k$  copies of the basic Morris algorithm. Denote the  $x$  values in the  $i$ -th run  $x^{(i)}$ .
2. Upon a query, return the estimator

$$E = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k (2^{x^{(i)}} - 1).$$

Claim 3:  $\mathbb{E}[E] = n$ .

Claim 4:  $\text{Var}[E] \leq \frac{3}{2} \frac{n^2}{k}$ .

