

Design and Analysis of Algorithm

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- ▶ Lecture in English,
- ▶ Book, Introduction to Algorithms, 3rd edition, The MIT Press, by Cormen, etc.
- ▶ programming assignment.
- ▶ Maybe some quizzes, homework.
- ▶ Midterm exam and Final exam. 70%.

- ▶ We have a roll call for each class, purpose is to make sure who are in the class. Just in case there is confirmed case of new-coronavirus.
- ▶ Pickup a piece of paper I prepare for you, write down your id (or name) and the seat you take.
- ▶ Try to sit "as sparse as possible".
- ▶ And make sure I can see you, because I will take a picture of you. Just in case, I have to know the neighbors of a person.
- ▶ Wash your hands with soap before and after class, to protect others and yourself.

- ▶ An introduction, sorting algorithms, asymptotic notations, recursion,
- ▶ balance tree, red-black tree,
- ▶ divide and conquer, randomized algorithm (quick sort), prune and search, greedy approach, dynamic programming, amortized analysis,
- ▶ graph algorithms,
- ▶ lower bound to a computational problem, decision tree model, reduction,
- ▶ NP
- ▶ hopefully, parallel algorithm, ...

Algorithm

- ▶ Directions to solve a problem
- ▶ To build a DIY furniture
- ▶ How to come to NCTU from Taipei
- ▶ “directions” = steps

Algorithm

- ▶ In Computer Science, computer algorithms defined under the RAM model
- ▶ RAM, Random Access Machine, there are finite number of instructions, $+$, $-$, $*$, \dots . These instructions are basic enough (assembly language of X86). There are infinite number of memory, direct (random) access, retrieve and store in constant time.
- ▶ An algorithm, a sequence of finite number instructions, if follows, accomplish a specific task (a computational problem), (*Solve a problem*).

A Computational Problem, Sorting Problem

- ▶ Sorting Problem: Given n numbers, determine a permutation so that they are arranged in non-decreasing order.
- ▶ Given $n=5$ numbers 1, 10, 9, 4, and 5, this is an “instance” for the sorting problem.
- ▶ You design a sequence of instructions (instruction that can fit into machine instructions). Run the instructions (each instruction = a step) to solve the problem, (to arrange the numbers). Correct for all possible input *instances* of any size (how can you make sure?). Then you have a correct algorithm to sorting problem.

Algorithm and Program

- ▶ Algorithm will be translated into program to fit into a computer, or
- ▶ a program is an implementation of an algorithm
- ▶ Correctness of algorithm based on mathematics,
- ▶ correctness of algorithm doesn't imply the correctness of the program.

Performance of an Algorithm

- ▶ How to evaluate the performance of an algorithm?
- ▶ Transfer algorithm to a program, run the program, and record the time?
- ▶ Time depends on a particular input instance.
- ▶ Time depends on the machine.

Performance of an Algorithm

- ▶ Under RAM model
- ▶ Recall that, operators are basic enough, thus can be done in constant time; memory access in constant.
- ▶ Calculate the number of operations required and present the time required as a function of the input size.

Performance of an Algorithm

- ▶ An insertion sort example draw a picture
- ▶ Given n numbers, stored in an array,
- ▶ initially, the first one is sorted,
- ▶ each iteration, we increase the length of the sorted list by 1.
- ▶ After the i th iteration, we have a sorted sequence of length i .

Performance of an Algorithm

- ▶ How many steps does it take for the i th iteration?
- ▶ two parameters,
- ▶ *How many are compared?*
- ▶ How many basic operations does it take to compare one? To compare one, load from memory, compare, if $>$ key then store in the next position, if $i <$ key, done. Constant number of steps, c_1 , each step takes constant time, c_2 (clock cycle), one move takes $c_1 + c_2$ time, it still constant.

Performance of an Algorithm

- ▶ How many are compared
- ▶ best case, compare one and no stores are required.
- ▶ worst case, each time you have a key which is smallest among the previous sorted list, and thus you have to compare all.
- ▶ generally follow the *worst case* convention.

