

# Homework 3

## CS 457

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### Question 1

Prove tight **worst-case** asymptotic upper bounds for the following recurrence equation that depends on a variable  $q \in [0, n/4]$ . Note that you need to prove an upper bound that is true for every value of  $q \in [0, n/4]$  and a matching lower bound for a specific value of  $q \in [0, n/4]$  of your choosing. Do not assume that a specific  $q$  yields the worst case input; instead, formally identify the  $q$  which maximizes the running time. (Hint: look at the bottom of Page 180 for the analysis of the worst-case running time of Quicksort)

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \leq 2 \\ T(n - 2q - 1) + T(3q/2) + T(q/2) + \Theta(1) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proceed via the substitution method with  $T(n) \in \Theta(n)$

Assume that  $T(n') \leq cn' \quad \forall n' < n$  which gives us

$$T(n) = \max_{0 \leq q \leq \frac{n}{4}} T(n - 2q - 1) + T(3q/2) + T(q/2) + \Theta(1)$$

$$T(n) \leq \max_{0 \leq q \leq \frac{n}{4}} c(n - 2q - 1) + c(3q/2) + c(q/2) + k$$

$$T(n) \leq \max_{0 \leq q \leq \frac{n}{4}} c(n - 2q - 1 + 2q) + k$$

$$T(n) \leq \max_{0 \leq q \leq \frac{n}{4}} c(n - 1) + k$$

$$T(n) \leq cn + (k - c) \leq cn$$

This inequality holds if  $c \geq k$  so we have shown that

$$T(n) \in O(n)$$

Now to show  $T(n) \in \Omega(n)$

Assume that  $T(n') \geq cn' \quad \forall n' < n$  which gives us

$$T(n) = \max_{0 \leq q \leq \frac{n}{4}} T(n - 2q - 1) + T(3q/2) + T(q/2) + \Theta(1)$$

$$T(n) \geq \max_{0 \leq q \leq \frac{n}{4}} c(n - 2q - 1) + c(3q/2) + c(q/2) + k$$

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$$T(n) \geq cn + (k - c) \geq cn$$

This inequality holds if  $c \leq k$  so we have shown that

$$T(n) \in \Omega(n)$$

Therefore

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n)$$

## Question 2

Given an array  $S$  of  $n$  distinct numbers provide  $O(n)$ -time algorithms for the following:

- Given two integers  $k, \ell \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that  $k \leq \ell$ , find all the  $i$ th order statistics of  $S$  for every  $i \in \{k, \dots, \ell\}$ .

```
function k_l_orderStatistics(array, start, end, k, l):
    Select(array, start, end, k);

    //now everything less than k is to the left

    Select(array, k, end, l - k);

    //now everything less than l is to the left
    // all elements between k and l are  $k \leq a[i] \leq l$ 
    // if we want them in order then we
    // can sort the sub array which will be of size  $k-l$ 

    quicksort(array, k, l)

    // if we don't care if they are sorted we can just return and the
    // indices of k and l will be the
    // indexes of the array holding the statistics
```

- Given some integer  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , find the  $k$  numbers in  $S$  whose values are closest to that of the median of  $S$ .

```
function find_k_closest_to_median(array, start, end, k):
    k_closest := []
    middle := (start + end)/2
    Select(array, start, end, middle)
    median := array[middle]

    Select(array, start, middle - 1, middle - k)
    Select(array, middle + 1, end, middle + k)
    quicksort(array, middle - k, middle + k)

    // We now have the median surrounded by the
    // nearest k elements smaller and k elements larger

    i := middle - 1
    j := middle + 1

    while len(k_closest) != k:
        if(median - array[i] > array[j] - array[j]):
            k_closest.append(array[j])
            j := j + 1
        else:
            k_closest.append(array[i])
            i := i - 1
    return k_closest
```

## Question 3

Consider the following silly randomized variant of binary search. You are given a sorted array  $A$  of  $n$  integers and the integer  $v$  that you are searching for is chosen uniformly at random from  $A$ . Then, instead of comparing  $v$  to the value in the middle of the array, the randomized binary search variant chooses a random number  $r$  from 1 to  $n$  and it compares  $v$  with  $A[r]$ . Depending on whether  $v$  is larger or smaller, this process is repeated recursively on the left

sub-array or the right sub-array, until the location of  $v$  is found. Prove a tight bound on the expected running time of this algorithm.

```
function binary_random(array, start, end, v)
    r := random(start, end)
    if array[r] == v:
        return r
    if array[r] < v:
        return binary_random(array, start, r-1, v)
    return binary_random(array, r+1, end, v)
```

$$X_i = \{\text{the } i\text{'th element is selected and } v \text{ is less than } a[i]\}$$

$$X_j = \{\text{the } j\text{'th element is selected and } v \text{ is greater than } a[j]\}$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i(T(i) + \Theta(1)) + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} X_j(T(n-j) + \Theta(1))$$

