Assignment 2

Advanced Algorithms and Datastructures

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1 Hash functions for sampling

1.1 Exercise 1(a')

We must show that $p \leq Pr[h_m(x)/m < p] \leq 1.01p$.

We are given some $p \ge 100/m$, a suitably large m and a strongly universal hashing function $h_m: U \to [m]$. In the following, we make use of the fact that $p \ge 100/m$ implies that $p/100 \ge 1/m$ and that $a \le \lceil a \rceil < a + 1$.

We observe that

$$Pr[h_m(x)/m < p] \tag{1}$$

$$= \sum_{0 \le k < pm} Pr[h_m(x) = k] \tag{2}$$

$$=\sum_{0 \le k < pm} \frac{1}{m} \tag{3}$$

$$=\frac{1}{m} \sum_{0 \le k < pm} 1 \tag{4}$$

$$=\frac{1}{m}\left|\left[0,pm\right)\right|\tag{5}$$

$$=\frac{1}{m}\cdot\lceil pm\rceil\tag{6}$$

$$=\frac{\lceil pm \rceil}{m} \tag{7}$$

1.2 Exercise 1(b)

2 Bottom-k sampling

2.1 Exercise 2

2.2 Exercise 3(a)

We would store the buttom-k samples in a minimum heap structure H, sorted by their hashing value. This way we can insert new entries in $O(\lg n)$, and retrieve the $S_h^k(H)$ lowest hash values in $O(k \lg n)$ where n is the total number of input values.

2.3 Exercise 3(b)

As written above we would be able to process/insert the next key in $O(\lg n)$ time.

2.4 Exercise 4(a)

We will prove the equality $S_h^k(A \cup B) = S_h^k(S_h^k(A) \cup S_h^k(B))$. We can see each set as a sorted stack that keeps the smallest values at the top. The left hand part of the equality $(S_h^k(A \cup B))$ corresponds to merging the two stacks and taking the k top values. The right hand side $(S_h^k(S_h^k(A) \cup S_h^k(B)))$

corresponds to taking the k topmost values from both stacks and then merging them and taking the k smallest values from the resulting stack.

Since we take the k smallest values from each stack we are guaranteed to have the smallest value from the union of A and B since even if the smallest values in B is bigger than the biggest values in A we still have the k smallest values from A, thus proving the equality.

2.5 Exercise 4(b)

We want to prove the equality $A \cap B \cap S_h^k(A \cup B) = S_h^k(A) \cap S_h^k(B) \cap S_h^k(A \cup B)$.

- 2.6 Exercise 4(c)
- 3 Bottom-k sampling with strong universality
- 3.1 Exercise 5
- 3.2 Exercise 6
- 3.3 Exercise 7

References