Performance of an Algorithm

- In the worst case, the i th iteration needs $i - 1$ comparisons and moving i data (ignore constant)

$$\sum_i^{n-1} i = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

Performance of an Algorithm

- ▶ Correctness of the algorithm
- ▶ Obvious when the length is 1 and 2. Suppose it is correct to insertion sort i numbers, we have sorted sequence of length i . To process the $i + 1$ number k , if $k > A[i]$, done (sorted). If $k < A[i]$, $A[i]$ moves to $A[i + 1]$, we are inserting key to a sorted sequence of length i . Since the previous $n - 1$ numbers are sorted, by induction, the algorithm correctly sorts n numbers.

Description of an Algorithm

- ▶ Pseudo code
- ▶ PASCAL or C liked code
- ▶ Mixed with natural language
- ▶ many details are ignored

Performance of an Algorithm

- ▶ Another example, Selection Sort
- ▶ first iteration, find smallest from n numbers, n steps,
2nd iteration, find smallest from $n - 1$ numbers, $n - 1$ steps,
...
Find the smaller from the 2, and finally move the last to
output list

$$\sum (n - 1) = \frac{(n + 1) * n}{2}$$

Performance of an Algorithm

- ▶ Which one is more efficient, the insertion sort or the selection sort?
- ▶ Why?
- ▶ Is there a way to accurately convey this message?

Asymptotic Notation Θ notation

Θ -Notation, asymptotic tight bound

Given a function $g(n)$, $\Theta(g(n))$ is the set of functions
 $\Theta(g(n)) = \{f(n) | \exists \text{ positive constants } c_1, c_2, \text{ and } n_0 \text{ s.t.}$
 $0 \leq c_1 \cdot g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 \cdot g(n), \forall n > n_0\}$

Asymptotic Notation

- ▶ Insertion sort,
- ▶ in the worst case, $\Theta(n^2)$, best case is linear time, i.e., $\Theta(n^2)$ is not appropriate to describe the time complexity of the insertion sort.

Asymptotic Notation

- ▶ Selection sort
 - ▶ Best case, find the minimum at the first time, and compare with all the others,
 - ▶ Worst case, find the largest at the first time, then you need to compare with all the others, and each time, you find a smaller one. So you will need swap.
 - ▶ both cases need n^2 operations.

Asymptotic Notation

O -Notation, asymptotic upper bound

Given a function $g(n)$, $O(g(n))$ is the set of functions that

$O(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \exists \text{ positive constants } c \text{ and } n_0, \text{ s.t.}$

$0 \leq f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n), \forall n \geq n_0\}$

Asymptotic Notation

Some Examples

- ▶ Insertion Sort: $O(n^2)$ best describes time required for insertion sort
- ▶ Binary Search: Given a sorted sequence stored in an array A . Given x and ask if x is in the set.

Binary Search

- ▶ Suppose x could fall in between i and j in array A
- ▶ compare x against $A[\frac{i+j}{2}]$
- ▶ if $x = A[\frac{i+j}{2}]$, done.
- ▶ if $x < A[\frac{i+j}{2}]$, if x presents, x can be in between i to $\frac{i+j}{2} - 1$.
- ▶ if $x > A[\frac{i+j}{2}]$, if x presents, x can be in between $\frac{i+j}{2} + 1$ to j .

Binary Search

- ▶ How fast we can find x , or we can make sure x is not present?
- ▶ Best case?
- ▶ Worst case?
- ▶ Which one best describe the time required, $\Theta(\log n)$ or $O(\log n)$?

Merge Sort

- ▶ Need another array.
- ▶ Consider the problem to merge two sorted sequence of length n .
- ▶ draw a figure



Merge Sort

- ▶ How many data elements moved? How many data elements compared?
- ▶ What is the total time for merging? $O(n)$ or $\Theta(n)$
- ▶ Question: How to get the 2 sorted lists?
- ▶ Given 2 sorted sequences of length $\frac{n}{4}$, merge them to get the sorted list of length $\frac{n}{2}$. Then how to get the sorted sequences of length $\frac{n}{4}$? ...
- ▶ draw the tree like figure

Merge Sort

- ▶ Each row “ n moves” + “ $< n$ comparisons”.
- ▶ How many rows?
- ▶ Which is the best to describe the time complexity, $O(n \log n)$ or $\Theta(n \log n)$?