$$E[T(n)] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i(T(i) + \Theta(1)) + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} X_j(T(n-j) + \Theta(1))\right]$$

$$E[T(n)] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i(T(i)) + \Theta(1)\right] + E\left[\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} X_j(T(n-j) + \Theta(1))\right]$$

$$E[T(n)] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i](T(i) + \Theta(1)) + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} E[X_j](T(n-j) + \Theta(1))$$

$$E[T(n)] = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{i}{n} (T(i) + \Theta(1)) + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-j}{n} (T(n-j) + \Theta(1))$$

$$E[T(n)] = \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{i}{n} T(i) + kn + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{n-j}{n} T(n-j) + kn \right)$$

$$E[T(n)] = \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{i}{n} T(i) + \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{j}{n} T(j) + 2kn \right)$$

$$E[T(n)] = \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n iT(i) + 2k$$

Guess  $T(n) \in \Theta(\log(n))$

Assume that  $T(n') \leq c \log n' \quad \forall n' < n$  which gives us

$$E[T(n)] \leq \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n ic \log(i) + 2k$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i \log(i) \leq \int_1^n x \log(x) dx = \frac{1}{4} (n^2 (2 \log(n) - 1) + 1)$$

$$E[T(n)] \leq \frac{2c}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n i \log(i) + 2k \leq \frac{2}{n^2} \frac{1}{4} (n^2 (2 \log(n) - 1) + 1) + 2k$$

$$E[T(n)] \leq c \log(n) - \frac{c}{2} + \frac{c}{n^2} + 2k \leq c \log(n)$$

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For sufficiently large  $n$  we can show that

$$4k \leq c$$

Let  $c = 8k$

$$T(n) \in O(\log n)$$

Guess  $T(n) \in \Omega(\log(n))$

Assume that  $T(n') \geq c \log n' \quad \forall n' < n$  which gives us

$$E[T(n)] \geq \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n ic \log(i) + 2k$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i \log(i) \in \Theta(n^2 \log(n))$$

$$E[T(n)] \geq \frac{2}{n^2} cn^2 \log(n) + 2k \geq c \log(n)$$

$$E[T(n)] \geq 2c \log(n) + 2k \geq c \log(n)$$

This is true  $\forall c$  so

$$T(n) \in \Omega(\log n)$$

Therefore

$$T(n) \in \Theta(\log n)$$

## Question 4

You are given a set  $S$  of  $n$  integers, as well as one more integer  $v$ .

- Design an algorithm that determines whether or not there exist two distinct elements  $x, y \in S$  such that  $x + y = v$ . Your algorithm should run in time  $O(n \log n)$ , and it should return  $(x, y)$  if such elements exist and  $(NIL, NIL)$  otherwise.
- Formally explain why your algorithm runs in  $O(n \log n)$  time.

```
function find-distinct-sum(array, start, end, sum):
    array.sort()
    i := start
    j := end
    while i < j:
        if (array[i] + array[j] == sum):
            return (i, j)
        if (array[i] + array[j] > sum):
            j := j - 1
        else:
            i := i + 1
    return (NIL, NIL)
```

Where `array.sort()` is done using quicksort or mergesort which we have shown to be  $\Theta(n \log(n))$ . In the worst case nothing is found and  $i$  and  $j$  will meet at some index, when that happens  $i$  and  $j$  have traversed the entire list. While traversing they only do constant work through comparisons or sums so we have:

$$T(n) = \Theta(n \log(n)) + cn$$

$$n \in O(n \log(n)) \implies \Theta(n \log(n)) + cn \in \Theta(n \log(n))$$

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n \log(n))$$

## Question 5

Suppose that you are given a sorted array  $A$  of *distinct* integers  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ , drawn from 1 to  $m$ , where  $m > n$ .

- Give an  $O(\log n)$  algorithm to find an integer from  $[1, m]$  that is not present in  $A$ . For full credit, find the smallest such integer.
- Formally explain why your algorithm runs in  $O(\log n)$  time.

```
function smallest_missing(array, start, end):
    middle := floor((end-start)/2)
    if(array[middle] == middle + 1):
        //plus 1 for 0 indexed and numbers being drawn
        //from 1 to m so element 1 at index 0 should be 1
        return smallest_missing(array, middle, end)
    if(array[middle-1] == middle):
        return array[middle-1] + 1
    return smallest_missing(array, start, middle)
```

Since this is a recursive function we can look at the recurrence relation describing it

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + \Theta(1)$$

Each time we call the function we pass in half of the current range which gives us the  $T(\frac{n}{2})$ . The rest of the things that happen each call are all constant time, comparisons and some math so  $\Theta(1)$

To solve we can use the master theorem with

$$a = 1 \quad b = 2 \quad f(n) = 1 \quad \log_2(1) = 0$$

We can apply case 2 of the master theorem as

$$f(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_2 1}) \implies 1 \in \Theta(1)$$

So by master theorem case 2 we have

$$T(n) \in \Theta(\log n)$$