

ASSIGNMENT 2

ALGORITHMS & COMPLEXITY (CIS 522-01)

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Stress Testing

Model description

In this problem, we are doing some stress-testing on various models of glass jars, to determine the highest distance they can be dropped without breaking.

We have a ladder with n rungs, and we want to find the *highest safe rung*, that is the distance that we described in the last paragraph. We also have k jars, and this number of available jars, will be limited depending on the "budget" for the test.

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In this case our budget is limited to $k = 2$ and we want to find a solution $f(n)$ that grows slower than linearly. The breaking distance for the first jar k_1 is bd and the breaking distance for the second jar k_2 is bd too, as they are models of the same jar.

The current rung we are dropping our jars from is r , and the highest safe run will be assigned to sr .

Overall idea

In case we are given 2 jars, $k = 2$, we will use one algorithm with a different approach, because if we use linear search, our solution will grow linearly, but if we use binary search, we will exceed the number of available jars we have for this problem.

So in our solution, we will divide the ladder into m divisions. This way, our algorithm will take $(m + n/m)$ steps at most. This can be explained because in the worst case scenario, we will need to go over all the m divisions to find the highest safe rung, and then go to the start of the previous division before it broke, and go to the next division, which is n/m steps away from the previous division.

Pseudocode

Algorithm 1 My implementation

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1: At the beginning  $r = 0$  and  $k_1, k_2$  are not broken
2: We have  $n$  rungs, and we chose to divide our rungs into  $m = 4$ 
3: while  $k_1$  not broken do
4:   Start increasing distance
5:   Saving last ring  $r_0 = r$ 
6:    $r = r + n/m$ 
7:   if  $r > bd$  then
8:      $k_1$  breaks at rung  $r$ 
9:   end if
10: end while
11: We start our next iterations from  $r = r_0$ 
12: while  $k_2$  not broken do
13:    $r = r + 1$ 
14:   if  $r > bd$  then
15:     We return  $sr = r - 1$ , safest rung distance for the jars not to break
16:   end if
17: end while
```

Example

Now, we will prove that our algorithm works, by implementing it and running it.

```
#We have two jars that are not broken k1,k2
k1 = 'Ok'
k2 = 'Ok'
```

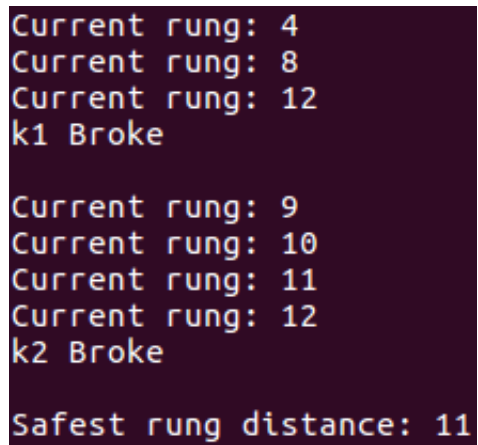
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bd = 11 #Breaking distance
n = 16 #In this case we have n rungs, where n = 16
r0 = r = 0 #Starting rung
m = 4 #We divide our rungs in 4 equal parts
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while(k1 == 'Ok'):
    r0 = r
    r = r0 + n/m
    print( 'Current_rung: %i ' %r )
    if(r>bd):
        k1 = 'RIP'
        print( 'k1_Broke\n')
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#The safest rung before break point will be  
r = r0
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while(k2 == 'Ok'):  
    r = r+1  
    print('Current rung: %i' %r)  
    if(r>bd):  
        k2 = 'RIP'  
        print('k2_Broke\n')  
        sr = r-1  
        print('Safest rung distance: %i' %sr)
```

In the image shown below, you can see the results of running this algorithm, in an example setup.



```
Current rung: 4  
Current rung: 8  
Current rung: 12  
k1 Broke  
  
Current rung: 9  
Current rung: 10  
Current rung: 11  
Current rung: 12  
k2 Broke  
  
Safest rung distance: 11
```

Figure 1: Results of running algorithm

Time complexity analysis

Butterfly Studies

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