Two Issues Need to Discuss

- ▶ Divide and Conquer: A technique to solve problem, very good especially when proving the correctness of the algorithm.
- ▶ Recursion: Fibonacci Series, define a function by itself.
- ▶ MergeSort, Solve a problem by solving same but smaller problem.

$$F(i) = F(i - 1) + F(i - 2), i > 2$$

$$F(0) = 0, F(1) = 1$$

boundary condition

Divide and Conquer- Recursion

- ▶ Solve a problem by solving the same problems (obtained by dividing the original problem) with smaller problem size, then merge the solutions to get the solution to the original problem.
- ▶ Time required for merge sort n numbers = Solve two sub problems of size $\frac{n}{2}$, then merge the two in cn time.

- ▶ Let the time for merge sort n numbers be $T(n)$, then merge sort $\frac{n}{2}$ numbers takes $T(\frac{n}{2})$

Total time, $T(n)$, can be written as:

$$T(n) = 2 \cdot T(\frac{n}{2}) + cn$$

What is $T(n)$?

To Solve the Recursion

- ▶ substitution method
- ▶ changing variable
- ▶ Recursion tree
- ▶ iteration method, to expand the recurrence

$$\text{Solve } T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n^2$$

$$n^2 - - - > n^2$$

$$\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^2 - - - > \frac{1}{2}n^2$$

$$\left(\frac{n}{4}\right)^2 \left(\frac{n}{4}\right)^2 \left(\frac{n}{4}\right)^2 \left(\frac{n}{4}\right)^2 - - - > \frac{1}{4}n^2$$

.....

$$\sum \frac{1}{2^i} n^2 = n^2 \sum \frac{1}{2^i}$$

$\sum \frac{1}{2^i}$ converge to a constant.

Solve $T(n) = 3T(\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor) + n$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= n + 3T(\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor) \\ &= n + 3(\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 3T(\lfloor \frac{n}{16} \rfloor)) \\ &= n + 3(\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 3(\lfloor \frac{n}{16} \rfloor + 3T(\lfloor \frac{n}{64} \rfloor))) \\ &= n + 3\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 9\lfloor \frac{n}{16} \rfloor + 27T(\lfloor \frac{n}{64} \rfloor) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
T(n) &\leq \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^0 n + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^1 n + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 n + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3 n + \dots + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{\log_4 n} n \\
&\quad \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{\log_4 n} n = n^{\log_4 \frac{3}{4}} n = n^{\log_4 3 - 1} n = n^{\log_4 3 - 1 + 1} \\
&\leq n \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^i + \Theta(n^{\log_4 3}) \\
&\quad (3^{\log_4 n} = n^{\log_4 3}) \\
&= 4n + o(n) = O(n)
\end{aligned}$$

o -notation

$o(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \text{for any positive constant } c > 0, \exists \text{ a constant } n_0 > 0 \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq f(n) < cg(n) \forall n \geq n_0\}$

What if $T(n) = T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + n$ (balance partition)
or

$$T(n) = 4T(\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor) + n?$$

A simplified Master Theorem

a , b , and c are non-negative constant that $T(1) = b$, and $T(n) = aT(\frac{n}{c}) + bn$, $n > 1$.

What if $a = c$, $a > c$, or $a < c$?

Proof of the above theorem

If n is a power of c , then

$$T(n) = bn \sum_{i=0}^{\log_c n} r^i, \quad \text{where } r = a/c.$$

If $a < c$, $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} r^i$ converges, $T(n)$ is $O(n)$.

If $a = c$, each term in the sum is unity, there are $O(\log n)$ term.

Thus $T(n)$ is $O(n \log n)$.

If $a > c$, then

$$bn \sum_{i=0}^{\log_c n} r^i = bn \frac{r^{1+\log_c n} - 1}{r - 1},$$

which is $O(a^{\log_c n}) = O(n^{\log_c a})$.

