

# CS222 Algorithm Design and Analysis Homework 3

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**Exercise 1** Given an integer array, please use the divide and conquer algorithm to find the reverse pair in the sequence.

*Solution.* See Algorithm 1.

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**Algorithm 1:** Find Reverse Pair

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**Input:** Integer Array  $S$

**Output:** Reverse Pair Count  $R$

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1 Function ReversePair( $S, lptr, rptr$ ):
2    $mid = (lptr + rptr)/2$ ;
3   Initialize  $R = 0$  ;
4   call ReversePair( $S, lptr, mid$ ) and add result to  $R$  ;
5   call ReversePair( $S, mid + 1, rptr$ ) and add result to  $R$  ;
6    $i = lptr, j = mid + 1$ ;
7   while  $i \leq mid$  and  $j \leq rptr$  do
8     if  $S[i] \leq S[j]$  then
9       append  $S[i]$  to  $newS$ ;
10       $i = i + 1$ ;
11    else
12      append  $S[j]$  to  $newS$ ;
13       $j = j + 1$ ;
14       $R = R + mid - i + 1$  ;
15    end
16  end
17  append rest of the elements in  $S$  to  $newS$ ;
18  replace  $S$  by  $newS$ ;
19 return  $R$ 
20 Function Main( $S$ ):
21    $lptr = 0, rptr = \text{length of } S - 1$ ;
22    $R = \text{ReversePair}(S, lptr, rptr)$  ;
23 return  $R$ 
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**Exercise 2** Given any positive integers  $K$  and  $M$ , find the  $K$ -th largest element and the  $M$ -th smallest element in the unsorted array. Please note that you need to find the  $K$ -th largest element, and the  $M$ -th smallest element after the array is sorted, not different elements.

*Solution.* For  $K$  and  $M$  sufficiently smaller than number of elements  $N$ , the problem can be solved within

$O(N \log K + N \log M)$  runtime with  $O(K + M)$  space, see algorithm 2 and 3.

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**Algorithm 2:** Find K-th largest element

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**Input:** Unsorted array  $S$  of  $N$  elements

**Output:** The  $K$ -th largest element

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1 Initialize a priority queue (min-heap)  $Q$  ;
2 foreach  $n \in S$  do
3   push  $n$  into  $Q$ ;
4   if size of  $Q > K$  then
5     pop the top-element in  $Q$ ;
6   end
7 end
8 return the top-element in  $Q$ 
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**Algorithm 3:** Find M-th smallest element

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**Input:** Unsorted array  $S$  of  $N$  elements

**Output:** The  $M$ -th smallest element

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1 Initialize a priority queue (max-heap)  $Q$  ;
2 foreach  $n \in S$  do
3   push  $n$  into  $Q$ ;
4   if size of  $Q > M$  then
5     pop the top-element in  $Q$ ;
6   end
7 end
8 return the top-element in  $Q$ 
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**Exercise 3** Given an array of linked lists, and the lists have been sorted in descending order. Please merge all linked lists into an ascending list and return the merged list.

*Solution.* The solution is to use a max-heap to efficiently maintain the frontier of the merge, see Algorithm 4.

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**Algorithm 4:** Merge k sorted linked lists

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**Input:** An  $K$ -element array of descending sorted linked lists  $L$

**Output:** The merged list  $R$  in ascending order

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1 Initialize a max-heap  $Q$ , an empty linked list  $R$ ;
2 Remove the head of all linked lists (if exist) and push them, together with their index in the array  $\langle n, i \rangle$ 
  into  $Q$  (according to  $n$ ) ;
3 while the top-element of  $Q$  is not empty do
4   pop the top-element  $\langle n, i \rangle$  from  $Q$ ;
5   append  $n$  to the head of  $R$ ;
6   if  $L[i]$  is not empty then
7     remove the head of  $L[i]$  and push the head value, together with the array index into  $Q$  ;
8   end
9 end
10 return  $R$ 
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**Exercise 4** Given an array  $a$ , if  $i \leq j$  and  $a[i] \leq a[j] + 1$  and  $j == i + 1$ , we call  $(i, j)$  an important flip pair. Please return the number of significant flip pairs in a given array.

*Solution.* See Algorithm 5.

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**Algorithm 5:** Find important flip pair

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**Input:** Array  $A$

**Output:** Number of important flip pair  $n$

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1 Initialize  $n = 0$  ;
2 for  $i = 0 : A.size - 2$  do
3   if  $A[i] \leq A[i + 1] + 1$  then
4      $n = n + 1$  ;
5   end
6 end
7 return  $n$ 
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**Exercise 5** Please write an efficient algorithm to search for a target value  $target$  in the  $m \times n$  matrix. The matrix has the following characteristics:

1. The elements of each row are arranged in descending order from left to right.
2. The elements of each column are arranged in ascending order from top to bottom.

