

## Quicksort (2)

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### Last Time:

- Master Theorem
- Quicksort

### Today

- Quicksort
- Selection
- HW2 due
- HW3 assigned! → due Friday

Qsort ( $A[1..n]$ )

if  $n \leq 1$ :  
    sorted  
otherwise:

Choose a pivot index  $p$

$r \leftarrow \text{partition}(A[1..n], p)$

Qsort ( $A[1..r-1]$ )

Qsort ( $A[r+1..n]$ )

Partition ( $A[1..n], p$ )

swap  $A[n]$  and  $A[p]$

$l \leftarrow 0$

for  $i$  from 1 to  $(n-1)$ :

if  $A[i] < A[n]$ :

$l \leftarrow l+1$

swap  $A[l]$  and  $A[i]$

swap  $A[l+1]$  and  $A[n]$

return  $(l+1)$

worst-case  $\rightarrow O(n^2)$

① Randomized Quicksort  $\rightarrow$  randomly choose  
a pivot  $\rightarrow$  uniform

### Observation

① Partition does most of the work.

② we add up the "contributions" of partition.

③ Partition is run at most  $(n-1)$  times,

red part contribute at most

$O(n)$  to the running time

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purple part  $\rightarrow$  contribute equal to  
the number of comparisons

X

Quicksort is  $O(n + X)$

For analysis, let  $A = z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$

Let  $Z_{ij}$  be  $\{z_i, z_{i+1}, \dots, z_j\}$

(all items from  $z_i$  through  $z_j$ ).

Let  $X_{ij}$  be a random variable:

$$X_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if alg. compares } z_i \text{ v.s. } z_j \\ 0 & \text{if alg. never compares } z_i \text{ v.s. } z_j. \end{cases}$$

Each  $z_i$  v.s.  $z_j$  can only be compared one time.

$$X = \sum_{\substack{\text{all } i, j \\ i \neq j}} X_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n X_{ij}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 E[X] &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n x_{ij}\right] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n E[x_{ij}] \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \Pr[z_i \text{ v.s. } z_j \text{ happens}]
 \end{aligned}$$

Probability of comparing  $z_i$  v.s.  $z_j$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{z_i} &= \{z_i, z_{i+1}, \dots, z_{j-1}, z_j\} \\
 &\quad \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \text{pivot is here}
 \end{aligned}$$

① If a pivot in  $\{z_{i+1}, \dots, z_{j-1}\}$  is chosen, then,  $z_i$  will never be compared to  $z_j$ .

② If  $z_i$  or  $z_j$  is chosen, then a comparison will happen between  $z_i, z_j$ .

So:  $\Pr[z_i \text{ v.s. } z_j \text{ happens}]$

$= \Pr[z_i \text{ is chosen as pivot or } z_j \text{ is chosen as pivot}]$

$= \Pr[z_i \text{ chosen}] + \Pr[z_j \text{ chosen}]$

$$= \frac{1}{j-i+1} + \frac{1}{j-i+1} = \frac{2}{j-i+1}$$

$$\frac{n-1}{2} \leq n$$

$$E[\bar{x}] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \frac{2}{j-i+1} \quad \text{let } k=j-i$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n-i} \frac{2}{k+1}$$

$$< \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2}{k} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \right)$$

$$= 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \ln n = 2n \cdot \ln n$$

$\boxed{\Theta(n \log n)}$

$$E[\bar{x}] \text{ is } \boxed{\Theta(n \log n)}$$

Quicksort is in expectation,  $\Theta(n \log n)$

$$\underline{O(n + n \log n)} \rightarrow \underline{O(n \log n)}$$

If you want  $\Theta(n \log n)$  worst case for quicksort,  
then, choose pivot of rank  $n/2$ !

Select

Input:  $A[1 \dots n]$

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$r \rightarrow$  target rank

Output: The item of rank  $r$ .

① If  $r=1$ , then, find the min.  $\rightarrow O(n)$   
 $n$

② If  $r=2 \rightarrow 2n$

$\vdots$   
If  $r=n/2 \rightarrow \frac{n}{2} \cdot n \rightarrow \frac{n^2}{2} \times$

## Quick select

subroutine

① Partition.

Quickselect ( $A[1 \dots n], r$ )

① pick a pivot,  $p. \rightarrow A[p]$

② Partition ( $A[1 \dots n, p]$ )

$\hat{p}$

$\boxed{< A[p]} \mid A[p] \mid \boxed{> A[p]}$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $\hat{p}$

③ If  $r < \hat{p}$ , then Quickselect( $A[1 \dots \hat{p}-1], r$ )

otherwise  $r > \hat{p}$ , then Quickselect( $A[\hat{p}+1, n], r - \hat{p}$ )  
or  $r = \hat{p}$ , done!

Efficiency:

$$T(n) = \Theta(n) + \max\{T(n-p), T(p-1)\}$$

Worst-case:  $T(n) = \Theta(n) + T(n-1)$

↓  
 $\Theta(n^2)$

If you do randomized quickselect

Expected  $\Theta(n)$  running time.

It's easy to improve this!

→ pick a good pivot!

It is possible to solve select in  $\Theta(n)$   
worst case.

↓  
 $T(n) = \Theta(n) + T(n/2) \implies \Theta(n)$

$n$   
↓

$\log_2 n \rightarrow 0$

$n$

$n/2$

$n/4$

$n/8$

↓ decreasing

$\log_2 1 \rightarrow 0$

$n^0$  v.,  $\Theta(n)$