Changing Variable

- ▶ Solve $T(n) = 2T(\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor) + \lg n$
- ▶ Let $m = \lg n$.
- ▶ Then we have $T(2^m) = 2T(2^{\frac{m}{2}}) + m$
- ▶ $S(m) = 2S(\frac{m}{2}) + m$
- ▶ $S(m) = m \lg m$ or
 $T(n) = T(2^m) = S(m) = m \lg m = \lg n \lg \lg n$.

Divide and Conquer

- ▶ A technique to solve problem
- ▶ Solve a problem by dividing the problem into (two) smaller size subproblems,
- ▶ solve the small subproblems,
- ▶ combine the solutions to the subproblems to get the solutions to the original problem.

Divide and Conquer- merge sort

MERGESORT n numbers consists of the following 3 steps.

- ▶ DIVIDE: divide the problem into 2 sub-problems of the same size.
- ▶ CONQUER: merge sort the two subproblems
- ▶ COMBINE: merge the two sorted sequences

Divide and Conquer- quick sort

- ▶ **DIVIDE:** array $A[p..r]$ is partitioned into nonempty $A[p..q]$ and $A[q+1..r]$ s.t. $A[p..q]$ is less than or equal to each element of $A[q+1..r]$.
- ▶ **CONQUER:** quick sort the two arrays.
- ▶ **COMBINE:** Since the subarrays are sorted in place, no further work is needed to combine them.

```
(A,p,r)
if (p<r) then {
    q = PARTITION (A,p,r);
    QUICKSORT (A,p,q);
    QUICKSORT (A,q+1,r)
}
```

A[q] is **pivot**, after PARTITION, q is in the final position (rank of the pivot). Pivot is generally the first one in the array

draw a picture

Run time for PARTITION(A,p,r) is $\Theta(n)$, $n = r - p + 1$.

PARTITION (A,p,r)

```
1  x = A[r]
2  i = p-1
3  for i=p to r-1
4      if A[j] ≤ x
5          i=i+1
6          exchange A[i] to A[i]
7  exchange A[i+1] with A[r]
8  return i+1
```

Quick Sort- Worst Case

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= T(n-1) + \Theta(n) \\&= \sum_{k=1}^n \Theta(k) \\&= \Theta\left(\sum_{k=1}^n k\right) \\&= \Theta(n^2)\end{aligned}$$

draw a tree like structure

Quick Sort-Best case

Partition produces two subarrays of same length $\frac{n}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(n) \\&= \Theta(n \log n)\end{aligned}$$

Quick Sort- Balance Partition

- ▶ Suppose partition always produces 9-1 split
- ▶ $T(n) = T(\frac{9}{10}) + T(\frac{1}{10}) + n$

Quick Sort- Average case

- ▶ average case, expected computing time.
- ▶ need an assumption, all permutations of input numbers are equally likely
- ▶ or we say ranks of the pivot have equal probability
- ▶ Most of the time (80%) more balance than 9-1, 20% less balance than 9-1. An intuition that the average case will be $O(n \log n)$.

Quick Sort- Average Case Analysis

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= \frac{1}{n}(T(1) + T(n-1) + \sum_{q=1}^{n-1}(T(q) + T(n-q))) + \Theta(n) \\&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{q=1}^{n-1} (T(q) + T(n-q)) + \Theta(n) \\&= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} T(k) + \Theta(n)\end{aligned}$$

The following, assume $T(n) \leq an \lg n + b$ for some $a > 0$, $b > 0$, to be determined.

By substitution we can show

$$T(n) \leq \frac{2a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k + \frac{2b}{n}(n-1) + \Theta(n)$$

Then to show $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \frac{1}{2}n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8}n^2$.

Finally, using the bound to show $T(n) \leq an \lg n + b$

Randomized Quick Sort

- ▶ What is the bad input?
- ▶ A randomized quick sort, need a random number generator, randomly choose a pivot. (Choose a pivot, swap with the first one).
- ▶ Question: What is the worst case time complexity for randomized quick sort?
- ▶ Question: Is there bad input?

Some remarks regarding the Quick Sort

- ▶ It is fast, performance is the best, since it moves only when necessary.
- ▶ Mix quick sort and insertion sort to obtain a faster algorithm: to sort array $A[p..q]$, if the length of $A[p..q]$ is less than a given constant, then stop. Otherwise partition $A[p..q]$. Finally, insertion sort the whole array A .

