

1.

The number of distinct outcome is $n + 1$ in the worst case. Therefore, the decision tree has $n + 1$ leaves. Moreover, there are at most 3 outcome per tree level. ($>$, $<$, $=$). So the tree height will be $\log_3 n$. Since $\log_3 n$ is in $\Omega(\log_2 n)$, the lower bound is $\Omega(\log_2 n)$.

2.

Algorithm 1 SORTBINARYBIT $A(n)$

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j = n - 1
i = 0
while j < i do
    if A[i] = 0 then
        i ++
    else
        swap(A[i], A[j])
        j --
    end if
end while
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- (1) The worst case if the list is in reverse order. The distance i and j moves is equal to n , which is the length of the list. So the upper bound for this algorithm is $O(n)$.
- (2) The lower bound of this algorithm is $\Omega(n)$.
This is the optimal solution for the problem.
The loop in this algorithm moves i or j per execution. Therefore, in order to get out from the loop, there are 3 solutions.
 - a Move i for n times. j remains at the origin position. (best case)
 - b Move j for n times. i remains at the origin position. (worst case)
 - c Move i for k times and j for $(n - k)$ times. (average case).

No matter which condition was met. The total moves is n . For this algorithm, the upper bound is equal to lower bound, which is $\Omega(n)$.

3.

Build a binary search tree to sort the list.

STEP 1:

Since only k distinct element in the list, so the tree has only k nodes.

Therefore, the insertion/search takes $O(\log_2 k)$.

Then we need to maintain a counter for those k elements in the list to count the appearance of each distinct element in the list.

To walk through the tree takes $O(n)$, and build the tree takes $O(\log_2 k)$.

STEP 2:

To print out the sorted list, we need to travel through the tree and combine the list with the counter.

The tree traversal takes $O(k)$, the combination takes $O(n)$.

The total time is $O(n \log_2 k) + O(n) + O(k) = O(n \log_2 k)$ since $k < n$.

4.

Algorithm 2 MINIMUMVC2 $G < V, E >$, $Result$

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(1)  if  $|G| \leq 1$  then
      return  $\emptyset$ 
    end if
    select a random vertex
    add the selected vertex to  $Result$ 
    remove the vertex and its edge(s) from the graph
    return MINIMUMVC2( $G$ ,  $Result$ )
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Algorithm 3 MINIMUMVC2 $G < V, E >$, $Result$

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(2)  select a vertex with most degrees.
    add the selected vertex to  $Result$ 
    remove the vertex and its edge(s) from the graph
    remove the vertex with 0 degree from the graph.
    return MINIMUMVC2( $G$ ,  $Result$ )
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5.

(1) I will maintain a array to store the second fastest.

The base case is $sf[1]$ since $sf[0]$ does not have the "second fastest" path.

$$sf[1] = \min(sf[0] + s_1 - switch, sf[0] + s_2 - switch)$$

This is actually the objective function for this algorithm.

(2) To find the top k path, the time complexity is $O(n)$ since we just need to walk through the station once.

6.

(1) Property of optimal substructure:

For each roll, select the greatest probability to roll the i^{th} number.

Property of overlapping subproblem:

For the i^{th} roll, the probability is based on the previous roll. The previous roll might use loaded/normal dice. While computing the i^{th} roll, we need to compare switching dice and not switching dice. This cause a overlapping on previous roll.

- (2) $p_1(i) = \max(p_2(i - 1) \cdot \text{probablitly-fair} \cdot \text{switch-chance}, p_1(i - 2) * \text{probablitlyfair} \cdot \text{not-switch-chance})$
 $p_2(i) = \max(p_2(i - 1) \cdot \text{probability-loaded} \cdot \text{not-switch-chance}, p_1(i - 1) \cdot \text{switch-chance} \cdot \text{probablitly-loaded})$

p_1, p_2 represent the fair dice and loaded dice.

7.

Algorithm 4 MAXPROBABILITY $T[i, 2], A[n]$

- (1) $T[0, 0] = \text{chance of rolling } A[0] \text{ for fair dice}$
 $T[0, 1] = \text{chance of rolling } A[0] \text{ for loaded dice}$
for $i = 1:\text{Len}(A)$ **do**
 $p_1 = \text{chance of rolling } A[i] \text{ on fair dice}$
 $p_2 = \text{chance of rolling } A[i] \text{ on loaded dice}$
 $T[i, 0] = \max(T[i - 1, 0] \cdot p_1 \cdot \text{not-switch-chance}, T[i - 1, 1] \cdot \text{switch-chance} \cdot p_1)$
 $T[i, 1] = \max(T[i - 1, 0] \cdot \text{switch-chance} \cdot p_2, T[i - 1, 1] \cdot \text{switch-chance} \cdot p_2)$
end for
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Algorithm 5 PRINTOUT $T[i, 2], A[n]$

- (2) $\text{Res}[n]$
for $i = \text{Len}(A):0$ **do**
 if $T[i, 0] > T[i, 1]$ **then**
 $\text{Res}[i] = 0$
 else
 $\text{Res}[i] = 1$
 end if
end for
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