

Part6-QuickSort-Analysis

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Key videos	https://www.coursera.org/learn/algorithms-divide-conquer/lecture/slY1s/analysis-ii-the-key-insight https://www.coursera.org/learn/algorithms-divide-conquer/lecture/aqD1O/analysis-iii-final-calculations
Note	In-depth analysis of QuickSort algorithm from the perspective of the Decomposition Principle and linearity of expectation.

Note

▼ Analysis I: A Decomposition Principle

- Necessary background

Assumption: you know and remember (finite) sample spaces, random variables, expectation, linearity of expectation

- Average running time

从概率的角度去考虑快排的效率

QuickSort Theorem : for every input array of length n , the average running time of QuickSort (with random pivots) is $O(n \log(n))$.

Note : holds for every input. [no assumptions on the data]

- recall our guiding principles !
- “average” is over random choices made by the algorithm (i.e., the pivot choices)

- Preliminaries: 对于数组 n , 样本空间 Ω , 快排算法整体占主导的复杂度来源于算法比较

⇒ 因此从数学期望的角度计算平均算法复杂度为 $O(n \log n)$

Fix input array A of length n

Sample Space Ω = all possible outcomes of random choices in QuickSort (i.e., pivot sequences)

Key Random Variable : for $\sigma \in \Omega$

$C(\sigma)$ = # of comparisons between two input elements made by QuickSort (given random choices σ)

Lemma: running time of QuickSort dominated by comparisons.

Remaining goal : $E[C] = O(n \log(n))$

There exist constant c s.t. for all $\sigma \in \Omega$, $RT(\sigma) \leq c \cdot C(\sigma)$
(see notes)

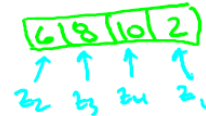
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- Building blocks:

不能直接应用master method, 由于子问题的数量与大小不确定!

Note can't apply Master Method [random, unbalanced subproblems]

[A = final input array]



Notation : z_i = i^{th} smallest element of A

For $\sigma \in \Omega$, indices $i < j$

$X_{ij}(\sigma)$ = # of times z_i, z_j get compared in QuickSort with pivot sequence σ

任意两个数比较的次数只有1次 (如果其中一个为pivot) 或是0次

Fix two elements of the input array. How many times can these two elements get compared with each other during the execution of QuickSort?

Reason : two elements compared only when one is the pivot, which is excluded from future recursive calls.

Thus : each X_{ij} is an "indicator" (i.e., 0-1) random variable

- ☐ 1
- ☒ 0 or 1
- ☐ 0, 1, or 2
- ☐ Any integer between 0 and $n - 1$

- A Decomposition Principle

因此总的比较次数的数学期望，只有在于与pivot比较的次数

A Decomposition Approach

So : $C(\sigma)$ = # of comparisons between input elements

$X_{ij}(\sigma)$ = # of comparisons between z_i and z_j

Thus : $\forall \sigma, C(\sigma) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n X_{ij}(\sigma)$

By Linearity of Expectation : $E[C] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n E[X_{ij}]$

Since $E[X_{ij}] = 0 \cdot Pr[X_{ij} = 0] + 1 \cdot Pr[X_{ij} = 1] = Pr[X_{ij} = 1]$

Thus : $E[C] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n Pr[z_i, z_j \text{ get compared}] \quad (*)$

Next video

- 一般方法

A General Decomposition Principle

1. Identify random variable Y that you really care about
2. Express Y as sum of indicator random variables :

$$Y = \sum_{l=1}^m X_e$$

3. Apply Linearity of expectation :

$$E[Y] = \sum_{l=1}^m Pr[X_e = 1]$$

"just" need to understand these!

▼ Analysis II: The Key Insight

- Key claim

$C(\sigma)$ = # of comparisons between input elements
 $X_{ij}(\sigma)$ = # of comparisons between z_i and z_j

$i^{\text{th}}, j^{\text{th}}$ smallest entries in array

Recall : $E[C] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=i+1}^n \Pr[X_{ik} = 1]$ $= \Pr[z_i, z_k \text{ get compared}]$

Key Claim : for all $i < j$, $\Pr[z_i, z_j \text{ get compared}] = 2/(j-i+1)$

$$P(z_i, z_j \text{ get compared}) = \frac{2}{j - i + 1}$$

- Proof of key claim

分为两种情况： z_i 与 z_j 被选为pivot，则1次比较；反之，则0次比较

Proof of Key Claim

Fix z_i, z_j with $i < j$

Consider the set $z_i, z_{i+1}, \dots, z_{j-1}, z_j$

$\Pr[z_i, z_j \text{ get compared}] = 2/(j-i+1)$

Inductively : as long as none of these are chosen as a pivot, all are passed to the same recursive call.

Consider the first among $z_i, z_{i+1}, \dots, z_{j-1}, z_j$ that gets chosen as a pivot.

1. If z_i or z_j gets chosen first, then z_i and z_j get compared
2. If one of z_{i+1}, \dots, z_{j-1} gets chosen first then z_i and z_j are never compared [split into different recursive calls]

KEY INSIGHT

- Proof of key claim (con'd)

1. z_i or z_j gets chosen first \Rightarrow they get compared
2. one of z_{i+1}, \dots, z_{j-1} gets chosen first $\Rightarrow z_i, z_j$ never compared

Note : Since pivots always chosen uniformly at random, each of $z_i, z_{i+1}, \dots, z_{j-1}, z_j$ is equally likely to be the first

$$\Rightarrow \Pr[z_i, z_j \text{ get compared}] = \frac{2}{(j-i+1)}$$

Choices that lead to case (1)
 Total # of choices

So : $E[C] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{2}{j-i+1}$

[Still need to show this is $O(n \log(n))$]

结合一二节，得到期望总公式！

▼ Analysis III: Final Calculations

- The story so far: 把求和算式展开，然后右端简化放大

$$E[C] = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{j-i+1}$$

$\leq n$ choices for i

$\theta(n^2)$ terms

How big can this be ?

(*)

Note : for each fixed i , the inner sum is

$$\sum_{j=i+1}^n \frac{1}{j-i+1} = 1/2 + 1/3 + \dots$$

So $E[C] \leq 2 \cdot n \cdot \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k}$

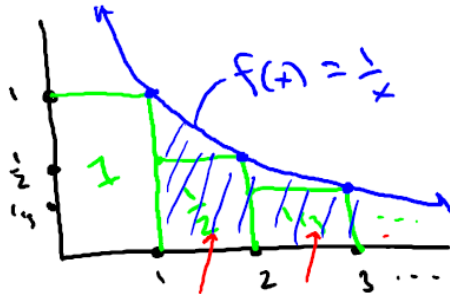
Claim : this is $\leq \ln(n)$

- Completing the proof

将求和转化为积分，最终可得到 $\ln N$

$$E[C] \leq 2 \cdot n \cdot \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k}$$

Proof of Claim



$$\text{Claim } \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k} \leq \ln n$$

$$\text{So } \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k} \leq \int_1^n \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$= \ln x \Big|_1^n$$

$$= \ln n - \ln 1$$

$$= \ln n$$

Q.E.D. (CLAIM)

So :
 $E[C] \leq 2n \ln n$
Q.E.D.

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