Heap Sort

- ▶ In selection sort, can we make the selection of minimum (maximum) faster?
- ▶ Need a *priority queue*
- ▶ Priority queue is implemented using the data structure **heap**.

Priority Queue

- ▶ abstract data type, define the data type as well as its operations, detail implementations are ignored.
- ▶ a priority queue, a data structure stores *key*, the operations are “insert arbitrary” and “delete the minimum (maximum)” lead.
- ▶ Priority queue can be implemented by using unsorted array, sorted array, or a heap.

Priority Queue

- ▶ What if implemented using a unsorted array?
- ▶ What if implemented using a sorted array?
- ▶ Implemented using a heap, delete minimum and inserted arbitrary are done in $O(\log n)$ time.

Heap Structure

- ▶ A heap is a *complete binary tree*
- ▶ The tree is stored in an array.
- ▶ A max-heap, for any subtree, the root of the subtree is the maximum.
- ▶ An example, 16, 14, 10, 8, 7, 9, 3, 2, 4, 1. draw the max-heap

Heap Structure

- ▶ In a tree, children of a node or parent of a node should be accessed in constant time.
- ▶ A node i (the index of the array), its root is $\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \rfloor$. Its children are $2i$ and $2i + 1$ if $2i \leq n$ or $2i + 1 \leq n$, where n is the number of nodes in the heap.
- ▶ Height of the heap is $\Theta(\log n)$.

Maintain the heap property

- ▶ A function `HEAPIFY`
- ▶ Apply `HEAPIFY` to a tree, T , only when T meets the conditions, both left subtree and right subtree of T are maximum heap; root of T is not the maximum.
- ▶ `HEAPIFY` moves the root down to the place it should go, and makes T a max-heap again.
- ▶ show an example
- ▶ What is the time complexity, Θ or O .

Heap Sort

- ▶ Suppose that there is a max-heap of n numbers, we are going to sort these n numbers.
- ▶ Move the root (the maximum) to the end of the array (move to the place it should go), and move the last one, p , to the root. p may not be the maximum, we then need to modify (maintain) the heap- `HEAPIFY`. Note that the size of the heap is reduced by one.

- ▶ After `HEPAIFY`, we have a max-heap of $n - 1$ nodes.
- ▶ We then go to the first step and then iterate the steps until there are no nodes.
- ▶ What is the cost? Θ or O

Build the Heap

Input of the Heap Sort is an unsorted array. The first step is to build the Max-heap.

- ▶ Given a heap of size n , how many are leaves? $\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$
- ▶ These leaves are max-heap.
- ▶ for $(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1)$ down to 1 do HEAPIFY. a quick example
- ▶ Time complexity: each Hepaify takes $O(\log n)$ time, there are $\frac{n}{2}$ HEAPIFIES, so the total cost is $O(n \log n)$??
- ▶ accurate analysis leads to linear time upper bound.

Build a Heap

Time required to by HEAPIFY a sub-tree of height h is $O(h)$

leaves $\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$

height 1 $\lceil \frac{n}{2^2} \rceil$

height 2 $\lceil \frac{n}{2^3} \rceil$

....

height h $\lceil \frac{n}{2^{h+1}} \rceil$

So the total cost is

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{h=0}^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor} ch \lceil \frac{n}{2^{h+1}} \rceil &\leq cn \left(\sum_{h=0}^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor} \frac{h}{2^h} \right) \\ &\leq cn \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{h}{2^h} \right) \\ &\leq cn \cdot 2 \\ &= O(n)\end{aligned}$$

Building the Heap

To get $\sum_{h=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{h}{2^h}\right)$,

Eq. ((A.8) or (3.6)) $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} kx^k = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$

Substituting $x = \frac{1}{2}$ yields $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \frac{1}{2^k}$

- ▶ So building a max-heap actually takes $O(n)$ time.
- ▶ Question: Do you think accurate analysis of heap sort leads better time complexity ($O(n \log n)$ time)??

Can you beat $n \log n$ bound for Sorting Problem?