*Solution.* See algorithm 6.

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**Algorithm 6:** Find target value

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**Input:** An  $m \times n$  sorted matrix  $A$

**Output:** one position of the target value  $\langle i, j \rangle$

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1 Function FindRec( $A, i_1, i_2, j_1, j_2$ ):  $\langle i_1, j_1 \rangle$  indicates the top-left corner of the search range,  $\langle i_2, j_2 \rangle$  indicates
   the bottom-right corner
2   if  $i_1 > i_2$  or  $j_1 > j_2$  then
3     return None
4   end
5    $i_{mid} = (i_1 + i_2)/2$ ,  $j_{mid} = (j_1 + j_2)/2$ ;
6   if  $A[i_{mid}][j_{mid}] = target$  then
7     return  $\langle i_{mid}, j_{mid} \rangle$ 
8   end
9   if  $A[i_{mid}][j_{mid}] < target$  then
10    call FindRec( $A, i_1, i_2, j_1, j_{mid}$ ) and return if result is not None;
11    call FindRec( $A, i_{mid}, i_2, j_{mid} + 1, j_2$ ) and return if result is not None;
12  else
13    call FindRec( $A, i_1, i_{mid}, j_1, j_2$ ) and return if result is not None;
14    call FindRec( $A, i_{mid} + 1, i_2, j_{mid}, j_2$ ) and return if result is not None;
15  end
16 return None
17 Function Main( $S$ ):
18    $R = \text{FindRec}(S, 0, 0, m - 1, n - 1)$  ;
19 return  $R$ 
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**Exercise 6** *Quicksort* is based on the Divide-and-Conquer method. Here is the two-step divide-and-conquer process for sorting a typical subarray  $A[p \dots r]$ :

1. **Divide:** Partition the array  $A[p \dots r]$  into two subarrays  $A[p \dots q - 1]$  and  $A[q + 1 \dots r]$  such that each element of  $A[p \dots q - 1]$  is less than or equal to  $A[q]$ , which is, in turn, less than or equal to each element of  $A[q + 1 \dots r]$ . Compute the index  $q$  as part of this partitioning procedure.

2. **Conquer:** Sort  $A[p \dots q - 1]$  and  $A[q + 1 \dots r]$  respectively by recursive calls to Quicksort.

Write down the recurrence function  $T(n)$  of QuickSort and compute its time complexity.

**Hint:** At this time  $T(n)$  is split into two subarrays with different sizes (usually), and you need to describe its recurrence relation by the sum of two subfunctions plus additional operations.

*Solution.* For array  $A$  of the size  $N$ , we first need to traverse the array and do the partition, which will cost  $cN$  time. The recursion will take  $T(i - 1)$  and  $T(N - i - 1)$  time for elements smaller than the pivot and greater than the pivot, where  $T(n)$  is the time taken for  $n$  inputs.

For average case, we can take the average of every possible dividing case. The partition of  $N$  elements can be  $\{0, N - 1\}$ ,  $\{1, N - 2\}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\{N - 1, 0\}$ . Hence we have

$$T(N) = 2 \left( \frac{T(0) + T(1) + \dots + T(N - 1)}{N} \right) + cN \quad (1)$$

$$NT(N) = 2(T(0) + T(1) + \dots + T(N - 1)) + cN^2 \quad (2)$$

$$(N - 1)T(N - 1) = 2(T(0) + T(1) + \dots + T(N - 2)) + c(N - 1)^2 \quad (3)$$

By subtracting Equation 3 from Equation 2 we have

$$NT(N) - (N - 1)T(N - 1) = 2T(N - 1) + 2cN - c^2 \quad (4)$$

Since constant  $c^2$  can be ignored

$$\begin{aligned} NT(N) &= (N + 1)T(N - 1) + 2cN \\ \frac{T(N)}{N + 1} &= \frac{T(N - 1)}{N} + \frac{2c}{N + 1} \\ \frac{T(N - 1)}{N} &= \frac{T(N - 2)}{N - 1} + \frac{2c}{N} \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ \frac{T(2)}{3} &= \frac{T(1)}{2} + \frac{2c}{3} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

By taking the sum of Equation 5 together, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(N) &= (N + 1) \left( \frac{T(1)}{2} + 2c \sum_{i=3}^{N+1} \frac{1}{i} \right) \\ &\leq (N + 1)2c \ln N \in O(N \log N) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

For best case, all partitions are perfect  $\{N/2, N/2\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(N) &= 2T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + cN \\ &= 4T\left(\frac{N}{4}\right) + 2cN \\ &= \dots = NT(1) + \log_2 N \cdot cN \in O(N \log N) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

For worst case, assume all partitions are  $\{0, N - 1\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(N) &= T(N - 1) + cN \\ &= T(N - 2) + c(N - 1) + cN \\ &= \dots = c(1 + 2 + \dots + N) \in O(N^2) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

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