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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  $\Omega(\log_2 n)$ , is the lower bound is  $\Omega(\log_2 n)$ .

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**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 sear 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  $k < n$ .

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**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.

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

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

$p_1, p_2$  represent the fair dice and loaded dice.

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

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- (1)  $T[0, 0]$  = chance of rolling  $A[0]$  for fair dice  
 $T[0, 1]$  = chance of rolling  $A[0]$  for loaded dice  
**for**  $i = 1:\text{Len}(A)$  **do**  
     $p1$  = chance of rolling  $A[i]$  on fair dice  
     $p2$  = chance of rolling  $A[i]$  on loaded dice  
     $T[i, 0] = \max(T[i-1, 0] \cdot p1 \cdot \text{not} - \text{switch} - \text{chance}, T[i-1, 1] \cdot \text{switch} - \text{chance} \cdot p1)$   
     $T[i, 1] = \max(T[i-1, 0] \cdot \text{switch} - \text{chance} \cdot p2, T[i-1, 1] \cdot \text{switch} - \text{chance} \cdot p2)$   
**end for**
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**Algorithm 5** PRINTOUT  $T[i, 2], A[n]$

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- (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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