- ▶ Linear decision tree model: a binary tree, internal nodes are comparisons, leaves are solutions
- ▶ computation: proceed by comparing in the internal nodes, outcome decides the branching directions, when the computation reach a leaf, a solution is obtained
- ▶ The number of operations = the path from root to the leaf (result).

- ▶ the number of leaves = the all possible results. For sorting problem (to decide a permutation that meets a certain property), if the input size is n , there are $n!$ possible results.
- ▶ the least possible path length (in the worst case) is at least $\log n!$ which is greater than $n \log n$, ($n! \geq (\frac{n}{e})^n$, Stirling's approximation)
- ▶ $n \log n$ is the best possible result.

Ω -notation- Asymptotic Lower Bound

For a given $g(n)$, $\Omega(g(n))$ is the set of functions

$\Omega(g(n)) = \{ f(n) | \exists \text{ positive constants } c \text{ and } n_0, \text{ s.t.}$

$0 \leq cg(n) \leq f(n), \forall n \geq n_0 \}$

For any two functions $f(n)$ and $g(n)$, $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ if and only if
 $f(n) = O(g(n))$ and $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$

The Master Theorem

Let $a \geq 1$ and $b \geq 1$ be constants, let $f(n)$ be a function, and let $T(n)$ be defined on the nonnegative integers by the recurrence

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n).$$

$T(n)$ can be bounded asymptotically as

1. If $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$ for some constant $\epsilon > 0$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$.
2. If $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n)$.
3. If $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$ for some constant $\epsilon > 0$, and if $af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$ for some constant $c < 1$ and all sufficiently large n , then $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$.

Sorting in Linear Time

- ▶ Assume that each of the n input elements is an integer in the range 1 to k .
- ▶ When $k = O(n)$, the sort runs in $O(n)$ time.
- ▶ basic idea, for each input element x , how many are less than x - counting sort.

- ▶ input sequence is $(3, 6, 4, 1, 3, 4, 1, 4)$, we consider the sequence as $(3^1, 6^2, 4^3, 1^4, 3^5, 4^6, 1^7, 4^8)$ where the superscript is the position of the key in the input sequence.
- ▶ *stable*: a sorting algorithm is stable if the order of two elements having identical keys is preserved after applying the algorithm.
- ▶ i.e., we get the result, $(1^4, 1^7, 3^1, 3^5, 4^3, 4^6, 4^8, 6^2)$.

Counting Sort

First Iteration, calculate the number of occurrences of a key.

Number of Occurrences	0	2	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	0
Key	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Second Iteration, Calculate the “positions” of the keys after sorting.

Position	0	2	2	4	7	7	8	8	8	8
Key	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Combine these two tables, we know, for examples,
there are 2 1s (from first table), the last 1 will be at position 2
after sorted (from second table), or
there are three 4s (from first table), the last 4 will be at position 7
after sorted (from second table).

Radix Sort

- ▶ A d -digit number is considered d keys.
- ▶ most significant digit first
- ▶ least significant digit first
- ▶ an example 329, 457, 657, 839, 436, 720, 355

Discussion on the lower bound

- ▶ Why radix sort beats the lower bound?
- ▶ the operation used is not “comparison”, thus it is beyond the the linear decision tree model.
- ▶ powerful operator could reduce the time required

Minimum Gap and Maximum Gap

- ▶ Minimum Gap: Given a set $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$, determine i and j that $|a_i - a_j|$ is minimum.
- ▶ Maximum Gap: Given a set $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$, determine i and j that there is no a_k , $a_i < a_k < a_j$ and $|a_i - a_j|$ is maximized.
- ▶ Both have $\Omega(n \log n)$ lower bound under linear decision tree model.
- ▶ Maximum can be solved in $O(n)$ time when floor function is allowed.

Linear time algorithm for Max-Gap

- ▶ Given $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$, find the maximum gap.
- ▶ normalize the numbers into the range $[0, 1]$.
- ▶ Equally divide the range into $n + 1$ intervals.
- ▶ put these n number into the buckets

- ▶ by pigeon hole principle, there must be at least an empty bucket
- ▶ The maximum gap cannot be determined by the element in the same bucket
- ▶ maximum gap can be determined by the largest in a bucket and the smallest in the next non-empty bucket.
- ▶ a linear time algorithm